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Private First Class VERNON A. HART, 37008701, 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. Janie Elizabeth Hart, Mother, R.R. #1, St. Joseph, Missouri.

First Sergeant LEONARD B. IVEY, 6292320, 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. Carol Von Ivey, Wife, Olney, Oklahoma.

First Sergeant DEANE F. JACOBS, 37045468, 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. Elva L. Jacobs, Mother, Delta, Iowa.

Sergeant JOHN J. JANSSEN, 37059236, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When the first assault platoon of an attacking infantry company had advanced part way up the slope of an objective hill, it was suddenly subjected to a devastating barrage of enemy mortar fire and suffered several casualties. Sergeant JANSSEN, a rifle squad leader, moved forward into the enemy fire and, in attempting to evacuate a wounded soldier, was himself hit by shrapnel and small arms fire. His heroism merits high praise and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Gehart Jansen, Father, Leopold, Missouri.

Private First Class EDWARD L. KOZENY, 35317227, 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. During an attack against enemy forces, Private KOZENY, battalion assault team gunner, voluntarily moved from one position to another to seek out wounded men and pull them to a place of safety where medical aid could be administered. After assisting in organizing litter parties, he returned to the severely contested area, made four trips with casualties over hazardous rough terrain to a battalion aid station and each time brought back water and food supplies to hard pressed troops. Home address: Mr. Louis Kozeny, Father, 9519 Plymouth Avenue, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant MARTIN L. LENTZ, 37038506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Macawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 March 1945. As an infantry rifle company was engaged in holding a newly gained objective, the problem of supplying the troops became critical and could be accomplished only by carrying parties traveling over extremely hazardous terrain. Sergeant LENTZ, platoon sergeant, assumed command of eight enlisted men and fifteen Filipino laborers, and after advancing two hundred yards uphill, the party encountered a severe barrage of artillery, mortar and sniper fire from enemy forces which were attempting to cut the supply lines. After two hours of skillful maneuvering and lone scouting to determine routes least subject to enemy ambush and fire, he arrived at the company's command post without suffering a single casualty. Home address: Mrs. Charlotte J. Peterson, Mother, c/o B. A. Slatter, Route #1, Kearney, Nebraska.

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Master Sergeant JACK W. LIVELY, 6240528, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Olive K. Lively, Mother, 651 South Kimbrough, Springfield, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES W. McDONNELL, 37008490, 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. Technician McDONNELL, 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. Technician McDONNELL, 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: Mrs. Catherine McDonnell, Mother, Laclede, Missouri.

First Sergeant MAURICE MORRIS, 6277810, 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. Virginia E. Morris, Wife, General Delivery, Garland, Texas.

Technical Sergeant NICHOLAS H. MORRIS, 37052844, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jane Morris, Wife, 2001 John Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOHN R. MURCK, 37019281, 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 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice Murck, Mother, 2838 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade LOUIS S. MURRIN, 35390602, 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 17 April 1945. Assault rifle companies advancing to secure an objective met strong enemy resistance and suffered several casualties. Technician MURRIN, a medical technician, advanced under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to reach wounded personnel and administer first aid. Untiringly he continued his arduous duties and assisted with the evacuation of casualties until the objective was secured. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jo Murrin, wife 24226 Vineyard Hill Homes, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Private First Class TONY A. SECSON, 36122421, 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. Katie Secson, Mother, Inlay City, Michigan.

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Sergeant URBANO C. TAFOYA, 38002729, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Sergeant TAFOYA, a squad leader, secured an automatic rifle from a wounded man, ordered a rifleman to a strategic firing position to cover his advance and, alone, aggressively made a flanking movement toward an enemy position. Although he drew enemy fire, he fearlessly crawled to a position commanding an excellent field of fire and brought accurate and devastating fire to bear on the enemy, killing three, disrupting their concentrated fire and completely routing them. Home address: Mr. Manuel Tafoya, Father, St. Johns, Arizona.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND L. WITTEN, 6293405, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Inez I. Witten, wife, Route #1, Box 35, Seymour, Missouri.

Private First Class NORMAN E. WOODS, 37008392, 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. Genieve L. Woods, wife, 8913 Thompson Street, Kansas City, 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:

Private First Class WALTER F. BERNHARDT, 37451871, 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 BERNHARDT, a rifleman and platoon messenger, with disregard for his own safety, left the comparative safety of his slit trench and went forward under enemy fire to the aid of a wounded comrade whom he helped evacuate. Returning to the forward area, he covered with fire the withdrawal of another walking-wounded casualty. Shortly thereafter, when his platoon leader had been wounded and his platoon sergeant killed, Private BERNHARDT reorganized the platoon and led them in an attack that successfully accomplished an assigned mission. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Bernhardt, Mother, 611 South Garfield, Hastings, Nebraska.

Private First Class YARO J. BIGANOSKY, 15320442, 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. During an engagement with enemy forces, Private BIGANOSKY, battalion assault team gunner, voluntarily moved from one position to another to seek out wounded men and pull them to a place of safety where medical aid could be administered. After assisting in organizing litter parties, he returned to the severely contested area, made four trips with casualties over hazardous terrain to a battalion aid station and each time brought back water and food supplies to hard-pressed troops. Home address: Mrs. Sophie Biganosky, Mother, 13413 Durkee Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class EDWIN L. BRAATEN, 39204073, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. As a patrol from a rifle company was making an extensive reconnaissance into enemy territory, Private BRAATEN, rifleman, was acting as lead scout. His route of advance carried him along a stream bed, and after moving forward some distance he discovered an enemy ambush set up for an approach from another direction. Returning to notify his patrol leader of the information obtained, he observed a second group of the enemy between himself and his patrol. Unhesitatingly he opened fire, killing three of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Braaten, Mother 5234 South State Street, Tacoma, Washington.

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Staff Sergeant THEODORE F. BROSS, 37059344, Infantry, 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 learning that three casualties were under enemy sniper and machine gun fire and were unable to move to safety, Sergeant BROSS, at great personal risk, crawled forward and succeeded in evacuating the wounded men to a battalion aid station. Sergeant BROSS' fearless aggressiveness and display of devotion to duty made possible the immediate medical treatment of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mr. Theodore Bross, Sr., Father, Fling Hill, Missouri.

Private First Class HERBERT E. BUENGER, 37059404, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945. The vehicle which Private BUENGER was driving along a mountainous road, was ambushed in a wooded draw by a Japanese patrol. A demolition charge employed by the enemy instantly killed three occupants of his vehicle and severely wounded Private BUENGER. He crawled into a nearby ditch and, evading the enemy patrol, worked his way back along the road until he sighted an approaching vehicle. Warning the driver of the ambush, he had him drive back to the nearest friendly unit. Private BUENGER then directed a relief patrol to the scene of the ambush to destroy the enemy party and recover the bodies of the casualties. Home address: Mr. Henry J. Buenger, Father, R.R. #1, Florissant, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH CATALANO, 12036968, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Under an enemy artillery barrage Technician CATALANO, driver of a self-propelled mount, courageously and skillfully drove his mount forward to a position from which effective fire could be delivered upon enemy positions. After completion of the mission he successfully withdrew to the line of friendly troops without casualties. Home address: Mr. Joseph Catalano, Father, 1329 66th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class STANLEY R. CURTIS, 36454308, 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. When an enemy infiltration squad of snipers supported by automatic weapons opened fire from a well concealed position, several casualties were inflicted upon friendly troops. Private CURTIS, number one cannoneer on a self-propelled mount, immediately volunteered to man a .50 caliber which was on the vehicle. Fearlessly directing the maneuver of the self-propelled mount into an advantageous firing position, he delivered devastating fire upon the enemy completely silencing their guns and routing the group. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Curtis, Mother, 418 Fairview Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

Private First Class THEODORE FLEISHMAN, 39713633, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When an infantry rifle company had seized an important objective and was in the process

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of reorganization preparatory to pressing the attack forward the following day, several attempts to resupply the company with ammunition necessary for the push had failed because of the heavy fire from enemy knee mortars, machine guns and snipers. Private FLEISHMAN, rifleman, realizing the danger involved, volunteered his services and went forward on a 1/4 ton vehicle under the enemy fire and successfully contacted the hard-pressed unit. The supplies thus delivered helped to alleviate the critical situation. Home address: Mrs. Ida Fleishman, Mother, 1026 South Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

First Sergeant ALVIN F. GRIFFIN, 6278007, 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. Elva Joy Griffin, Wife, 1012 N. Moore Street, Tyler, Texas.

Private First Class IRVIN W. HAGAN, 19048573, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. Private HAGAN, a medical aid man, volunteered to accompany an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon on a dangerous mission. For four days he worked to maintain the health of the platoon. When the group was subjected to enemy fire and suffered casualties, he unhesitatingly crawled forward under enemy fire to administer badly needed medical attention. His untiring devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn J. Hagan, Wife, 3201 West 27th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Captain HOMER C. HENSLEY, 01541839, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific area from 14 July 1944 to 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Homer C. Hensley, Wife, Owensville, Missouri.

Private First Class ERNEST G. HENSON, 37008773, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. An assault rifle company had moved forward to occupy a new defensive position. It was suddenly subjected to an intense barrage of heavy enemy mortar fire and suffered several casualties. Private HENSON, a mortar ammunition bearer, voluntarily left the comparative safety of his slit trench to assist in rendering medical aid and in evacuating wounded personnel to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Henson, Mother, Route #3, Liberty, Missouri.

Private First Class RONALD G. HILLER, 36575215, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Island on 11 March 1945. When rifle companies were clearing enemy resistance from numerous wooded draws, several casualties were sustained. Private HILLER, cannoner of a self-propelled mount, volunteered to act as a litter bearer in the evacuation of wounded men over extremely difficult terrain. Without regard for his own safety, he moved rapidly forward under enemy sniper fire to reach the wounded and assisted with their successful evacuation to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Velva E. Hiller, Wife, 144 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

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First Sergeant FRANCE W. HUFFMAN, 6264845, 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. Winona Mae Sipe, Sister, Route #4, Mankato, Kansas.

Major BENJAMIN N. JOLLY, 0353206, 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 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen V. Jolly, wife, Edina, Missouri.

Major ARLIN J. KEHE, 0391244, Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 4 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mathilda G. Kehe, Mother, Rural Route #1, Denver, Iowa.

Private First Class LEONARD G. KROPP, 36454044, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. As an assault rifle company was pushing forward to occupy a new defensive position, the entire company was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage which inflicted several casualties. Private KROPP, a rifleman, observing a fellow soldier wounded nearby, worked his way forward through the unabated barrage. Reaching the side of the casualty, he administered first aid. He then carried his wounded comrade to the rear, covering a distance of almost a mile. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Kropp, Mother, Route #1, Cedar, Michigan.

Technician Third Grade ROBERT E. LARSON, 37043315, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bulanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Assault rifle companies advancing to secure an objective met strong enemy resistance and suffered casualties. Technician LARSON, assigned to a forward aid station, advanced under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to reach the wounded, administered first aid, gave blood plasma, and relieved the suffering of the seriously wounded. He personally assisted with the evacuation of numerous casualties. Home address: Mrs. R. E. Larson, 32 8th South Street, Humboldt, Iowa.

Captain JAMES F. MUNDY, 0446504, Dental 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 16 October 1944 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Mundy, wife, 645 Hazel Street, Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PAUL W. SANDERS, 38346441, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bulanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. When casualties were suffered by an attacking infantry battalion, Private SANDERS, a litter bearer, organized and led a Filipino litter squad over difficult terrain to a gorge which was covered by enemy fire in order to evacuate a wounded fellow soldier. Though under intermittent sniper and machine gun fire, he controlled the

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efforts of his squad in a superb manner. Home address: Mrs. Clara Ledbetter, Mother, General Delivery, Albany, Texas.

Captain READE S. SISSON, 0419838, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Winifred B. Sisson, wife, 31 Cary Avenue, Oakfield, New York.

Corporal CHARLES E. SLABE, 33404087, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Manoz-San Jose Highway, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. As chief of section in a self-propelled mount platoon, Corporal SLABE was ordered forward to support a rifle company in an assault upon strategic enemy-held positions along an important highway. Prior to taking his mount forward, he made his way forward under enemy fire to contact the rifle company commander and obtain complete information concerning the tactical situation. Then, having reconnoitered for advantageous locations, he brought his mount forward and placed it in position. Assisting in the adjustment of deadly direct fire, he was in large measure responsible for the complete neutralization of the enemy positions. Home address: Mr. Frank Slabe, Sr., Father, Box 207, Moon Run, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PEDRO J. TORREZ, 38350575, 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 had been subjected to intense enemy fire from well concealed enemy positions and had suffered numerous casualties, an evacuation party was organized to rescue the beleaguered casualties. Private TORREZ, an automatic rifleman, went forward as a member of the covering force. He remained well in front, covering enemy positions with fire until the evacuation party had successfully accomplished its mission. Home address: Mrs. Mercedes M. Torrez, Mother, Torreon, New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant LEON F. VESELY, 37038512, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. As a twenty-four man assault platoon forged ahead, it encountered a severe barrage of mortar and machine gun cross-fire which killed two men and wounded one and pinned down the entire platoon in a small narrow ravine which afforded little cover for the men. Although wounded by shrapnel in the back and with a bullet wound in his leg, Sergeant VESELY, acting platoon sergeant, refused to be evacuated. He jumped to the edge of the ravine to obtain a hasty view of the enemy situation and a possible route of withdrawal. Falling back into the ravine, he ordered his men to observe his withdrawal and succeeded in leading his platoon out of their precarious position without being observed by the enemy and without additional casualties. Home address: Mrs. Josie Vesely, Mother, R.R. #1, Verdel, Nebraska.

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Technician Third Grade LLOYD B. WILSON, 17014877, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Wife, R.F.D., #2, Fouke, Arkansas.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HURDIS:

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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:

Second Lieutenant JOHN D. CARRARA, 02007356, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Lieutenant CARRARA worked unceasingly to form a tenable defense for the night with the intention of holding valuable ground at all cost. While the enemy was organizing for an attack on our positions he left his covered position, while under intense enemy fire, to direct 60mm mortar fire on the enemy forces with deadly accuracy, thereby decreasing the efficiency with which the enemy could operate against our troops. When ammunition became critically low in sectors of the perimeter which had been assaulted, Lieutenant CARRARA again braved mortar fire and machine gun fire to direct the collection and distribution of ammunition for further assaults. When his commanding officer was wounded during the enemy's night assault, Lieutenant CARRARA took command of the company and through his outstanding leadership and courage under fire, succeeded in holding valuable ground which had been taken from the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Ascenza Carrara, Mother, 518 South Denvir Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain GOULD C. FRANK, 0379105, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Upon receiving information that three assault platoons were pinned to the ground by intense enemy fire, Captain FRANK, battalion S-3, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled under intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire to investigate the situation. Forward elements could neither advance nor retreat and one platoon had suffered heavy casualties, including all leaders except one non-commissioned officer. Withdrawing from his point of observation, he reported to the battalion commander and volunteered to lead a 60mm mortar observer and a wireman with a sound-powered phone to direct counter-fire on enemy forces. After skillfully adjusting mortar fire to within fifty yards of his own exposed position and that of advance riflemen, he ordered and adjusted an 81mm mortar smoke screen across friendly troops enabling all riflemen to withdraw with a minimum number of casualties. Immediately thereafter he efficiently directed the evacuation of the seriously wounded from the area which was under concentrated enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Sorella R. Frank, Wife, 1803 10th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Captain GEORGE V. HOLANIK, 01284332, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Captain HOLANIK, commanding an assault company which was pinned down by enemy fire, totally disregarded his own safety and gallantly moved up under intense enemy fire to the foremost elements of his company. Displaying inspiring leadership and instilling confidence into the members of his command, the attack, under his personal direction, was resumed and after bitter fighting an objective hill was secured. Throughout the night, despite continuous harassing fire from the enemy, the company held its ground and the following morning, Captain HOLANIK again led his company forward in an attack which entirely overran the remaining enemy positions. Through his inspiring leadership, Captain HOLANIK was primarily responsible for the successful accomplishment of an assigned mission. Home address: Mrs Anna Tlapa, Mother, 24-36 West Webb Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class THEON J. VETTER, 37059050, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy along the Antipolo Trail, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. At the time enemy forces counter-attacked a defending rifle company, Private VETTER, a rifleman, and three comrades held a vital strongpoint on the perimeter. As the enemy forces rushed forward, a Japanese soldier threw a hand grenade into their position. Private VETTER rolled on the grenade in order to shield his three comrades. When the grenade exploded, he was knocked unconscious for a few minutes, receiving a minor injury. After regaining consciousness, he refused to leave his position for medical care, and steadfastly continued to aid in repulsing the attack. Private VETTER'S gallant action and devotion to duty above and beyond the normal call reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Arthur A. Vetter, Father, Benton, Missouri.

Section II - Award of Soldier's Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8 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 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 man:

Private First Class GORDON C. CASSIDY, 37026017, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism during initial landing at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. When he observed a member of his company pinned under water by an LLM ramp, Private CASSIDY immediately and without regard for his own safety dove under water and released him, thereby saving his comrade's life. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Cassidy, Mother, General Delivery, Garnaville, Iowa.

Section III - Award of Soldier's Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Soldier's Medal awarded to Private First Class GEORGE J. ZAVADA, 32262200, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 76, dated 21 December 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of

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Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8 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 1943, Subject: "Award of Decorations", The citation is as follows:

Private First Class GEORGE J. ZAVADA, 32262200, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near the Wewe River, Dutch New Guinea on 23 December 1944. While performing his duties as truck driver, Private ZAVADA was parked near the Sixth Service Slot waiting to haul men engaged in practice landings to their companies. One LCM, loaded with men, swept toward the beach by a heavy surf, hit the shore with terrific force throwing three enlisted men into the water. The men, hampered by their pack, helmet and arms, were unable to swim to shore. Private ZAVADA, with utter disregard for his own safety, plunged into the water and swam to the men who were floundering in the surf. He assisted two of the men to the LCM where they were lifted aboard by men on the landing craft. Private ZAVADA was caught by a big wave and was pulled beneath the water. The force of the undertow dragged him completely under the boat. He narrowly escaped being killed or injured by the churning propellers of the craft. When he came to the surface he was on the other side of the LCM. He then swam to shore. By his quick action and alertness he saved the lives of two of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Veronica Zavada, Mother, 81 Andrew Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

Section IV - 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:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM L. EDWARDS, 36119304, 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 attacking rifle companies met bitter enemy resistance and suffered several casualties in the ensuing fire fight, Sergeant EDWARDS, platoon sergeant, volunteered to assist in the hazardous attempt to evacuate the wounded personnel. Disregarding the direct enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire, and without thought for his own safety, he made several successful evacuation trips, thereby saving the lives of his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. William L. Edwards, Mother, New Concord, Kentucky.

Private First Class WALTER ENGLAND, 6858503, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Lola J. England, Wife, 222 3/4 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.



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Section V -- Awards of Bronze Star Medal

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

Technical Sergeant EMMETT R. BERRY, 39081452, 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. Phoebe P. Berry, Wife, Route #2, Box 1215, Porterville, California.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND C. CARLSON, 39867034, 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. Helen H. Carlson, Wife, 909 E. Palm Lane, Phoenix, Arizona.

Private First Class MELVIN P. CLINTON, 36668655, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Private CLINTON volunteered to accompany his squad leader on an intelligence mission to search abandoned caves and enemy emplacements for documents of military value. The squad leader, upon entering a cave, found an enemy soldier and disposed of him with rifle fire. At the sound of the firing, four enemy riflemen, situated on high ground outside the cave, opened fire on Private CLINTON who was covering the entrance of the cave. He maneuvered into position and engaged the enemy with rifle fire and grenades, killing one of the enemy and routing the other three. Through his actions the mission was successfully completed and valuable military documents were obtained. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Clinton, Wife, 6337 Patterson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Z. L. CONNOR, 37065604, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Effie Olive Connor, Mother, Box 324, Lonette, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant MARCLE T. FOLEY, 17018427, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay and Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 June 1944 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mr. William P. Foley, Father, 1215 Bendisji Avenue, Bendisji, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade VINCENT J. HECK, 37058836, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Unzad, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. When a patrol of six men was ambushed by the enemy, Technician HECK, scout of the patrol successfully led the men out of danger. Upon reaching a rendezvous point it was found that two members of the patrol were missing. Technician HECK volunteered to return to the scene of the ambush to locate the missing men. At great risk of being captured, Technician HECK, exposing himself to enemy fire, continued searching behind

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enemy lines until finally he located the lost members. He succeeded in guiding them back safely to the rendezvous point. His heroism served as an inspiration to his comrades at a time of extreme danger. Home address: Mrs. Margaret H. Heck, Mother, 1906 Cherokee Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN F. KING, 0474073, Judge Advocate General 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 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia King, Wife, 536 Addison Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

First Sergeant ALVIN J. KIRCHNER, 37076785, 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. Vivian L. Kirchner, Wife, 212 East 3d Street, Herman, Missouri.

Master Sergeant EDWARD W. KUCA, 36002583, 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. Joseph KUCA, Father, 509 South Monroe Street, West Frankfort, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant NIMA MAHFOUZ, 34005495, 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. Helen Mahfouz, Wife, Route #3, Mansfield, Louisiana.

Technician Fourth Grade RUSSELL R. FLAACH, 37047307, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay and Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 June 1944 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille K. Rasmussen, Wife, Fontanelle, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant RALPH B. VANDENBERG, 36021823, 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. Lillian Vandenberg, Mother, 8737 So. Elizabeth Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LOUIS E. VAN NORMAN, 32962986, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gilda Vera Van Norman, Wife, 2211 7th Street West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

First Lieutenant JOHN D. WILLIAMS, 01030315, Cavalry, 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 H. Williams, Wife, 2340 Miramar Road, University Heights, Ohio.

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Technician Fifth Grade HERBERT B. WOLCOTT, JR., 17081055, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jeanne P. Wolcott, wife, 7802 Joplin Street, Houston, Texas.

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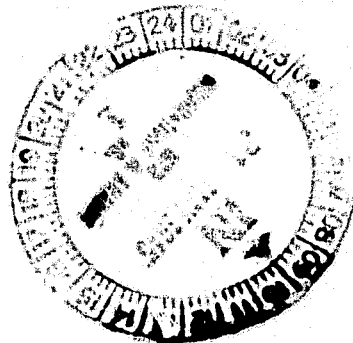
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Section I - Awards of Silver Star - Posthumously

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 NARVA H. L. GERKEN, 37007853, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. The platoon in which Private GERKEN served as a rifleman had been assigned the mission of defending the most forward sector of a defense perimeter. The enemy had attempted to infiltrate the perimeter and an enemy sniper had successfully occupied a well-concealed position about fifty yards from the most advance point of our perimeter. The sniper was laying accurate and repeated rifle fire upon the defending troops. To avoid further loss from the sniper fire, Private GERKEN volunteered to go beyond the perimeter in an effort to kill the enemy soldier. Crawling stealthily forward over open and rough terrain, he approached the enemy unobserved. With a well-aimed hand grenade, he killed the sniper. A few minutes later as he crawled back toward his perimeter position, Private GERKEN was killed by enemy rifle fire. His daring and courageous act, at the cost of his life, is worthy of highest praise. Next of kin: Mr. Adolph A. W. Gerken, Father, Route #1, Warsaw, Missouri.

Private First Class FLOYD F. WADLE, 37678420, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. When an infantry rifle company was engaged in holding newly gained high ground, it became subjected to a fierce devastating barrage of heavy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire from counterattacking enemy forces. Friendly troops were pinned to the ground and heavy casualties were inflicted. Upon hearing a cry for help, Private WADLE, a medical aid man, aggressively crawled from his position, was pinned down several times by constant sniper fire in his lone advance, but finally reached the side of his severely wounded comrade. Disregarding the unabated barrage and the sniper fire directed at him, he administered much needed medical aid. While giving life-saving treatment to his wounded comrade, Private WADLE was instantly killed. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Wadle, Mother, Milo, Iowa.

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Section II - Award of Silver Star

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

Captain LEON H. RAINVILLE, 0377137, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Captain RAINVILLE, battalion S-3, was ordered to assume command of an assault infantry company after the company commander had become a casualty and the troops were halted and disorganized while attempting an advance against stiff enemy resistance. Alone, Captain RAINVILLE went forward under continuous mortar fire to take over the difficult task of reorganizing the company and continuing the advance. His personal confidence and his words of encouragement to the men completely changed the attitude of his troops and inspired them to continue the advance. At the head of the company, Captain RAINVILLE led his men to a successful accomplishment of an important mission. Home address: Mrs. Joyce M. Rainville, wife, 740 Western Avenue N. St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Second Lieutenant THOMAS E. BROTHERTON, 02007741, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, Section II, General Orders No. 55, dated 21 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:

Second Lieutenant THOMAS E. BROTHERTON, 02007741, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. When a patrol from a rifle company was engaged in eliminating enemy resistance from numerous draws in front of the company's position, it was suddenly fired upon by enemy snipers and an enemy machine-gun crew, wounding one man and pinning down the other members of the patrol. Because of the nature of the terrain it was virtually impossible for a litter team to go to the rescue of the wounded man and the members of the patrol. When Lieutenant BROTHERTON, battalion assault platoon leader, arrived in the area, he was informed of the situation and immediately moved to the position of the beleaguered unit. Making a rapid estimate of the situation, he decided that a two-man evacuation party would draw a volume of enemy fire; accordingly, fully realizing the dangers of the hazardous mission, he cautioned the other members of the group to remain in place and slowly crawled through the danger area. He successfully reached the side of the wounded rifleman. Lieutenant BROTHERTON tied the arms of the wounded man together with a belt, placed him upon his shoulders and began the difficult return trip. Thus burdened, it was necessary to move very slowly and Japanese snipers took this opportunity to harass constantly with rifle fire. Despite the enemy fire and the tortuous terrain, he successfully carried the wounded soldier to safety. Home address: Mrs. Laura A. Brotherton, Mother, Marquand, Missouri.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant MARSHALL D. SAVOY, 01542324, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 46, dated 6 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:

First Lieutenant MARSHALL D. SAVOY, 01542324, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. After an infantry rifle company established a strong defensive perimeter around a newly gained town objective the area suddenly became subjected to an intense 150mm enemy mortar barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. When a report of the critical situation was relayed to the battalion command post, Lieutenant SAVOY, assistant battalion surgeon, hastily gathered urgently needed medical supplies, organized several litter parties and unhesitatingly entered the town to expedite evacuation. Under the unabated barrage he ran and crawled from one foxhole to another in a supreme effort to reach all seriously wounded personnel. During the administering of plasma to a wounded man, a mortar shell burst ten yards from him, shattering the plasma bottle and wounding him. Gallantly he refused to be evacuated and continued his efficient supervision of evacuation and treatment until all casualties were carried from the severely contested area. Home address: Mrs. Roberta G. Savoy, wife, Route #3, Box 322, Phoenix, Arizona.

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 officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade BURRIS W. CORWIN,, 35151267, 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. Gertrude M. Corwin, mother, 1820 Poplar Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Sergeant KING A. RADLEY, 37059697, 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. Esther H. Radley, wife, 414 W. Washington Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Master Sergeant MORRIS G. RADOW, 37026125, 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. Anna Radow, mother, 1516 Sargent Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade LEROY P. PIOTRASCHKE, 39288731, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry, Division, APO 6, as published on page 11, Section II, 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 Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade LEROY R. PIOTRASCHKE, 39288731, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. After two infantry rifle companies had established strong defensive positions on commanding ground, they became subjected to devastating enemy 150mm mortar fire followed by an intense lance mortar barrage. The casualty rate was high and numerous men lay helplessly exposed to further fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician PIOTRASCHKE, medical aid man, crawled from one wounded man to another, pulled them to safety, administered much needed medical aid and prepared the men for speedy evacuation. Throughout the severe barrage of approximately twenty-minute duration, he was continuously exposed to enemy fire and was knocked off his feet several times by the force of the concussion from shells bursting nearby. Home address: Mrs. June S. Piotraschke, Wife, 1024a Justin Avenue, Glendale, California.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant PRINCE TRIHUB, 37029747, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 6, 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:

Technical Sergeant PRINCE TRIHUB, 37029747, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Zenovia Trihub, Mother, Lakot, North Dakota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS O. WILLIAMSEN, 37030732, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section I, General Orders No. 54, dated 20 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 THOMAS O. WILLIAMSEN, 37030732, 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.

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When an infantry battalion launched an attack against enemy forces a small Japanese infiltration party set up a light machine gun and fired two bursts which instantly killed a regimental commander and fatally wounded the division's commanding general. Technician WILLIAMSEN, Chaplain's assistant, with disregard for his own safety, fearlessly moved forward in order to recover the body of his regimental commander. During this same action, he voluntarily assisted in evacuating six wounded. He, alone, evacuated three wounded and assisted with the recovery of three additional bodies while under severe artillery, mortar and sniper fire. Home address: Mrs. Vivi Ann Williamsen, wife 1101 Ireland Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class CHARLES J. ZDENEK, 34130765, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 12, Section II, General Orders No. 44, dated 4 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 CHARLES J. ZDENEK, 34130765, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank Zdenek, Father, Anitman, Mississippi.

Section VI - Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

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

237th Chemical Service Platoon. For superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty from 23 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Through the untiring efforts of the officers and men of the 237th Chemical Service Platoon, the 6th Infantry Division was fully equipped and its chemical warfare materiel placed and maintained in an excellent status of combat serviceability for the Luzon operation. Preparation for this operation entailed day and night loading and unloading of large quantities of chemical warfare ammunition and other materiel under the most difficult weather and surf conditions with a minimum of personnel and equipment.

In the Luzon operation, the 237th Chemical Service Platoon landed on S-Day. Within twenty-four hours of the landing a division chemical warfare dump was set up near the beach and in operation. This unit has rendered invaluable service to the Division throughout the entire operations. In spite of the most rigorous combat conditions, the unit maintained a chemical ammunition dump from which the exceptionally heavy demands for 4.2 inch chemical mortar ammunition, chemical grenades and other munitions were met and the necessary supplies furnished to divisional and attached units. This organization provided prompt and efficient maintenance service for all flame throwers within the Division. Upon receipt of



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orders from higher headquarters directing that all gas masks in the Division were to be carried in unit supply, the 237th Chemical Service Platoon inspected, packed and stored masks for every divisional unit in unit storage warehouses. Long and difficult supply routes, shortages of critical chemical warfare ammunition, and repeated exposure to enemy fire have required the utmost expenditure of energy, ingenious resourcefulness and outstanding initiative for successful accomplishment of the assigned mission of the unit.

Such outstanding performance of duty, in addition to the achievement of exemplary standards of discipline, appearance and military courtesy, is deserving of highest praise.

Section VI - Amendment of General Orders

*OK* ✓ So much of Section II, General Orders No. 32, this headquarters, dated 23 March 1945 as pertains to Staff Sergeant HENRY M. HUNKINS, 37065728, Infantry, is amended to read "Posthumously".

*OK* ✓ So much of Section II, General Orders No. 75, this headquarters, dated 10 May 1945 as reads "Captain HAROLD E. HAYES, 01642952, (then First Lieutenant), Signal Corps" is amended to read "First Lieutenant HAROLD E. HAYES, 01642952, Signal Corps".

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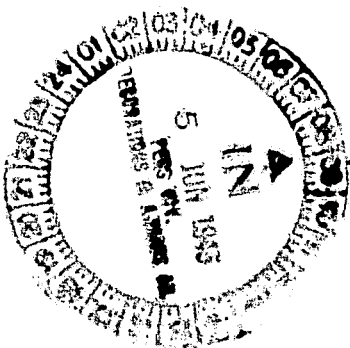
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Section I - Award of Bronze Star Medal

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:

Major GEORGE C. SIMS, 0351238, 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 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Anna Sims, Wife, 504 East 24th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Section II - 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 DAVID A. KING, 16064416, by the Commanding General, the Americal Division, as published in paragraph 8, Section I, General Orders No. 108, dated 2 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 DAVID A. KING, 16064416, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Technician KING, a combat photographer, accompanied the advance elements of an infantry assault platoon in an attack to seize the northern part of Mount Mataba, an important objective in the division zone of action. When an enemy machine gun opened fire, a company commander was wounded and all the infantrymen in the area were pinned to the ground. Technician KING, with disregard for his own safety, helped the wounded officer to a shell crater. Finding the crater too small for two persons, Technician KING moved to the edge of the crater. He then administered first aid while continually exposed to enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Christine H. King, Wife, 303 W. Buena Vista, Highland Park, Michigan.

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Section III - Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

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

The 6th Medical Battalion. From 15 June 1944 to 15 July 1944, though seriously handicapped by a shortage of medical officers, the 6th Medical Battalion functioned in a most outstanding manner. The Battalion treated a very large number of casualties under the most trying and difficult conditions. These casualties often had to be evacuated over extremely hazardous jungle terrain. Despite constant rain, mud of jungle trails, numerous river crossings and routes continually subject to enemy fire, the evacuation of casualties to the rear was rapid and uninterrupted so that the best possible medical treatment was received promptly by all patients.

The demand for supplies in the forward and stations and the portable surgical hospitals was very great. The officers and men of the Battalion worked constantly, obtaining supplies for these units as well as other medical installations in the area. At all times the supply level maintained was more than adequate to meet all emergencies.

On 8 August 1944, the incidence of scrub typhus reached epidemic proportions in the Sansapor area, Dutch New Guinea. The 6th Medical Battalion was the only medical installation in the area until the arrival of an evacuation hospital seventeen days later. This necessitated furnishing hospital treatment to all typhus cases in addition to other casualties. During this period the 6th medical Battalion maintained a four-hundred bed hospital. The entire personnel of the Battalion willingly labored exceedingly long hours to insure constant and superior nursing care for these seriously ill patients. After other medical installations arrived, the Battalion maintained the lowest mortality rate in the area. While establishing this enviable record by efficient organization and unceasing labor, it was able to furnish trained technicians to supplement the personnel of an evacuation hospital.

In preparation for the Luzon operation, this Battalion procured and distributed all necessary medical supplies, not only for the Division but also numerous attached troops. Immediately after landing, it was called upon to furnish medical supplies for civilian relief and to supply several Corps and Army units. The foresight and efficient planning of the Battalion were further exemplified by the ability to meet these emergencies and still maintain an adequate stock for resupply of divisional units.

The 6th Medical Battalion landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Personnel and equipment necessary to furnish superior medical support for the Division were ready for operations shortly after the first units had landed. The tactical situation required frequent and rapid moves which were accomplished in a minimum time and without interruption of medical service or evacuation. During the entire campaign, despite the extreme shortage of medical officers, superior medical service was available for all casualties.

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The outstanding medical care and the unceasing efforts of all personnel of the 6th Medical Battalion, together with a superior standard of discipline, courtesy and morale, exemplify the highest traditions of the Army Medical Department.

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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:

Technical Sergeant HENRY F. AARON 37067035, (then Technician Third Grade), 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vera B. Aaron, Wife, 205 Grand Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Brigadier General EVERETT E. BROWN, 06303, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 16 March 1945 to 16 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty N. Brown, Wife, 806 Wilshire Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Captain HARRY T. BURNELL, 01168195, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Burnell, Mother, 123 Hillside Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. CLEMMER, 37189566, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. June Clemmer, Mother, 501 17th Street, Belle Plaine, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant CARL P. PRIVES, 37059764, 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. Magdlene Prives, Mother, 3315 Nebraska Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Lieutenant Colonel LAWRENCE R. ST. JOHN, 019805, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Glenna P. St. John, Mother, 3431 Wentthrop Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade PAUL M. STRONG, W2127724, (then Master Sergeant), 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. Ora M. Strong, Mother, 3705 Peters Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

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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 man:

First Lieutenant BERTHOLD J. BANEK, 0444147, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy along the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. As an infantry company moved forward to seize an enemy-held hill, it encountered heavy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire and suffered several casualties. Lieutenant BANEK, company executive officer, upon learning of the casualties, moved forward to find a route of evacuation. Three times he made the hazardous trip over rough and dangerous terrain, leading litter teams and the wounded through the lanes of machine gun and rifle fire. Though wounded in the shoulder, side and leg by machine gun fire and losing considerable blood, he asked not to be evacuated immediately. Obviously in great pain, he endeavored to aid the evacuation of his wounded comrades by describing better routes of approach and giving instructions and encouragement to the litter teams. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty and cool efficiency under enemy fire were responsible for saving the lives of several of his fellow soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Banek, Wife, 1252 Illinois Street, S.W., Huron, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant CHARLES G. CANAS, 01303847, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. When an assault rifle company was pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire, Lieutenant CANAS, howitzer platoon leader, moved aggressively forward on foot to reconnoiter for the best route of approach for his self-propelled mounts. Encountering a group of Japanese, he personally killed two and completely routed the others. Upon completion of the reconnaissance he returned and then gallantly led his self-propelled mounts in a highly successful encircling movement which rendered the enemy position untenable. Utterly disregarding the enemy fire, Lieutenant CANAS spotted cleverly concealed targets and directed the fire of his mounts upon them. As a direct result of the gallant and aggressive leadership he displayed, one enemy scout car and five pillboxes were destroyed. His intrepid actions under enemy fire and extremely hazardous conditions are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. George Canas, Father, 448 South Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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First Lieutenant NATHAN E. DODGE, 01299709, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. When an assault rifle company was pinned down by intense enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire and its advance momentarily halted, Lieutenant DODGE, howitzer platoon leader, moved aggressively forward on foot. Gallantly disregarding his own safety and constantly exposed to enemy fire, he reconnoitered for advantageous positions for his self-propelled mounts and then, personally, led them forward to occupy the selected position. Because of his excellent fire direction, two enemy trucks were destroyed, an ammunition and supply dump blown up and two machine guns and a dual-purpose 37mm weapon completely neutralized. Lieutenant DODGE'S fearless aggressiveness under enemy fire was in a large measure responsible for the rapid and successful advance of the assault rifle company. Home address: Mrs. Margery P. Dodge, Wife, 1508 Farwell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class CLIFFORD L. FERRELL, 37009062, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. As a reinforced rifle company and a supply carrying party forged ahead in seizing an assigned objective, they suddenly encountered devastating heavy machine gun cross-fire from two enemy positions which completely commanded the route of advance. Private FERRELL, gunner of a heavy machine gun, placed his weapon on a small knoll and, after locating the position of one enemy gun crew, brought continuous machine gun fire to bear on it. The heavy fire laid down by Private FERRELL revealed his exposed position to the second enemy machine gun crew who immediately opened fire. Though wounded by the first bursts, he tenaciously continued to man his weapon, and accurately laid additional fire on the first enemy gun crew until their machine gun was silenced. Then, he turned his weapon on the second enemy position and unceasingly fired his weapon until the second machine gun no longer returned fire. As riflemen overran the position, they found both weapons demolished and all gun crew members dead. Private FERRELL'S gallant aggressiveness and cool efficiency at a most critical moment are deserving of high praise and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Walter R. Ferrell, Father, Kearney, 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 enlisted men:

Private First Class MANUEL ALMADA, 39563241, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tumana, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. While on sentry duty, Private ALMADA, rifleman, on his own initiative, jumped from his assigned position and charged a small attacking enemy unit, killing a Japanese soldier. His fearless aggressiveness inspired his comrades who killed six additional enemy soldiers and routed the remainder of the party without a single casualty to friendly troops. Home address: Mrs. Amalia Y. Almada, Mother, 123, N. Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Private First Class ERNEST J. BASHARA, 39160915, 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. After an infantry company had seized and secured a hill objective, the area was subjected to a severe barrage of 150mm mortar shells. Heavy casualties resulted and the problem of evacuating casualties under the unabated barrage, while enemy forces counterattacked from both flanks, became critical. As the order was received to shift to a more tenable position, Private BASHARA, a one-quarter ton truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into the severely contested area and assisted in pulling the wounded from lanes of fire. The wounded were then evacuated to a battalion aid station through an area heavily infested with infiltrating enemy snipers. Home address: Mrs. John Bashara, Mother, Route #1, Box 272-A, Placentia, California.

Staff Sergeant HARRY R. BUCHANAN, 36121718, 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 5 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor R. Buchanan, wife, 19460 Cooley Street, Detroit 19, Michigan.

Private First Class WOODRUFF B. CROUSE, 36871294, 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. After a platoon of an infantry rifle company succeeded in seizing an important hill objective four thousand yards in front of the foremost friendly lines, the perimeter was attacked under cover of darkness by an estimated force of thirty Japanese, employing grenades, machine gun and rifle fire. Upon hearing calls for help from several severely wounded soldiers, Private CROUSE, an automatic rifleman, left his prepared position and succeeded in pulling the casualties to a place of shelter while subject to both enemy and friendly fire. Home address: Mr. Charles B. Crouse, Father, 268 Provencal Road, Grosse Point Farms, Michigan.

Private First Class JESSE F. DEAN, 33048784, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mamie Dean, Mother, RFD #1, McGaheysville, Virginia.

Sergeant HUGH T. ELLIS, 37059182, 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. After an infantry rifle company seized and secured a hill position, the area became subjected to a severe enemy barrage of 150mm mortar fire. Heavy casualties resulted and the problem of evacuating casualties under the unabated barrage, while enemy forces counterattacked from both flanks, became critical. Noting the plight of many casualties who were unable to crawl to rear positions and who were exposed to fire of the advancing enemy, Sergeant ELLIS, a squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, ordered his command to shift to a more tenable position and, on his own initiative, crawled forward under a continuous hail of mortar and sniper fire to administer medical aid and assist in pulling casualties to waiting litter teams. Home address: Mr. S. J. Ellis, Father, Wellsville, Missouri.



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Corporal PAUL FULTON, 33358954, 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 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Fulton, Mother, Stockton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class VERNON W. KENNEY, 37007754, 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. With disregard for his own safety. Private KENNEY, acting transportation corporal, volunteered to load a one-quarter ton truck with ammunition, water and food and drive over a dangerous route in order to supply the needs of hard-pressed troops. Although he encountered machine gun, sniper and occasional knee mortar fire, he fearlessly accomplished his supply mission. He, alone, made several such trips over the same dangerous route. On the return journeys he assisted litter parties in evacuating wounded men from positions which were exposed to machine gun and sniper fire. Home address: Mr. Wallace Kenney, Father, Route #4, Butler, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD N. McCABE, 39160904, 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 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruby McCabe, Mother, Route #2, Mulberry, Arkansas.

Private First Class ANGEL J. MENDOZA, 39694237, 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. When a severe enemy artillery barrage rendered a position untenable, friendly troops were forced to shift to a newly assigned position and were unable to remove ammunition, guns and other equipment from the area. Private MENDOZA, a mortar ammunition bearer, volunteered to lead a six-man party under cover of darkness to the contested area. Before the enemy forces discovered the mission, the party succeeded in removing the much needed ammunition supply and several weapons. Home address: Mrs. Elodia Mendoza, Mother, 612 E. Willow Street, Porterville, California.

Sergeant GENE R. NICHOLS, 37058930, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. As Sergeant NICHOLS, acting platoon sergeant, maneuvered his platoon forward, he encountered devastating machine gun and supporting rifle fire. Calmly and skillfully he deployed his platoon in a flanking movement, ordered a relentless automatic weapon and rifle fire across the mouth of an enemy cave position and, alone, crawled to within throwing distance of the entrance. From a completely exposed position he undertook a demolition charge through the entrance and knocked out the position which contained two heavy machine guns and a strong force of supporting riflemen. Home address: Mr. Alfred W. Nichols, Father, Thomasville, Missouri.

Sergeant EUGENE F. ODOZYNSKI, 32028968, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Odozynski, Mother, 84 Peck Street, Buffalo, New York.

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Private First Class EDMUND A. OSMEIRA, 37038307, 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. Heavy casualties were sustained as a result of a severe enemy 150mm mortar barrage and the problem of evacuating the wounded became critical as counterattacking enemy forces advanced on friendly perimeter position from both flanks. Upon receiving a call from battalion and company command posts for volunteers to go into the severely contested area to evacuate casualties. Private OSMEIRA, a truck driver, fearlessly drove his vehicle into the area under the unabated mortar barrage. There he assisted in loading casualties and evacuating them to a battalion aid station. Private OSMEIRA made repeated trips from the contested area to the aid station until all the wounded were evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Osmora, Mother, Tekamah, Nebraska.

Private First Class IRVIN W. RASMUSSEN, 37071942, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Private RASMUSSEN, a rifleman, disregarding his own safety, rushed forward to the side of his wounded squad leader. Despite the intensity of enemy fire, he succeeded in evacuating the wounded man to a place of safety. The courage displayed by Private RASMUSSEN under extremely hazardous conditions was directly responsible for saving the life of a fellow soldier. Home address: Mrs. Elsie C. Rasmussen, Mother, Waterbury, Nebraska.

Private First Class FACUNDO RODRIGUEZ, 38454256, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Disregarding his own safety, Private RODRIGUEZ, a rifleman, rushed forward to the side of a wounded man. He succeeded in evacuating the casualty despite the intensity of enemy fire. The courage displayed under extremely hazardous conditions by Private RODRIGUEZ was directly responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. E. A. Rodriguez, Mother, General Delivery, San Diego, Texas.

Private First Class JOE S. SHOAF, 18031937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. As a member of a reconnaissance patrol, Private SHOAF, cannoneer, discovered a large cave which held many of the enemy. Immediately taking up an advantageous position at one of the entrances, he threw phosphorous grenades into the cave. When the enemy rushed out of the cave, Private SHOAF killed them with rifle fire. His efficient actions accounted for twenty enemy dead from the one cave. Home address: Mr. Carey Shoaf, Father, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class ALBERT L. UTTERBACK, 37059246, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When supply routes were covered by enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire and several supply parties were forced to withdraw under the devastating fire, the supply situation of an infantry rifle company became critical. Private UTTERBACK, one-quarter ton truck driver, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to drive his vehicle over the hazardous route. Although he was fired upon from several positions, he fearlessly traversed the entire route and accomplished his mission. Upon returning, he again volunteered and traveled the same route with additional supplies for the hard-pressed troops. Home address: Mr. Clarence Utterback, Father, RFD #3, Perry Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant ANTON T. VERHOREVOORT, 36024840, 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. As an infantry rifle company attacked enemy forces which were located on commanding ground, it encountered an extremely heavy 150mm mortar barrage which forced the withdrawal of the company. Sergeant VERHOREVOORT, a 60mm mortar section leader, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to act as rear guard. He continually moved throughout the severely contested area under the unabated barrage in a determined effort to assure evacuation of all casualties. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Verhorevoort, Mother, El. Eburgue, Illinois.

Corporal JAMES L. WILBANKS, 34379575, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma M. Wilbanks, Mother, 500 Colville Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Private First Class CLARENCE W. YOUNG, 37045699, 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. Heavy casualties were sustained as a result of a severe enemy 150mm mortar barrage and the problem of evacuating the wounded became critical as counterattacking enemy forces advanced on the friendly perimeter position from both flanks. Upon receiving a call from battalion and company command posts for volunteers to go into the severely contested area to evacuate casualties, Private YOUNG, a truck driver, fearlessly drove his vehicle into the area under the unabated mortar barrage. There he assisted in loading casualties and evacuating them to a battalion aid station. Private YOUNG made repeated trips from the contested area to the aid station until all the wounded were evacuated. Home address: Mr. Clarence R. Young, Father, Route #2, Decatur, Iowa.

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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:

First Lieutenant **ELDON L. HEINRICHS**, 01294130, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Isidro, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. The company to which Lieutenant HEINRICHS was assigned as weapons platoon leader was committed as forward company in an advance and, after occupying a town and digging in, the company was subjected to an intense 150mm mortar barrage. In withdrawing the men of his platoon from the fire-concentration area, Lieutenant HEINRICHS left his own foxhole and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went from man to man calming them and having them withdraw to safer ground between shell bursts. He succeeded in withdrawing all his platoon with but one slight casualty being incurred. In surveying the concentrated-fire area to insure that all his men had been withdrawn, Lieutenant HEINRICHS was killed by a shell burst. His intrepidity under extremely heavy enemy fire was a source of great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara M. Heinrichs, Mother, 715 North Washington Street, Hastings, Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant **HARRY M. LEONARD**, 02037071, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. An infantry company advanced until one platoon was stopped by intense machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. Lieutenant LEONARD was attached to the company to provide anti-tank protection. He volunteered to go with a platoon which was to advance and bring flanking fire on an enemy position and neutralize its fire. In advancing under heavy sniper and machine gun fire he, with the aid of his bazooka team, neutralized the enemy position which contained two heavy machine guns, knoc mortars and a 47mm field piece. Lieutenant LEONARD'S heroic deed accounted for five enemy dead. His courageous efforts, at the cost of his life, enabled the platoon which was pinned down to move forward to a more concealed position from which it accomplished its mission. Next of kin: Mr. Michael Leonard, Father, 1101 Veto Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant WALLACE A. MOEN, 37029498, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Manos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Sergeant MOEN, without thought of personal safety and on his own initiative, moved forward of his own lines for a distance of seventy-five yards to bring rocket-launcher fire on an enemy tank which was endangering a company forward observation post. After gaining the security of the observation post, Sergeant MOEN, under machine gun and tank fire, moved into an open field to fire his rocket launcher. While performing this gallant act, Sergeant MOEN was killed. Next of kin: Mr. Vernon Moen, Brother, Barrett, Minnesota.

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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:

First Lieutenant GEORGE A. CARLSON, 02037202, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Manos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When an infantry company commander was killed during a strong enemy counterattack, the company became disorganized and was at the point of breaking. Lieutenant CARLSON, then battalion S-2, was with the company at the time. Taking command of the situation, he reorganized the company to the extent that the men were able to hold their ground. He then worked his way, alone, to an observation point approximately one hundred yards forward of the front line, and adjusted three hundred rounds of 4.2 mortar fire on the advancing enemy. At the same time, he killed six enemy infantrymen who were acting in support of tanks. The mortar and rifle fire broke up the enemy counterattack and permitted the company to gain its objective. Home address: Mr. John S. Carlson, Brother, 2540 South Delaware Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Captain RICHARD H. FLEMING, 01293229, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Island on 7 April 1945. The infantry company commanded by Captain FLEMING was the lead company of a battalion which had the mission of taking and holding a ridge line. The company was able to take a portion of the hill, but was unable to secure the remaining ground because of well-coordinated enemy machine gun and mortar fire. At this point, the enemy counterattacked from the rear and flanks. The confusion resulting from the counterattack rendered control difficult. Captain FLEMING, realizing that the ground his company had gained would be sacrificed unless control was regained immediately, set out to reorganize the company and repulse the attack. During the reorganization Captain FLEMING exposed himself fearlessly to enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Despite the great personal risk, he executed his plan and regained control of his company and repulsed the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Pauline E. Fleming, Wife, Route # 2, Bogard, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE KOSTANESKI, 33358955, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. The infantry assault platoon and artillery forward observation party of which Technician KOSTANESKI was a member received devastating fire from Japanese heavy mortars. When a mortar round cut the wire line which ran from the forward observer to a fire direction center, Technician KOSTANESKI immediately repaired the line after crawling a considerable distance over open terrain swept by enemy fire. While he was returning to the protection of his foxhole, a mortar round landed within twenty yards of him, wounding several infantrymen. Technician KOSTANESKI, with hesitation, went to the aid of the wounded and assisted in their evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Kostaneski, Mother, 224 W. Green Street, W. Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel ARNOLD L. MUELLER, O410607, (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 April 1945 to 10 April 1945. Colonel MUELLER, commanding an infantry battalion, was in great measure responsible for the outstanding success of his command through his untiring efforts in closely directing and coordinating his troops. Colonel MUELLER was with the forward company post of assault companies so as to insure complete coordination between the elements of his command even though his position was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. He made reconnaissance of the ground forward of his troops from an exposed observation post. He directed fire in such a manner that the enemy opened up with his entire defensive fires on what he thought was an attack, thereby disclosing his defensive concentrations and positions. After locating enemy installations, Colonel MUELLER launched a battalion attack which resulted in gaining an important objective with a minimum of loss of personnel. Home address: Mrs. Edith I. Mueller, Wife, Anoka, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant JAMES W. PEASLEY, O1177571, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Rocky Ridge, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 20 March 1945, Lieutenant PEASLEY repulsed, with artillery fire, an enemy counterattack which was launched against our positions. More than four hundred Japanese dead were counted outside his battalion perimeter the following morning. He then relieved the forward observer of an infantry company and led a combat patrol under enemy artillery and machine gun fire to secure high ground for artillery observation. While on this patrol, Lieutenant PEASLEY directed our artillery fire, knocking out two Japanese 75mm guns and a 105mm howitzer. He directed fire against machine guns and pillboxes destroying two machine guns and three pillboxes. This mission assisted the infantry in securing high ground overlooking a strategic river. The following day he accompanied a small patrol into enemy lines across the river to secure observation. Home address: Mrs. Helen Peasley, Wife, 40 Stone Street, Salinas, California.

Private First Class THOMAS L. ROSS, 37537375, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. During an attack on a well-entrenched and

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concealed enemy force, Private ROSS' company was forced to maneuver to more favorable ground in order to cope with the enemy. Private ROSS volunteered to stay with a wounded comrade, though he was in an isolated position in front of enemy positions and under hostile observation and fire at all times. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he stayed with his comrade for two hours until evacuation could take place under cover of darkness. Home address: Mrs. John Ross, Mother, 429 North Oakley Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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\* First Lieutenant DONALD W. SCHROEDER, 02034698, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 March 1945. Lieutenant SCHROEDER, accompanied by an infantry officer, attempted to reach the crest of Mount Pacawagan in order to observe artillery fire on Japanese positions on the reverse slope of the mountain from which an infantry company was receiving mortar fire. As they approached the crest Japanese activity was observed only a few yards away. As the infantry officer prepared to throw a hand grenade, enemy machine guns opened fire from the right flank. The grenade was hit and detonated by a machine gun bullet. Lieutenant SCHROEDER sustained severe injuries in his leg from the explosion, but he continued to observe artillery fire for a period of four hours until relieved by another forward observer. Home address: Mr. Elmer H. Schroeder, Father, 109 Hedraw Street, Seattle, Washington.

Staff Sergeant MAURICE G. WESSEI, 37029642, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. Heavy enemy fire from well-concealed machine gun emplacements pinned his company to the ground and inflicted several casualties. Sergeant WESSEI, a squad leader, volunteered to crawl forward and locate the enemy machine guns. While advancing, though fired upon by two enemy machine guns, he continued to edge forward toward the enemy positions. From an advantageous position, he was able to hurl hand grenades which neutralized the machine guns. He then started forward again and was fired on by snipers. He remained motionless until the snipers' positions were located, then by his excellent marksmanship he killed four snipers. Home address: Mrs. Elvira Wesen, Mother, Glasgow, Montana.

Section III - Award of Bronze Star Medal - Posthumously

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See 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:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM FRIKEM, 37030114, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cinaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. In an attack an Infantry platoon was pinned down by heavy sniper, machine gun and mortar fire. Sergeant FRIKEM infiltrated his men by trees until he had his complete

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squad in a position from which he could neutralize the machine gun. In so doing, he was constantly exposed to enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant FRIKKEN personally knocked out the enemy heavy machine gun and forced the mortars to move to the rear. Because of his heroic act his comrades were able to move to a more concealed position where they could execute their mission. Sergeant FRIKKEN'S outstanding devotion to duty was an inspiration to the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mr. Ike Frikken, Father, RFD #2, Dalton, Minnesota.

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 Dull 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:

Warrant Officer Junior Grade WILLIAM R. BROWN, W2107092, (then Master Sergeant), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ann A. Brown, Wife, 747 East Blackford Street, Evansville, 13, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH A. JACKSON, 37007518, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant JACKSON, under heavy machine gun and tank 47mm fire and in an exposed position, directed mortar fire on an enemy tank. He was seriously wounded but would not leave his post until the tank had been destroyed. Home address: Mr. Joe Jackson, Father, Camolton, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant ALBERT C. HORDEEN, 37031267, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 April 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther Aurora Hordeen, Wife, 109 East 24th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HURDIS:

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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 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 JOHN J. LEDDY, 35125583, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. When an infantry company advanced to destroy enemy forces, it encountered devastating enemy machine gun and rifle fire which pinned down the troops, temporarily disorganized the command and inflicted several casualties. Sergeant LEDDY, a squad leader, grabbed a heavy machine gun and ran and crawled across an open stretch of ground to set up the weapon in a defiladed position. He then brought such a volume of accurate machine gun fire to bear on enemy positions that the enemy was forced to seek cover while friendly attacking forces forged ahead to gain their objective. As Sergeant LEDDY attempted to bring the heavy machine gun forward to further support the advance, he was instantly killed by an enemy sniper. His gallant aggressiveness and devotion to duty, at the cost of his life, are deserving of high praise and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Nellie C. Leddy, Mother, 2213 Quadman Avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

Private First Class EARL L. WIDGA, 37038363, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. After a reinforced infantry company had established a small defensive perimeter, it was subjected to a severe enemy artillery and mortar barrage which caused several casualties. During the barrage a strong enemy force attacked the perimeter strongpoints and threatened to break through. As an order was received to withdraw to a more tenable position, Private WIDGA, gunner of a heavy machine gun, realizing the constant danger, gallantly volunteered to cover the withdrawal of the hard-pressed troops and the evacuation of the wounded. With his accurate machine gun fire, he temporarily repulsed the persistent enemy counterattack, but before he could carry his weapon from his exposed position and withdraw to friendly lines, he was killed by an enemy mortar shell. Private WIDGA'S gallant accomplishment of a hazardous duty above and beyond the normal call, at the cost of his life, is deserving of high praise and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Elsie Widga, Mother, 223 E. 11th Street, York, Nebraska.

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Section II - Award of Silver Star

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

Captain ORVILLE M. HUTCHINSON, 0355767, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Wawa-An polo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When a rifle company launched an attack to seize and secure a high barren ridge surrounded by deep, wooded draws, two platoons were pinned down on the reverse slope of the ridge by enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Captain HUTCHINSON, company commander, was well forward with his assault elements in utter disregard of his own safety in order to organize riflemen and machine gunners so as to give overhead fire for the platoons on the forward slope. Severe casualties were suffered. All of his officers were wounded and evacuated. When the forward observers for both the mortars and the artillery became casualties, Captain HUTCHINSON fearlessly crawled forward to a position on the forward slope from which he skillfully adjusted friendly mortar and artillery fire upon the enemy positions. Ordered to hold the hill, he mustered his ten remaining able-bodied men and, organizing the position during the friendly artillery barrage, dug in a defensive position to hold the hard-won ground for the night. Home address: Mr. Charles W. Hutchinson, Father, 224 North 19th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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 enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade MARVIN ANDREWS, 37058938, 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. Technician ANDREWS, a one-quarter-ton truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into a severely contested area and there assisted in pulling wounded men from enemy lanes of fire. He successfully evacuated the wounded personnel to a battalion aid station, having moved through an area which was heavily infested with infiltrated enemy snipers. Home address: Mrs. Viola Andrews, Mother, Neosho, Missouri.

Private First Class ROBERT W. BAUER, 36575310, 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. During an advance, Private BAUER, cannoneer on a self-propelled mortar, disregarded his own safety by manning a .50 caliber machine gun from an exposed position atop his mount. Tenaciously manning the gun while under heavy enemy fire, he delivered highly effective fire and inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy forces. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Bauer, Mother, 305 South Henry Street, Bay City, Michigan.

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Sergeant DALE E. BEAN, 36449542, 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. A strong enemy force employing machine guns, knee mortars and rifles attacked the perimeter of an infantry company, completely severing all lines of communication with rear command post installations. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant BEAN, a communication sergeant, fearlessly crawled along wire lines and made necessary repairs while subject to both friendly and enemy fire. As a result of his timely action, a friendly counter mortar barrage was ordered by phone and accurately registered so that the enemy attack was completely broken. Home address: Mrs. Dale Bean, Wife, 600 North 14th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH BREWER, 37071720, 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. Liola Brewer, Mother, Auburn, Nebraska.

Corporal JOSEPH M. BROOKHART, 37045469, 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. Corporal BROOKHART, transportation corporal, although he realized the danger from enemy small arms and knee mortar fire along a long supply route, volunteered to cut a road with a bulldozer toward the front line forces. While rapidly moving forward under sniper fire, he closed several dug-in positions bypassed by friendly troops. These positions later revealed bodies of trapped Japanese. As a result of his determined efforts, a road to forward positions was opened and one-quarter-ton vehicles could be driven forward with supplies. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Mae Brookhart, Mother, Route #1, Letts, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES P. CALLIS, 37008243, 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 orders were received to withdraw to a more tenable position because of a devastating enemy mortar barrage, Sergeant CALLIS, a section sergeant, ordered his command to a new area and, under the unabated barrage, rushed forward to assist with the evacuation of wounded comrades. Since all litters were in use, he placed a wounded soldier on his shoulders and carried him to safety. He again returned to the severely contested area and evacuated a second comrade in the same manner. Home address: Mr. Chester A. Callis, Father, Paris, Missouri.

Private First Class NEIL E. GARR, 37536982, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bernice E. Garr, Wife, 3931 Wabash, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class ELMER C. COBB, 37059169, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. Private COBB, gunner of a heavy machine gun, with disregard for his own safety, alone, crawled with his machine gun under a continuous hail of enemy fire to a flanking position. He set up his weapon and, although drawing the combined fire of an enemy strongpoint, remained in position, raking the area with machine gun fire and distracting the enemy's attention while the main attacking force closed in and destroyed the emplacement. Home address: Mrs. Stella P. Cobb, Mother, Wellsville, Missouri.

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Sergeant HAROLD M. ENDRES, 37059126, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. Sergeant ENDRES, a squad leader in a light machine gun section, withdrew his squad from a precarious stalemated position, ordered his men to undertake a flanking movement, and set up his light machine gun in a position from which he had an excellent field of fire covering Japanese defensive positions. Although the combined fire of an enemy emplacement was directed at him, he tenaciously held his ground and laid accurate fire across the position, knocking out an enemy machine gun crew, thereby enabling assault platoons to advance and completely destroy the emplacement. Home address: Mr. James F. Endres, Father, Perryville, Missouri.

Private First Class HARRY J. FIRZLAFF, 37045519, 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. Upon receiving a call from battalion and company command posts for volunteers to go into a severely contested area to evacuate casualties, Private FIRZLAFF, one-quarter-ton truck driver, fearlessly drove his vehicle into the area under an unabated enemy mortar barrage. He assisted in loading casualties and hastily made repeated trips to a battalion aid station with the wounded until all were evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Pauline Firzlauff, Mother, 1276 Jackson Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

Private First Class EARL J. FREYLING, 36454684, 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 April 1945. With disregard for his own safety and on his own initiative, Private FREYLING, alone, crawled to the front line of his company perimeter under a continuous hail of mortar and sniper fire and assisted in pulling several helpless wounded men to the position of waiting litter teams. He heroically continued his assumed task of evacuating casualties until all the wounded were carried to a rear installation. Home address: Mrs. Lora Mae Freyling, Wife, 1718 Center Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS H. HARDIN, 37071436, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 23 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Howard E. Hardin, Father, Gordon, Nebraska.

Private First Class NORVELL E. KETCHUM, 37008683, 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. During a severe enemy mortar barrage accompanied by heavy machine gun fire, Private KETCHUM, a rifle grenadier, with disregard for his own safety, crawled to a forward position, located a cleverly camouflaged mortar emplacement and launched several grenades into the position, partially demolishing it. Although he drew the combined fire of enemy machine gunners and supporting riflemen, he tenaciously held his exposed position and so rapidly delivered relentless rifle fire that the enemy was pinned down, thereby enabling a demolition team to crawl forward and complete the destruction of the emplacement with demolition charges. Home address: Mrs. Lulu H. Ketchum, Wife, 2711 1/2 Patoc Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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Corporal **WILPH R. KOCH**, 37603831, 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. The self-propelled mounts of a cannon company of which Corporal KOCH is a member were employed among the foremost elements of assault troops. Corporal KOCH, under enemy heavy machine gun and rifle fire which struck so close that it knocked the sight from the machine gun he was manning, courageously maintained his exposed position atop a self-propelled mount and continued to bring effective fire to bear on the enemy forces, inflicting many casualties. Home address: Mrs. Mildred I. Koch, Wife, Route #3, Saint Charles, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant **BERT W. KOESTER**, 37007451, 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, when an Infantry rifle assault company supported by a platoon of self-propelled mounts was engaged in clearing enemy resistance from prepared positions along the San Jose-Manoz highway, Sergeant KOESTER, howitzer platoon sergeant, initiated a bold and aggressive reconnaissance ahead of the rifle assault platoon. He located an enemy anti-tank gun and disclosed the enemy's main defensive line. Directing the fire of a self-propelled mount, he destroyed the enemy weapon and then, personally, led an assault in which he, himself, through the use of phosphorous grenades and carbine fire, accounted for the destruction of two enemy pillboxes. Home address: Mrs. Elsie M. Koester, Wife, 31 East 32d Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class **WILLIAM E. KREBS**, 36575752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. An enemy patrol succeeded in infiltrating through our extended defensive lines. Upon locating the enemy, Private KREBS, a cannoneer on a self-propelled mount, advanced on foot, alternately firing his submachine gun and throwing hand grenades. His fearless aggressiveness resulted in the total annihilation of the enemy force. Home address: Mr. Edward O. Krebs, Father, 102 Center Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class **ORVAL B. MCKIM**, 37038371, 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 MCKIM, a truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle through an enemy knee mortar barrage and an area infested with enemy snipers in order to deliver vitally needed supplies necessary to sustain further attack. He made several such trips in his one-quarter-ton truck until all the supply needs of front-line troops were met. Private MCKIM'S aggressive actions and devotion to duty are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Grace H. McKim, Mother, Humboldt, Nebraska.

Private First Class **FRANK W. PLATT**, 37038359, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Private PLATT, a truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into a severely contested area. Although the entire perimeter was under a constant enemy mortar barrage, Private PLATT fearlessly moved along the perimeter defenses, assisting in carrying out numerous casualties. He made several such trips between forward and rear areas in order to help relieve the critical evacuation problem. Home address: Mrs. Barbara P. Platt, Mother, RFD #1, Fort Crook, Nebraska.

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Private First Class CHESTER A. ROMAINE, JR., 42011049, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian D. Romaine, Wife, 17 Hoocy Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant NORMAN E. RYAN, 37008044, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 March 1945. As assault company encountered intense enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire and sustained numerous casualties. The evacuation of the wounded was almost impossible because of the withering hail of enemy fire which swept the area. Sergeant RYAN, platoon sergeant of a cannon platoon, left the protection of his self-propelled mount and moved forward into the contested area. Though visibility was poor he skillfully adjusted fire with smoke shells to within twenty-five yards of the friendly troops, thereby enabling litter squads to evacuate all casualties from the area. Home address: Mr. Thomas E. Ryan, Father, Levasy, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant ORVILLE G. SCHONE, 37059176, 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: Mr. Herman Schone, Father, 633 Washington Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

Private First Class KENNETH S. D. SHEWMAKER, 35105104, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Private SHEWMAKER, an assistant truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into a severely contested area which friendly troops had just taken. Though the entire perimeter was under a constant enemy mortar barrage, he fearlessly moved throughout the area in order to evacuate numerous casualties. He made several trips under the unabated barrage until all the casualties had been evacuated to rear installations. Home address: Mrs. Mattie Shewmaker, Mother, Star Route, Fisherville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant ROBY W. STROUD, 17014715, 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: Mr. Olonzo Stroud, Father, Scotland, Arkansas.

Private First Class PHILLIP L. WHALEN, 37296661, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Yabang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When intense enemy fire seriously wounded three members of his company, Private WHALEN, cannoneer on a self-propelled mount, volunteered to evacuate the casualties. Under the protective fire of riflemen, he crawled forward to the side of his wounded comrades. Making three separate trips, he successfully evacuated the casualties. His heroism reflects high credit upon both himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Whalen, Mother, 1917 Ashland Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Private First Class ROBERT G. WIESE, 17019722, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Private WIESE, a truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into a severely contested area. Although the entire perimeter was under a constant enemy mortar barrage, Private WIESE fearlessly moved along the perimeter defenses, assisting in carrying out numerous casualties. He made several such trips between forward and rear areas in order to help relieve the critical evacuation problem. Home address: Mr. Ott C. Wiese, father, Route #2, Hunter, Kansas.

Section IV - Amendment of General Orders

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 79, this headquarters, dated 10 May 1945 as pertains to Private First Class REUBEN H. FRALEY, 37066447, Medical Department, as reads "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class REUBEN H. FRALEY, 37066447, 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".

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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 Title 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal JOHN W. AUWEN, 6273480, 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 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Naomi S. Auwen, Wife, Route #1, Boswell, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH A. BLATTNER, 55626557, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Shimbun Line, east of Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Technician BLATTNER, a radio operator in an artillery liaison section, with disregard for his own safety, operated his radio under direct enemy artillery fire. He fearlessly remained at his post, exposed to devastating fire, and assisted his liaison officer in delivering counter-artillery fire on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Blattner, Mother, 1026 Middle Street, Springfield, Ohio.

Corporal NAPOLEON B. BOONE, 18033056, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 8 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert L. Boone, Father, 769 1/2 Bia Wanda, North Long Beach, 5, California.

Corporal STANLEY W. BROWN, 17001971, 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. Casualties were extremely heavy during a battalion advance against the enemy. Corporal BROWN volunteered to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. He made many trips under enemy 150mm mortar fire in order to bring medical care to the wounded and aid in their evacuation to a place of safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sally Brown, Mother 407 Mankato Avenue, Winona, Minnesota.

Chief Warrant Officer R. LEE FLEGAL, W2118137, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 16 February 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis Flegal, Wife, Drayton, North Dakota.

Captain JOHN E. GLEN, JR., 0419881, 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: Mrs. J. Ellis Glen, Mother, 1044 Lexington Avenue, Schenectady, New York.



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First Lieutenant LUCIUS C. GRESHAM, JR., 01542921, 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 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Gresham, Wife, 117 E. 67th Street, Shreveport, Louisiana

Corporal ANTHONY J. GROSSE, 35026998, 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 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martha D. Grosse, Wife, Mill Park Avenue, Canton, Ohio.

Private First Class MUGH M. HALL, 18033059, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 8 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irene E. Hall, Wife, 606 Fourth Street, Burkburnett, Texas

First Lieutenant MAURICE W. JOHNSON, 01174606, 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 28 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ross Johnson, Father, 115 N. Douglas Street, Lyons, Kansas.

First Lieutenant JAMES V. KIERNAN, 01168316, 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. E. Dorothy Kiernan, Wife, 1835 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, Massachusetts

Technical Sergeant ELDOR H. KOLBE, 35018635, 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. Emma Kolbe, Mother, 511 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, Ohio.

Corporal CHARLES F. LEWIS, 33096601, 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 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Mother, 824 Lafayette Boulevard, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM D. LOWE, 36452818, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lattie F. Lowe, Mother, Grayling, Michigan.

Captain JOSEPH L. PARRISH, JR., 0412812, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 February 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. J. L. Parrish, Sr., Father, 1100 Riverside Road, Old Hickory, Tennessee

First Lieutenant VICTOR SCHOTZKY, 01643316, 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. Ann M. Schotzky, Wife, 130 First Avenue, New York, New York.

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Technician Third Grade CLARENCE L. SHAIN, 19075737, 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. Venona Shain, Mother, 2622 Davenport Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Sergeant RALPH L. STAMPS, 37045735, 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. Vera L. Stamps, Mother, Route #1, New Market, Iowa.

Private First Class THOMAS F. SWIECH, 33667192, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 8 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma Swiech, Mother, 812 Norland Street, East Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant MELVIN T. WOOLF, 0465277, 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 26 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jenny R. Woolf, Wife, 6227 S. Ninth Street, East Murray 7, Utah.

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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:

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH L. A. L. BERNIER, 02024243, (then First Warrant Officer), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Bernier, Wife, 630 Grand Street, Biddeford, Maine.

Sergeant DELBERT R. CALLEN, 36454905, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Sergeant CALLEN, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of a wounded comrade. The route over which he traveled was within two hundred yards of strongly entrenched Japanese. Sergeant CALLEN ran and crawled forward under intense machine gun and rifle fire, and although he himself was wounded, Sergeant CALLEN succeeded in removing the wounded man to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Anna Callen, Mother, Route 1, Box 222, Ada, Michigan.

First Lieutenant JOHN D. CANNON, 02037039, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands. During a severe counterattack against his company on the morning of 18 March 1945, Lieutenant CANNON left the security of his dug-in position and moved to the perimeter. Without regard for his personal safety, he directed mortar fire on the advancing enemy, repulsing the attack. His mortar fire alone accounted for thirty-five enemy dead. His calm instruction and words of encouragement were an inspiration to all the men on the perimeter. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Cannon, Mother, 1196 Marian Street, Salem, Oregon.

First Lieutenant JOHN W. CARAWAY, 01293203, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. In preparation for a friendly artillery barrage before an attack, radio and wire communication failed to reach an infantry company which was located within the danger zone of the artillery impact area. Lieutenant CARAWAY volunteered to carry a message to the company commander and assist in withdrawing the company to a defiladed position. He advanced through enemy territory under cover of darkness and succeeded in reaching the company in ample time for it to withdraw and allow the scheduled attack to be carried out. Home address: Mrs. John W. Caraway, Wife, Gallatin, Missouri.

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Private First Class GORDON A. CONEY, 35725928, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 26 February 1945, Private CONEY observed a soldier fall seriously wounded as a result of enemy rifle fire during a patrol fire-fight. Private CONEY voluntarily went forward one hundred and fifty yards beyond the defense positions, administered first aid while under enemy fire, and evacuated the man to safety. Home address: Mr. John Coney, Father, Corydon, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD L. DEMPSEY, 35105048, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Iñanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. When an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun impeded the advance of his battalion, inflicting several casualties and pinning our troops down, Sergeant DEMPSEY maneuvered his self-propelled mortar across an open field which was swept by enemy automatic weapons fire to a position from which he succeeded in destroying the gun position. This aggressive action on the part of Sergeant DEMPSEY enabled our troops to make a substantial advance without incurring further casualties. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Dempsey, Mother, 127 Cherry Street, Greenville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant CECIL M. LARSEN, 20708284, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Sergeant LARSEN led a group of four men two thousand yards into enemy-held territory on a twenty-four hour reconnaissance patrol. The route of his patrol was over difficult terrain. Sergeant LARSEN by his determination and bravery, inspired his men to forge ahead without faltering in the accomplishment of an assigned mission. Home address: Mrs. Christa Larsen, Mother, Route #3, Jackson, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant ELWOOD F. McFARLANE, 02024301, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. Lieutenant McFARLANE, with disregard for his own safety, moved forward of his platoon under heavy small arms fire in order to locate enemy positions. After locating such positions, he personally led and directed operations of his platoon. Three enemy-held caves were sealed and twenty-five of the enemy killed. Home address: Mrs. Alice V. McFarlane, Wife, 2104 Alrich Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class RAYMOND McGIRT, 38563569, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Private McGIRT was a member of a five-man patrol which penetrated two thousand yards into enemy-held territory along a ridge line to a point half-way up the steep and barely passable slope of a mountain. The patrol set up a listening post for the night. Though a torrential rain made his duties difficult, Private McGIRT continued to keep his patrol leader informed of the activities of the enemy in the immediate vicinity. Information gained proved of much value in the subsequent launching of a large-scale attack against the enemy. Home address: Mr. James McGirt, Father, Route #1, Lanar, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class PAUL G. MOFFETT, 35050735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. When two of his comrades were wounded during an assault against a strongly fortified enemy position Private MOFFETT, with disregard for his own safety, rushed to their aid under enemy fire. He assisted in administering first aid and evacuating the wounded men. On his return trip to the company zone of action, he voluntarily brought back much needed small arms ammunition. After distributing the ammunition, he joined in a final victorious assault on the main defenses of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Laura Somerville, Mother, 142 W. Third Street, Salem, Ohio.

Private First Class DONALD L. NEWMAN, 39701064, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. While on a twenty-four hour patrol behind enemy lines, Private NEWMAN displayed great determination, stamina and courage in carrying out his duties as a rifleman and observer near enemy installations. The information brought back by his patrol proved valuable in future large-scale operations against the enemy in that area. Home address: Mrs. Ruby L. Newman, Mother, 1713 Second Street, Bakersfield, California.

Private First Class PAUL R. PARR, 38531599, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ila Ray Parr, Wife, Route #1, Box 107, Athens, Texas.

Sergeant RAYMOND R. PEREZ, 39713676, (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 27 February 1945. After the attack of his company had been stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant PEREZ, believing a counterattack to be imminent, directed the men around him in special preparations for such an attack. When an enemy counterattack lasting three hours did occur, Sergeant PEREZ on several occasions left his prepared position to crawl forward and adjust mortar fire upon the enemy. Ammunition began to run low after turning back several enemy rushes. Sergeant PEREZ secured extra ammunition and directed its distribution, thereby enabling the men to drive off the enemy and maintain their position. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Marmolyo Perez, Wife, 211 1/2 Truslow Avenue, Fullerton, California.

Private First Class RITO PEREZ, 39715643, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private PEREZ observed a soldier fall seriously wounded as a result of enemy fire during a patrol fire-fight. Private PEREZ voluntarily made his way across an area forward of our lines which was swept by enemy fire in order to give first aid treatment to the wounded man. He then returned with the wounded man to the safety of our lines. Private PEREZ' courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Perez, Mother, 3137 Congress Street, San Diego, California.

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Private First Class VESTLE D. PIPER, 39918218, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. Private PIPER, without thought of personal safety, moved seventy yards to the left of his platoon under heavy small arms fire to destroy seven of the enemy who had been inflicting casualties on friendly troops. Private PIPER'S courage and initiative made it possible for his platoon to complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Dollic Piper, Wife, Route #1, Box 199, Scottsville, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant SALVATORE V. SCOTTO, 01303039, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 29 March 1945 to 12 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Dominick Scotto, Father, 195 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES B. SHOOBRIDGE, 35160852, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. Sergeant SHOOBRIDGE, a light machine gun section sergeant, without thought of his personal safety, moved from one machine gun to another, directing fire so accurately that the enemy was driven back and an assault platoon was enabled to capture an important objective. Home address: Mrs. Helen Louise Shoobridge, Wife, RR #15, Box 177, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant ANDREW S. SOROKA, 35365624, (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 20 January 1945. Sergeant SOROKA voluntarily led an evacuation party five hundred yards into enemy-held territory in order to remove a wounded comrade to safety. Despite enemy grenades exploding on all sides, many near misses, he continued to advance and effect the rescue of the casualty. Upon starting back with the wounded man, Sergeant SOROKA covered the rear of his party by throwing grenades at the enemy. Sergeant SOROKA'S bravery reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Soroka, Mother, 3465 Massachusetts Street, Gary, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade FLOYD E. STENBERGEN, 35487760, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 February 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna E. Stoenborgen, Mother, RFD #4, Scottsville, Kentucky.

Private First Class LUTHER E. TAYLOR, 35866846, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Private TAYLOR, with disregard for his own safety, crawled two hundred yards across open terrain in the face of withering enemy machine gun and sniper fire to reach a concealed position from which he could observe the disposition of enemy troops and weapons.

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The information gained by Private TAYLOR later proved very important in effecting the complete destruction of stubbornly-held enemy positions. Home address: Mr. Joseph E. Taylor, Father, Box 224, St. Paris, Ohio.

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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:

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS M. ASHFORD, 37033569, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the night of 6 April 1945 and the early morning of 7 April 1945, the platoon of which Sergeant ASHFORD was platoon guide was engaged in defending a strategic hill in the Mount Mataba area. The enemy had succeeded in infiltrating the perimeter and cut the telephone line connecting the outer perimeter with the mortar section. Sergeant ASHFORD, disregarding his own safety, crawled down a steep slope through enemy mortar and small arms fire, located the cut in the line, and successfully repaired it. Home address: Mrs. Helen McClain, Sister, Leon, Iowa.

Private First Class PAUL BADGETT, 35441785, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cabaruan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 20 January 1945, Private BADGETT, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily advanced to the front in an assault-fire position and succeeded in capturing two enemy machine guns and killing seven of the enemy, thereby contributing to the success of his company in taking an assigned objective. Home address: Mrs. Oma Badgett, Mother, Rush, Kentucky.

\* 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, voluntarily, led a carrying party to front line companies which were surrounded by enemy infiltration parties. All classes of supplies had to be hand-carried more than three thousand yards over very rugged mountainous terrain. Loaded with heavy boxes of ammunition and rations for a dawn attack, Private BRINDLEY pushed forward through enemy sniper fire to get the supplies to forward elements, even though a number of times it was necessary to depart from the path over which the party was moving in order to avoid groups of roving enemy. Home address: Mrs. Verda Brindley, Mother, Route #4, Very, Indiana.

Corporal CHARLES A. COFFMAN, 36515145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Corporal COFFMAN led a twenty-man Filipino carrying party over more than one thousand yards of difficult terrain in order to supply his company holding a defensive position with urgently needed ammunition. While enroute, the party came under enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. Without hesitation, he organized his frightened party, gave clear and crisp orders and succeeded in getting the supplies to the front. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Coffman, Mother, 904 Reed Place, Detroit, Michigan.



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Staff Sergeant ERNEST W. ELLIS, 37007187, 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. During a night attack by the enemy, Sergeant ELLIS voluntarily left his position at a command post and, exposing himself to enemy grenades and rifle fire, moved forward to reinforce a section of the perimeter that had called for help. His prompt response to the call for aid greatly encouraged the men on the perimeter. He furnished valuable assistance in the grenade and fire-fight which followed. When the attack was repulsed, he maintained his position for the remainder of the night so that the battle fatigued men of the perimeter defense might have longer periods of rest. Home address: Mrs. Anna Ellis, Mother, Box 491, Maysville, Missouri.

Private First Class GEORGE R. HOOPER, 35177904, 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. During an enemy night attack on a battalion command post, Private HOOPER immediately responded when a call for help came from the personnel defending the perimeter. Though it seemed likely that a large scale attack was developing, Private HOOPER, exposing himself to enemy grenades and rifle fire, left his slit trench at the command post and moved to a position on the perimeter. He voluntarily gave able assistance in the fight that followed and the attack was repulsed. Home address: Mr. C. N. Hooper, Father, Box 262, McConnelville, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH L. HURT, 33119995, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 February 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida B. Hurt, Mother, Route #3, Keysville, Virginia.

Master Sergeant MAURICE R. LORANCE, 6821178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Agno River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. When one battalion had succeeded in crossing a strategic river and had secured a barrio on the other side, it was of vital importance that communications be established with the regimental command post. The battalion wire team began to lay wire back to the command post but ran out of wire near the river. Sergeant LORANCE, regimental wire chief, set out with a wire team to contact the battalion team. When they arrived at the river, Sergeant LORANCE, without hesitation, carried a wire line with him and made his way across the river. Fully realizing the danger from Japanese patrols known to be in the area, and in utter darkness, he located the battalion wire team and successfully established communications. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Lorance, Wife, 605 N. Madison Street, Lebanon, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE W. MANSKE, 37030133, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. Sergeant MANSKE was assigned the mission of leading a wire-laying team, ration, and litter party more than twenty-five hundred yards over difficult terrain in the presence of the enemy to an isolated detachment of his company. After successfully leading the three groups to the area, he supervised, guided and directed the return trip, bringing back a mortally wounded officer for evacuation. He then volunteered to guide a relief platoon to the same defensive area. Enroute he detected and killed two enemy which action on his part scattered and disorganized an intended enemy ambush of considerable strength. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Manske, Mother, Bigfork, Minnesota.

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Master Sergeant ROBERT K. McKEEGAN, JR., 32200243, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea from 16 August 1944 to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Robert K. McKeegan, Father, 370 Starin Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES E. MICKEY, 35206536, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 12 March 1945 all classes of supplies had to be hand carried more than three thousand yards over very mountainous terrain to forward elements. Civilian carrying parties refused to make the necessary trip with desperately needed water. Technician MICKEY, a radio operator, volunteered to be a member of an emergency carrying party, fully realizing the danger of enemy activity along the bamboo-thicket supply route. Several times the party had to leave the main route in order to avoid roving enemy soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Florence Alice Mickey, Mother, Route #2, Moundville, West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant JOHN R. PETERS, 37029895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 15 March 1945 an enemy raiding party attacked and set fire to a loaded artillery ammunition truck as it traveled along a supply road near Sergeant PETERS' defensive position. Sergeant PETERS, voluntarily, left the security of his dug-in position, joined a rescue party, passed through a net-work of booby-traps around his position, crossed over open terrain to the scene of the raid in the face of shrapnel from the exploding artillery ammunition. He searched the area for injured men in order to remove them to the security of our lines where medical aid was available. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Peters, Mother, 1910 West Broadway, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant FREDERICK E. RIDGWAY, 02024276, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Displaying inspiring leadership, Lieutenant RIDGWAY, with disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to effect a reorganization of his company and bring counter-fire upon enemy positions. Though fatigued to the point of exhaustion, he aided in the evacuation of wounded personnel, and successfully extricated his platoon from a precarious pinned-down position. His courageous actions continued until he was finally evacuated as a concussion victim from a mortar shell which landed only three feet from his position. Home address: Mrs. Cera L. Ridgway, Mother, Mara Visa, New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade HERMAN T. ROHRBACH, 37057805, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 19 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Carl H. Rohrbach, Brother, 5517 Pershing Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class CARL S. SCARCELLO, 37008098, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. During the reorganization of his company after an objective had been taken, Private SCARCELLO, on his own initiative, set up his light machine gun and poured fire into the retreating enemy. Because of the open terrain and excellent visibility, he was exposed to return fire from the enemy, but he continued his efforts to eliminate the possibility of a counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Rosalie Scarcello, Wife, 422 Bellfontaine Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private GORLON G. STANLEY, 170114585, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Stanley, Mother, Route #1, Levy, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOSEPH C. STUDER, 20511300, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. When his company was forced to withdraw from a forward position, Private STUDER refused to leave and remained in his forward position with two wounded men, assisting them to cover and rendering first aid. When the enemy started to close in on the position, Private STUDER drove them off by his effective rifle fire, killing six of the enemy. Private STUDER stayed with the wounded men until after darkness at which time a relief patrol was able to reach them. He then assisted with the evacuation of the wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Addie Smith, Mother 221 South Street, New Lexington, Ohio.

Sergeant FRED F. TRAPP, 36024072, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 January 1945 to 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Meta Zuchow, Mother, 1407 South 25th Avenue, Aledo, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JACK H. WOOLSEY, 370311499, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. While his company was making an assault, Sergeant WOOLSEY, a rifle squad leader, exhibited a high degree of courageous leadership in direct combat against the enemy. Because of a shortage of personnel in his squad, he assumed the duties of advance scout in order to find the most favorable route of attack and was the first to locate enemy positions which were concealed in rugged and steep mountain terrain. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant WOOLSEY exposed himself numerous times to severe enemy machine gun, sniper and grenade fire while attacking enemy emplacements with automatic rifle fire and hand grenades. He personally destroyed several enemy positions and directed fire upon others while aid men were evacuating the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Alma V. Woolsey, Mother, Box 192, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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Sergeant EARL J. ZIMMERMAN, 17011629, 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. Sergeant ZIMMERMAN, acting squad leader of a support squad in an assault platoon, and his squad provided a base of fire for the execution of a flanking movement against a strongly entrenched enemy position. From his position he observed his platoon guide fall as the result of heavy enemy fire. Since no aid men were available, Sergeant ZIMMERMAN went forward under heavy machine gun fire to rescue his wounded comrade. Upon arriving at the side of the wounded man he discovered that it was impossible to move the wounded man without the aid of a stretcher. As he started to return to his squad, he himself was severely wounded. He took cover from the enemy fire and crawled to a position from which he could contact his squad. Sergeant ZIMMERMAN despite his wounds, then instructed his men as to a safe route of approach in order to evacuate the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Selma M. Zimmerman, Mother, 424 North Wilkes Avenue, Davenport, Iowa.

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Section I - Awards of Silver Star

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

Sergeant JOHN R. BEATTY, 33101746, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Sergeant BEATTY, under direct and intense enemy machine gun fire, brought his wounded company commander back to cover and there administered first aid. He then made five more trips under the same hazardous conditions and brought back a wounded man each time. When the company aid man was killed, he took over his duties and during the night acted as litter bearer to evacuate casualties. Home address: Mrs. Hannah Beatty, Mother, 227 Colorado Street, Lorain, Ohio.

Private First Class WILFORD H. GRAY, 37008656, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Before a leading infantry platoon could consolidate and dig in, it was fired upon and pinned down by three enemy machine guns supported by rifle fire. Private GRAY, an automatic rifleman, on his own initiative and alone, moved across ground swept by enemy fire and, upon locating one of the enemy machine guns, brought effective fire to bear upon it, completely neutralizing the position. Despite a shoulder wound which he had received while moving forward, he steadfastly held his position and gallantly covered the evacuation of casualties suffered in the engagement. Home address: Mr. James W. Rogers, Step-father, Callao, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH D. KASPER, 37029764, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. While going forward to evacuate three wounded men, Sergeant KASPER, with complete disregard for his own life, crawled to a point from which he was able to knock out two enemy machine gun nests with hand grenades. After reaching the wounded men he was fired upon by snipers. Remaining motionless he waited until the enemy fired again in order that he might pick out the snipers' camouflaged positions. By his expert marksmanship he killed two snipers. Sergeant KASPER then, personally, made three successive trips to evacuate the wounded to safety. By his initiative and bravery his company was enabled to seize their objective. Home address: Mrs. Susan Kasper, Mother, 1706 Kauffman Avenue, Vancouver, Washington.

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Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD J. LaBORDE, 34152055, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 23 March 1945 during an attack against the enemy, Sergeant LaBORDE'S company was pinned down by machine gun fire from a well-camouflaged enemy position. Sergeant LaBORDE, alone, and without thought of his personal safety, advanced on the enemy position, attacked it, killed the enemy gunners and destroyed their machine gun and the ammunition stored with it. He then remained in his position forward of his company firing on the enemy surrounding the position and covering the advance of his platoon in such a manner that his comrades were able to eliminate the entire enemy strongpoint. Sergeant LaBORDE'S gallantry reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Abelous LaBorde, Father, Echo, Louisiana.

Sergeant GEORGE W. LONG, 35124121, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 20 January 1945 during an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions, members of his platoon were pinned down by machine gun fire. Sergeant LONG, disregarding his personal safety, advanced into the enemy fire and took one of the enemy positions, killing all its occupants. Though wounded, he continued to press forward, directing the other men of his squad so effectively that they destroyed the other enemy position and captured an enemy machine gun. By his aggressive action he removed a serious threat to his company and enabled it to capture its objective. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Long, Mother, Felicity, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant JOHN H. SNODELL, 37059410, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo sector on 17 April 1945. As platoon leader Sergeant SNODELL led his platoon in an assault on an enemy-held hill and, upon reaching the initial slope, was subjected to a murderous barrage of sniper, machine gun and heavy mortar fire. An adjacent platoon was pinned down by the more intense portion of the barrage and suffered several casualties, including the platoon leader. Exposing himself to enemy fire in order to control the movements of his platoon, Sergeant SNODELL deployed his men in advantageous positions from which they could give overhead fire to aid the adjacent platoon. Sergeant SNODELL reached the side of the wounded platoon leader and rendered first aid under enemy fire, remaining with him until litter teams could evacuate him. Home address: Mrs. Bertha M. Snodell, Mother, 3940 Fairview Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant RALPH E. STEFFY, 33101440, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. In the initial phase of an attack, a rifle company was pinned down by mortar fire and intense enemy machine gun fire coming from a well-fortified enemy pillbox. Upon his own initiative, Sergeant STEFFY, a rifle squad leader, gallantry drew the enemy fire upon himself so that his wounded comrades could be evacuated. In so doing, he killed two Japs and kept an enemy machine gun neutralized with rifle and grenade fire. His intrepid actions enabled his company to shift to more tenable and advantageous positions and to evacuate wounded personnel. Home address: Mrs. Marion S. Steffy, Wife, 2243 Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade SIGMUND G. BERGMANN, 30060912, by the Commanding General, the Americal Division, as published in paragraph 5, Section II, General Orders No. 104, dated 25 June 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 SIGMUND G. BERGMANN, 30060912, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Olga K. Bergmann, Mother, 349 Montrose Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class RAYMOND M. HOEPER, 37040108, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 11, 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:

Private First Class RAYMOND M. HOEPER, 37040108, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 15 March 1945 an enemy raiding party attacked and set fire to a loaded artillery ammunition truck as it traveled along a supply road near an infantry company position, injuring its two occupants. Private HOEPER voluntarily left the security of his dug-in position, joined a rescue party, passed through a network of booby-traps around his position, and crossed over intervening open terrain to the scene of the raid. In the face of enemy fire and shrapnel from exploding artillery ammunition, he searched the area for the injured men and carried them to the security of our lines where medical treatment was available. Home address: Mrs. Inez L. Hooper, Wife, 510 Gaines Street, Davenport, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant GEORGE L. NESVOLD, 37030016, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 19, 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:

Technical Sergeant GEORGE L. NESVOLD, 37030016, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 28 March 1945 during the continuation of an advance after a night attack, Sergeant NESVOLD, acting as platoon leader of an assault platoon, personally reconnoitered a route of approach toward an enemy position after his platoon was pinned down by machine

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gun fire from two camouflaged enemy pillboxes. He then led his platoon to the flank and rear of the enemy position and, in a surprise attack, killed the enemy personnel and captured two machine guns and other enemy equipment. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Nesvold, Mother, Route #1, Box 100, Foston, Minnesota.

Section III - Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

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

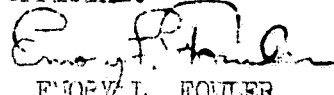
The 6th Infantry Division Band. For superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty from 10 January to 29 April 1945. During this period, the band operated with the rear echelon of the 6th Infantry Division. Since there were no other troops available for the defense of this group from enemy infiltration attacks, the band organized and maintained a perimeter. Their performance of these duties and their fire discipline were exemplary in every respect.

In addition to special tactical duties, the band continued its normal functions in a superior manner. When the Division Rest Camp was established, members of the band furnished daily concerts for the entertainment of the men in the camp. On numerous occasions they traveled considerable distances to furnish military music for ceremonies and formations. The constant and willing cooperation of all members of the band has made the "Sight-Seers" Orchestra an outstanding success in the entertainment field. The "Sight-Seers" have earned a reputation of their own; their high standards of personal appearance and conduct are a credit to the military service.

By its unstinting and unselfish endeavors, the 6th Infantry Division Band has contributed in a large degree to the high morale of the division.

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AWARDS OF ~~GENERAL ORDER~~ 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:

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM O. BOSS, 37009075, 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 enemy fire in an isolated position. To reach the wounded man it was necessary to cross open terrain swept by enemy mortar and small arms fire. Sergeant BOSS, without hesitation, crawled over the rough and open terrain to the wounded man. Using an improvised litter, Sergeant BOSS, with the assistance of three other men who had volunteered to aid him, directed the carrying of the wounded man through the enemy fire. Before reaching a position of safety, one of the volunteer aid men was wounded. Sergeant BOSS carried the wounded volunteer aid man to safety. Home address: Mr. Otto Herman Boss, Father, Chamois, Missouri.

Private First Class FRED CAUDILL, 35439511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacán, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private CAUDILL, accompanied by another man, displayed marked heroism in destroying an enemy pill-box which was holding up the advance of an infantry platoon. Despite heavy enemy machine gun fire and with disregard for his own safety, Private CAUDILL, armed with a rocket launcher, advanced over exposed terrain to a position from which he destroyed the enemy position. As a result of this action the platoon was able to capture its part of the company objective. Home address: Mrs. Sylvania Caudill, Mother, Banks, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant FELIX W. CHOROMANSKI, 35023014, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. When his company was making an assault against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Sergeant CHOROMANSKI, rifle squad leader, led his squad in the final spearhead attack which destroyed all remaining enemy resistance on that fortified location. When an enemy machine gun from the crest of a hill raked the area over which the company had to advance and hold up its progress, Sergeant CHOROMANSKI, with two members of his squad, volunteered to advance upon the enemy emplacement and eliminate it. Working his way around the flank, he led his men in the face of the enemy rifle and grenade fire in crawling up the rugged mountain slope within a few yards of the emplacement, destroying it and killing two of the enemy. Although wounded during the advance, he continued on the mission until its completion. Home address: Mrs. Julia Choromanski, Mother, 7800 Byron Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Private First Class ELVIS COMSTOCK, 37067207, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private COMSTOCK, accompanied by another man, displayed marked heroism in destroying an enemy pillbox which was holding up the advance of an infantry platoon. Despite heavy enemy machine gun fire and with disregard for his own safety, Private COMSTOCK, armed with a rocket launcher advanced over exposed terrain to a position from which he destroyed the enemy position. As a result of this action the platoon was able to capture its part of the company objective. Home address: Mrs. Luettie Comstock, Mother, Route #1, Elizabeth, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant JOHN S. DELEKTA, 35390557, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Nataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Delakta, Mother, Fourth Street, Chester, West Virginia.

Private First Class IGNATIUS J. DALY, 33314968, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private DALY went to the aid of a wounded comrade. With disregard for his personal safety and despite heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, Private DALY advanced alone to the exposed position where the man lay. He succeeded in reaching the man and pulled him back to our lines. Private DALY'S heroism reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret C. Daly, Wife, 361 Martin Street, S.E., Apt. 654, Atlanta, Georgia.

Private First Class TRULAN K. HAGEN, 37031127, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 16 March 1945 Private HAGEN was on duty guarding a bridge across the Ampid river. The enemy, after placing the bridge under a mortar barrage, made a night attack by a seventeen-man patrol in an attempt to destroy the bridge. After being exposed to intense grenade and small arms fire for several hours, Private HAGEN'S squad was forced to change its position to more commanding terrain across the river. Private HAGEN, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to remain behind and cover the change of position. Because of darkness and the presence of the enemy in the area, Private HAGEN was unable to rejoin his squad and had to remain in hiding until the following morning. Private HAGEN'S courage and devotion to duty were largely responsible for the successful defense of the bridge. Home address: Mrs. Carenbertena Hagen, Mother, Route #2, Elbow Lake, Minnesota.

Captain LYMAN G. HERTZLER, JR., 01291119, (then First Lieutenant), 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 HERTZLER, commanding an infantry company and acting as battalion S-3, was moving with the lead rifle company which was attacking toward San Jose when the company received direct fire from two enemy 47mm guns emplaced to the front of the company. The company was forced to halt and take cover during which time Captain HERTZLER personally led two tanks which were supporting the advance into position. Captain HERTZLER then occupied an exposed observation post, locating and directing accurate fire on the enemy gun positions. During this time the tanks received heavy counter-fire, one suffering a direct hit. In spite of the intense enemy fire Captain HERTZLER kept the tanks in position and continued directing fire until both enemy guns were destroyed. Home address: Mrs. Lyman G. Hertler, Mother, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM KRISZA, 01298719, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Malagio and Mount Magalisan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. Lieutenant KRISZA volunteered to lead a three-day patrol into enemy-held territory. Though the terrain was under enemy observation and he and his platoon were constant under sniper fire, Lieutenant KRISZA succeeded in obtaining valuable information concerning enemy troop movements, installations and bivouac areas. Lieutenant KRISZA'S accomplishment of this mission, beyond the normal call of duty, reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John Krisza, Father, 300 Catherine Street, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant ELLWOOD J. MARSHALL, 6945071, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Guy Marshall, Father, 4138 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant PAUL F. MORRISON, 37040232, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mr. M. H. Morrison, Father, 1819 2d Avenue, SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

First Lieutenant ROBERT D. MULLIN, 0398677, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Shimbu line, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 February 1945 to 22 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph C. Mullin, Father, 3552 Pacific Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade ELLMER E. MURPHY, 37065836, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Technician MURPHY, company aid man, left his foxhole in the face of severe enemy mortar, shell, grenade and sniper fire to attend to wounded men of his company. Without regard for his own safety, Technician MURPHY moved forward to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man who was in an exposed position and later assisted in evacuating him to a place of safety. His courageous act under intense enemy fire reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Louise Edwards, Sister, Route #2, Conway, Arkansas.

Sergeant ROY W. PASSOW, 36294429, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Sergeant PASSOW and two demolition men were attached to a platoon with the mission of seizing and holding a bridge. The men were moving forward to inspect the bridge for enemy demolitions when the enemy opened fire on both flanks and to the front with mortars, machine guns and rifle fire, wounding two of the men. The order was given to withdraw, but one of the wounded was unable to walk. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant PASSOW gave the order to remove the wounded man to safety while he concentrated fire on the enemy. Sergeant PASSOW drew enemy fire, making it possible for the wounded man to be withdrawn to safety. Home address: Mrs. Irene Passow, Mother, 125 North 6th Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin.

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Staff Sergeant SALVADOR S. PEIMBERT, 38068333, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. An enemy machine gun on the left flank of an objective was holding up the advance of an infantry company. Sergeant PEIMBERT, along with another squad leader, crawled to within fifteen yards of the enemy machine gun position and knocked it out with hand grenades. While knocking out the machine gun both Sergeant PEIMBERT and the other squad leader were wounded by a grenade thrown by a Jap from a nearby position. Because of Sergeant PEIMBERT'S heroic act his company was able to take its objective. Home address: Mrs. Leonor Peimbert, Mother, 817 Pecan Street, Del Rio, Texas.

First Lieutenant FRANK PINALI, 01296421, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Lieutenant PINALI was in command of several self-propelled mounts which were firing in support of an infantry battalion. When given the mission of firing direct fire on three pillboxes and a number of caves in which the enemy were entrenched with machine guns supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire, Lieutenant PINALI proceeded in his mount along a razor edge ridge until he could get into a position to place effective fire on the enemy positions. Despite heavy enemy artillery fire registered on the ridge, Lieutenant PINALI, by moving the mounts from position to position and directing effective fire on the enemy, succeeded in knocking out the pillboxes which were holding up our advance and sealed eight caves from which the enemy had been firing on our troops occupying the ridge. Home address: Mrs. Mary B. Pinali, Mother, Box 251, Patton, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant CHARLES W. SHAFFER, 33090821, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen J. Shaffer, Wife, Macos Spring, Virginia.

Sergeant RUSSELL G. SMITH, 37009302, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. While in support of an infantry company advance, Sergeant SMITH displayed marked heroism in leading his light machine gun squad against a fortified enemy position. The position was on the reverse side of a slope and it was necessary to place his gun in position on the exposed crest of a ridge. Despite heavy knee mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant SMITH, although wounded, kept his gun in action until the ridge was secured. Home address: Mr. Rowie D. Smith, Father, Route #1, Jerico Springs, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade VINCENT T. SWENGROSH, 37059760, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. During an attack against fortified enemy positions, our troops suffered several casualties. One soldier who was critically wounded could not be immediately evacuated because of intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. In the face of this fire and without regard for his own safety, Technician SWENGROSH crawled to the wounded man, gave him first aid and moved him to a protected position in back

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of a small knoll where he administered blood plasma. He remained with the wounded man until our troops moved forward and then he assisted with the evacuation of the wounded soldier. Home address: Mr. Michael V. Swengrosh, Father, 3012 Kossuth Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

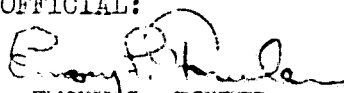
Corporal SYLVESTER J. TAUER, 37030921, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Tauer, Father, 1284 Westmainester Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class DENZIL C. WRIGHT, 37065665, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 16 March 1945 Private WRIGHT was on duty guarding a bridge across the Ampid river. The enemy, after placing the bridge under a mortar barrage, made a night attack by a seventeen-man patrol in an attempt to damage or destroy the bridge. After being exposed to intense grenade and small arms fire for several hours, Private WRIGHT'S squad was forced to change its position to more commanding terrain across the river. Private WRIGHT, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to remain behind and cover the change of position. Because of darkness and the presence of the enemy in the area, Private WRIGHT was unable to rejoin his squad and had to remain in hiding until the following morning. Private WRIGHT'S courage and devotion to duty were largely responsible for the successful defense of the bridge. Home address: Mrs. Ada Wright, Mother, Route #1, Croning, Arkansas.

Technician Third Grade DONALD A. YOUNG, 37164721, 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. Elaine V. Young, Wife, 1419 Sargent Avenue, St. Paul 5, Minnesota.

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**ORIGINAL ORDER -**  
**AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Title 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 GLENN F. ASLIN, 01294066, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lorene M. Aslin, Wife, Bloomfield, Missouri.

First Lieutenant FRANK R. P. BENSON, 01291061, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cecily A. Benson, Mother, 36 West Gowen Circle, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JERRY J. BRADLEY, 6932269, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. The infantry company to which Private BRADLEY was attached as a medical aid man was making an assault on fortified enemy-held Mount Mataba. The forward assault elements were fired upon by concealed enemy machine guns and snipers. One of the lead scouts who was wounded and in urgent need of medical attention lay on exposed ground below several enemy emplacements. Disregarding all personal dangers, Private BRADLEY dashed through intense enemy fire to reach the wounded man. He removed him to a protected place and there administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Joan O. Bradley, Wife, 3321 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class STANLEY J. CHICK, 36044971, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Stanley Chick, Father, 616 West 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES C. CRITES, 36692720, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Private CRITES, acting as lead scout for his company, located and destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killing two Japs and forcing three others to abandon their light machine gun. He continued on, throwing hand grenades into enemy foxholes along the route of advancement, and succeeded in keeping the enemy pinned down while his comrades came up to clear them out. Because of his aggressive scouting and initiative his company was greatly aided in carrying its mission to completion. Home address: Mrs. Ellen C. Crites, Mother, Rural Route #5, Marion, Illinois.

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Private First Class ODDY P. DUNLAP, 37066017, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Jess J. Dunlap, Father, Box 68, Knoxville, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLARD E. ELLIS, 39340234, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. During an attack by the enemy, one of the platoon sergeants of the infantry company to which Private ELLIS was attached as aid man was seriously wounded. Private ELLIS crawled under heavy enemy mortar, grenade and sniper fire to reach the wounded sergeant. Disregarding his own safety, he dragged the wounded man to a safe place and there administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Naomi D. Ellis, Wife, Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant MELVIN L. ELROD, 34084874, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. Sergeant ELROD, a rifle squad leader in command of a five-man patrol, was moving under the cover of darkness on a scouting mission. After advancing a short distance into a valley, an enemy flare suddenly went off, exposing his men to view and revealing the presence of an enemy force estimated to number over twenty. Immediately he and his patrol were rushed by the enemy in a bayonet charge. Sergeant ELROD met the attack with a burst of fire from his automatic rifle that killed one of the enemy who was attacking one of his patrol members. He then turned and opened fire on a group of enemy charging at him, killing and wounding several more. Although greatly outnumbered by the enemy, Sergeant ELROD held his position and by his accurate fire assisted in completely disorganizing and routing the enemy force. Home address: Mrs. Lou J. Elrod, Mother, Route #1, Austell, Georgia.

Sergeant WILLIAM C. KINNEAR, 37032418, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Goldie Kinnear, Mother, Chatfield, Minnesota.

Private First Class ALBERT LORENZ, 37031419, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Private LORENZ was on duty as a driver at a bridge guard post. An enemy mortar barrage, laid down in preparation for a night counterattack, disorganized the bridge guards and left it with only eight of the original sixteen men. While the remaining men were being reorganized, Private LORENZ, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to man a machine gun to help repulse the enemy patrol intent on destroying the bridge. With the protection afforded by Private LORENZ' machine gun fire, the remaining men were able to occupy a defensive line and return the grenade and small arms fire directed at them by the enemy patrol. After several hours of intense small arms fire, the enemy patrol was forced to withdraw. Home address: Mrs. Louise Lorenz, Mother, Route #2, Bovoy, Minnesota.

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First Lieutenant DONALD H. LOTZ, 01291141, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Lotz, Wife, 493 Adams Street, Rochester, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND G. MILLER, 36410922, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Iva B. Miller, Mother, Route #1, Elsie, Michigan.

First Lieutenant MERRYL E. MYERS, 0446047, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris E. Myers, Wife, 6011 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas.

Sergeant LOMAN W. NEIL, 37075527, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ray T. Neil, Father, Route #1, Bolivar, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WILFRED J. NURNBERGER, 37032529, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth C. Nurnberger, Wife, 307 6th Street, Staples, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant JOHN R. PETERSON, 37008956, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Torkel Peterson, Father, Route #1, Horton, Kansas.

Technician Third Grade HOWARD R. ROBERTS, 37059884, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith M. Roberts, Wife, 3207 A Indiana Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class KEITH W. SICKAFOOSE, 39160882, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruby M. Sickafoose, Mother, Frazier Park, California.

Private First Class GEORGE W. STARLING, 39419597, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia E. Schneider, Sister, 408 Second Street, Marysville, California.

Private First Class C. D. WICKENHOEFER, 37018333, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Palmer Berge, Sister, Route #2, Box 507, Hopkins, Minnesota.



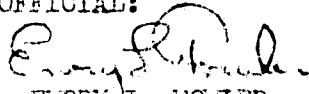
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Technician Fifth Grade HILLER D, ZIMBELMAN, 37028877, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Carl Zimbelman, Father, Box 65, McClusky, North Dakota.

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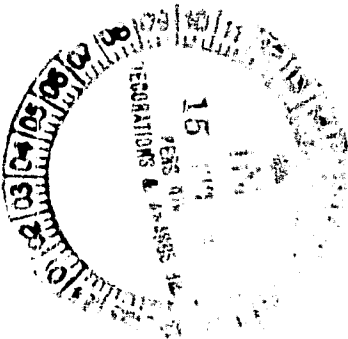
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted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

Sergeant JOE S. AMATEIS, 37085994, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayan-bayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. As a squad leader in a light machine gun section Sergeant AMATEIS moved his squad aggressively forward and placed his gun in action, engaging one of three enemy machine guns holding up his company's advance. When another enemy gun opened fire on his position, it struck the ammunition box and his crew was forced to withdraw below the crest of a ridge. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant AMATEIS moved back to the old position where enemy fire was still raking the ridge and, by sighting through the bullet holes in the ammunition box, he located the position of the enemy weapon. Returning to his squad with the location of the enemy position, his crew was then able to knock out the Japanese machine gun nest. Home address: Mr. Pete Amateis, Father, Rural Route #2, Broadwater, Nebraska.

Private First Class ROBERT M. BLAIR, 33438144, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. When the assault platoon for which he acted as runner and radio operator was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private BLAIR moved aggressively forward over an exposed slope in an effort to reach his platoon leader and establish radio contact with the company command post. Part way across the slope he received a severe leg wound and fell in an open position under fire. Calling to his comrades not to attempt to reach him, he opened fire upon an enemy position and successfully worked his way to a position of safety, bringing his radio with him. Home address: Mary J. Blair, Mother, Route #1, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant EDWIN J. BRADLEY, 7006401, 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. Allie Bradley, Mother, Route #3, Franklin, North Carolina.

First Lieutenant JOHN T. COLGAN, 01305015, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Lieutenant COLGAN was

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responsible for the coordination of the fires of all heavy weapons in two battalions to support the attack of a company which was making an assault on a heavily fortified enemy strongpoint. Position areas for his weapons had to be selected at locations which were under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire in order to give the rifle company full benefit of its supporting weapons. Lieutenant COLGAN selected his positions and personally directed overhead machine gun fire as well as adjusted his own mortar fire. In controlling the supporting fire, Lieutenant COLGAN constantly remained at his observation post, exposed to enemy observation and under intense enemy fire until the enemy fire was neutralized. Home address: Mrs. John T. Colgan, Wife, 1384 E. 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class CHARLES J. DOETZER, 33723689, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the night of 3 April 1945, Private DOETZER'S company came under intense mortar fire and one of the engineers attached to the company was wounded. Private DOETZER and two other men volunteered to carry the wounded man to an aid station at the rear of the command post. They carried him for five hundred yards over dark mountain trails. After the wounded man was turned over to medical personnel, the three men each secured a case of hand grenades and started on the return trip. Meanwhile, the enemy had launched a counterattack against their forward position. Crawling under fire from both flanks, the three men worked their way to the forward position and distributed the grenades which were urgently needed in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Catherine A. Doetzer, Wife, Shipley Heights, Linthicum PO, Maryland.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS, 37008940, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the night of 3 April 1945, Private DOUGLASS' company came under intense mortar fire and one of the engineers attached to the company was wounded. Private DOUGLASS and two other men volunteered to carry the wounded man to an aid station at the rear of the command post. They carried him for five hundred yards over dark mountain trails. After the wounded man was turned over to medical personnel, the three men each secured a case of hand grenades and started on the return trip. Meanwhile, the enemy had launched a counterattack against their forward position. Crawling under fire from both flanks, the three men worked their way to the forward position and distributed the grenades which were urgently needed in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Edith L. Douglass, Wife, 413½ Main Street, Boonville, Missouri.

Private First Class LAWRENCE V. HEINY, 35365493, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the night of 3 April 1945, Private HEINY'S company came under intense mortar fire and one of the engineers attached to the company was wounded. Private HEINY and two other men volunteered to carry the wounded man to an aid station at the rear of the command post. They carried him for five hundred yards over dark mountain trails. After the wounded man was turned over to medical personnel, the three men each secured

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a case of hand grenades and started on the return trip. Meanwhile, the enemy had launched a counterattack against their forward position. Crawling under fire from both flanks, the three men worked their way to the forward position and distributed the grenades which were urgently needed in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Betty Heiny, Wife, Lapel, Indiana.

Private First Class CARL E. HENRY, 35413763, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. When the enemy laid down a fierce artillery barrage, several casualties were sustained by our troops. Private HENRY, though wounded in the arm and leg by shrapnel, crawled from his foxhole while the barrage was still in progress in order to assist other wounded comrades to a position of safety. Disregarding his own safety and with his own wounds uncared for, he made several trips over difficult terrain to aid the wounded and remove them from positions exposed to enemy fire. Home address: Mr. Ralph O. Henry, Father, 124 North Madriver Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant MUSTIN A. HILL, 20603004, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 April 1945. Sergeant HILL, a squad leader, heard enemy voices at the foot of a hill which his platoon was occupying. Unable to locate definitely the enemy's position because of darkness and shrubbery, he remained alert, held his fire and awaited developments. His position was shortly thereafter subjected to enemy knee mortar fire and sporadic machine gun fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, Sergeant HILL left the comparative safety of his position and, standing erect and firing a machine gun from the hip, laid down withering fire upon the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Hill, Wife, Box 294, Warsaw, Indiana.

First Lieutenant LEO J. KRAMER, 02037069, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 5 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Theo Kramer, Mother, Route #3, Elk Mound, Wisconsin.

Private First Class LOUIS B. KRATIEC, 35207770, 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 April 1945. When a heavy weapons platoon was ordered to follow a rifle company to establish a strong defensive perimeter, Private KRATIEC, a messenger, voluntarily accompanied forward elements fifteen hundred yards over rough mountainous terrain. Upon determining the route of least enemy resistance, he returned alone to his heavy weapons platoon. Displaying sound tactical judgment, he skillfully maneuvered the advance of the platoon without casualties through an area thickly infested with enemy snipers and covered by two enemy heavy machine guns which had brought devastating fire to bear on our forward assault elements during the initial advance. Home address: Mrs. Juliana Kratiec, Mother, 336 Louisiana Avenue, Chester, West Virginia.

Private First Class OLEN L. PARKS, 35334317, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 April 1945 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Violet S. Parks, Mother, 1124, E. Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka, Indiana.

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Second Lieutenant FULTON E. SAILORS, 02007359, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. During operations near Bayanbayanan Lieutenant SAILORS led his platoon against the main effort of a severe enemy counterattack. After repulsing the attack, he led his platoon in an attack lasting twenty-four hours and was directly responsible for reaching and holding two successive ridges which were previously held by the Japanese. During this action Lieutenant SAILORS and his platoon destroyed six caves, four enemy machine guns and killed nineteen of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Elsie C. Sailors, Mother, Walthill, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWIN SHEAFFER, JR., 33504651, 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 16 March 1945. When an attacking rifle company was subjected to a withering hail of enemy machine gun and rifle fire from well-concealed positions, two soldiers caught in open terrain fell wounded from the first bursts of machine gun fire and were unable to crawl or pull themselves to cover. Technician SHEAFFER, a medical aid man, disregarding his own safety, moved forward under the enemy fire to reach the wounded men. He efficiently administered first aid and assisted in the evacuation of the casualties. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Sheaffer, Mother, RD #4, Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EDWARD M. SNYDER, 39924421, 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 April 1945. An 81mm mortar section was subjected to intense machine gun, mortar and rifle fire from counterattacking forces. The section leader and section sergeant were wounded before defensive positions could be established. As the order was received to shift to a more tenable position, Private SNYDER, an ammunition bearer, voluntarily remained behind with his company commander, directing an accurate counter-mortar barrage and, at the same time, ordering and registering a mortar smoke screen barrage which concealed the movement of friendly troops. Home address: Mrs. Emma Mae Snyder, Wife, West 1714 Pacific Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Second Lieutenant REINHOLDT, H. STEELGLOVE, 02024291, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. A rifle company launched an attack to seize and secure an enemy-held hill which was defended by a machine gun supported by protecting dug-in riflemen. Leading his platoon in the attack, Lieutenant STEELGLOVE moved forward in the face of enemy fire and killed three Japanese soldiers. Remaining in front of his platoon, he directed his men as they advanced to strategic positions from which it was possible to neutralize the enemy emplacement. Immediately reorganizing his men, he then led them in seizing the final objective. Home address: Mrs. Alma H. Steelglove, Mother, 114 South Street, Plano, Illinois.

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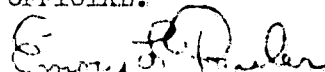
Private First Class MARTIN L. WARREN, 37066267, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Several casualties were incurred when the leading elements of an attacking rifle company reached their objective hill and were subjected to fierce machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. Private WARREN, a medical aid man, moved forward over an area being swept by enemy fire in order to reach wounded personnel. Exposing himself numerous times to direct enemy fire, he went fearlessly from casualty to casualty administering medical aid and assisting in their evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Anna K. Warren, Mother, Fair Oaks, Arkansas.

Private First Class STEWART B. WEST, 36365005, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Orion, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 February 1945. An enemy infiltration party surrounded a small square where the mortar section and headquarters of a rifle company were situated and began to attack the position. Private WEST and two comrades were guarding a corner of the square. Private WEST succeeded in killing the foremost enemy of the attacking group and continued to fire at the enemy until the attack was repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Anita Bills, Sister, 951 Raleigh Road, Glenview, Illinois.

Private First Class JERRY G. VRSHEK, 36770510, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. As a lead scout for an assault platoon, Private VRSHEK moved aggressively forward leading his platoon. Before they could consolidate and dig in after taking their initial objective, enemy machine guns opened fire from an adjacent hill. Immediately, Private VRSHEK maneuvered to a nearby vantage point from which he located and brought effective fire to bear upon the enemy position. This lone attack momentarily silenced the enemy weapons, enabling his platoon to move into positions from which it could direct a large volume of fire upon the enemy guns, completely neutralizing them. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Vrshek, Mother, RR #2, Box 159, Blue Island, Illinois.

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class RUDOLPH J. BANAS, 31349702, 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 April 1945. When his company launched an attack to seize and secure a hill in the enemy's Shambu line, Private BANAS, rifleman and lead scout, was the first man to reach the top of the objective hill. He was immediately fired upon by the enemy from concealed positions. Private BANAS then directed the dispersion of his platoon so that, while contact with the enemy was maintained, the location of the friendly troops was not disclosed. When it was learned that an assault platoon on an adjacent hill had been pinned down and suffered casualties, he fearlessly moved over the crest of the hill, exposing himself to enemy fire, in an effort to determine more accurately the location of the enemy. Directly due to the information he obtained, covering fire was laid down so effectively that the casualties could be evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Banas, Mother, 25 Maple Street, Ware, Massachusetts.

Private First Class EUGENE L. BURLISON, 37059312, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elore W. Burlison, Mother, 223 Fairview Lane, Ferguson, Missouri.

Private First Class WILBUR BUTLER, 35125359, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. After a heavy weapons platoon had reinforced a rifle company's defensive positions on high ground, the area was subjected to devastating enemy mortar barrage which seriously wounded with its first bursts a 4.2 mortar observer. Private BUTLER, a machine gunner, fearlessly crawled to the side of the wounded man and assisted in pulling him to shelter. He then moved to a rear position to bring up a stretcher. After hastily organizing a volunteer litter party, Private BUTLER and his volunteer team evacuated the wounded man to a place of safety where medical treatment was available. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Jackson, Mother, 432 West 22d Street, Covington, Kentucky.

Private First Class DOYLE C. COLES, 17010888, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances I. Coles, Wife, Wilmore, Kansas.

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First Lieutenant RAYMOND E. DAVIS, G1291083, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Lippincott, Mother, Box 70, Clermont, Indiana.

Private. First Class GEORGE J. DOONAN, 36365010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minion, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When an assault company encountered bitter resistance in the form of enemy machine gun, rifle, and knee mortar fire, several casualties were sustained. One of the wounded was unable to move from the exposed area in which he lay. Private DOONAN, a rifleman and messenger, crawled to the side of the wounded man and administered first aid. Half-carrying, half-dragging his wounded comrade, he succeeded in getting him to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Mary Doonan, Mother, 122 Sunset Avenue, La Grange, Illinois.

Private First Class CLETIUS A. FRANCIS, 37007743, 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 April 1945. An infantry company area was subjected to a mortar barrage and heavy machine gun fire which caused numerous casualties and knocked out all except one machine gun. The situation became critical as attacking enemy forces closed in on the perimeter defense positions and the supply of ammunition was running low. Private FRANCIS, assistant gunner of a heavy machine gun, voluntarily organized a squad of six men and, under a continuous mortar barrage, he and the men succeeded in bringing forward sufficient ammunition to repulse the attack of the enemy forces. Home address: Mr. Leck M. Francis, Father, Route #2, Osceola, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL M. GARDNER, 37045657, 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 the assault rifle platoon to which Technician GARDNER was attached as company aid man reached the crest of an objective hill, it was immediately pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire and several casualties were suffered. With disregard for his own safety, Technician GARDNER administered medical aid to the casualties despite the enemy fire. When one of the squad leaders was caught in a lane of enemy fire and seriously wounded, Technician GARDNER immediately went to his aid and carried him to safety. Home address: Mr James Gardner, Father, Route #1, Rockport, Missouri.

Private First Class RICHARD H. GRAFTON, 39328507, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. After a heavy weapons platoon had reinforced a rifle company's defensive positions on a high ground objective, the area was subjected to a devastating enemy mortar barrage which seriously wounded a 4.2 mortar observer with the first bursts. Private GRAFTON, an ammunition bearer, with disregard for his own safety, fearlessly crawled with a gunner over completely exposed terrain and assisted in pulling the mortar observer to shelter. Immediately thereafter he skillfully administered much needed medical aid while a stretcher was being brought forward. Although the barrage increased in severity, he voluntarily aided other soldiers in carrying the wounded out of the severely contested area. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy B. Grafton, Mother, 8342 SW 41st Street, Multnomah, Oregon.



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Private First Class PAUL H. GRILLEN, 6955629, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbeyanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When Private GRILLEN'S platoon was subjected to a devastating enemy mortar barrage which knocked out all machine guns except one, Private GRILLEN, a gunner of a heavy machine gun, under a concentrated barrage, placed his weapon far in advance of its former location in order to gain an excellent field of fire. Firing from this new vantage point, he was able to hold off the full force of an enemy counterattack until more weapons could again be put into action. Private GRILLEN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Lowell G. Graham, Brother, Route #1, Alicia, Arkansas.

Private First Class ROBERT H. GRENNE, 36295660, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Shirley M. Denzer, Sister, Route, #1, Box 3, River Falls, Wisconsin.

Private First Class FRED E. JOHNSON, 37007801, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbeyanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. After a heavy weapons platoon had reinforced defensive positions of a rifle company which had secured a high ground objective, the area was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage which inflicted numerous casualties. Private JOHNSON, gunner of a heavy machine gun, noted supporting riflemen withdrawing to a more tenable position. Although one member of his machine gun squad was instantly killed, Private JOHNSON steadfastly manned his .50 caliber machine gun and held the defensive position against an enemy counterattack until the barrage had lifted and supporting riflemen were able to return and reinforce the emplacement. Home address: Mr. George E. Johnson, Father, 508 North Poplar Street, Lamar, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES W. JOSEPHSON, 36038135, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbeyanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. After a heavy weapons platoon had reinforced defensive positions of a rifle company which had secured a high ground objective, the area was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage, causing numerous casualties. Private JOSEPHSON, an ammunition bearer, noted several riflemen withdrawing to a more tenable position. Though one member of his machine gun squad was instantly killed he stubbornly held his defensive position against the enemy counterattack until the barrage lifted and the supporting riflemen were able to return and reinforce the emplacement. Home address: Mrs. Blanche L. Josephson, Wife, 523 College Avenue, Dixon, Illinois.

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Private First Class ROBERT C. LINCOLN, 39850596, 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 April 1945. As an order was received to shift to more tenable positions, Private LINCOLN, an ammunition bearer of a 81mm mortar squad, voluntarily remained behind with his company commander and assisted in registering a mortar smoke screen barrage. The smoke screen concealed the movement of friendly troops during the change of position and, at the same time, marked the target area so that an effective counter-mortar barrage could be placed on the enemy. Later as he crawled from the severely contested area, he surprised three Japanese soldiers barring his path and killed one and wounded the other two. Home address: Mrs. Irene R. Lincoln, Mother, 1020 Ninth Avenue, Sa'ford, Arizona.

Private First Class SIMON H. MENDOZA, 38439109, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. When casualties were sustained in an attack to secure a beachhead on an important river, Private MENDOZA volunteered to be a member of a party attempting to rescue some of the wounded personnel. He spotted and immediately killed an enemy sniper located in a tree. He then manned a machine gun on an LVT until the gun was put out of action by enemy fire. With accurate rifle fire he successfully neutralized an enemy machine gun position and then, upon reaching his wounded comrades, he jumped from the vehicle and assisted in getting the men to safety. Home address: Mrs. Josefina H. Mendoza, Wife, General Delivery, Anthony, New Mexico.

Private First Class GEORGE MILLER, JR., 36575921, 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 April 1945. After a reinforced rifle company established defensive positions on high ground, the area was subjected to severe machine gun and mortar fire which inflicted heavy casualties and forced the withdrawal of friendly troops to more tenable positions. Private MILLER, an ammunition bearer of a heavy machine gun squad, voluntarily and alone, exposed himself without regard for his own safety in order to return to the severely contested area under the continuous barrage and withdraw a vital ammunition supply for use from the new defensive positions. Home address: Mrs. Mary Miller, Mother, 701 Vermont Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class FRED D. MOORE, 34088136, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. When the enemy lay down a mortar barrage and machine gun fire on the area occupied by his platoon, Private MOORE, a platoon messenger and radio operator, called the company command post requesting a counter-mortar barrage. By listening to the sound of the bursts of our fire and the noise the enemy was making, he realized that the mortar concentration must be readjusted in order to be effective. Without hesitation, he left the safety of his foxhole and worked his way forward under enemy fire to a position from which he could observe and adjust the mortar fire. He accomplished this readjustment of mortar fire so successfully that the concentrated attack of the enemy was disorganized and repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Willie L. C. Moore, Mother, 1800 Avenue G, Eucly, Alabama.

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Private First Class GEORGE F. RICE, JR., 13108171, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor Rice, Mother, 3519 Centralia Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD H. SKONE 39214983, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances E. Skone, Wife, 421 Summit Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington.

Sergeant MELVIN J. THOMPSON, 37006192, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. When Sergeant THOMPSON'S platoon was subjected to a devastating enemy mortar barrage which knocked out all machine guns except one, Sergeant THOMPSON, a squad leader, ordered repair of the weapons by interchanging parts, organized a group of four men, and placed his one undamaged gun in action far forward of its former location in order to gain a better lane of fire. Accurate fire from this gun held off the counter-attacking enemy until additional weapons could be employed against the enemy. Sergeant THOMPSON'S courage and efficiency reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marguerette Thompson, Mother, 3842 Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant GLENN WAYMAN, 37007964, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. An infantry company area was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage which caused numerous casualties. Sergeant WAYMAN, a heavy machine gun squad leader, noted that several supporting riflemen had withdrawn to more tenable positions. A member of his squad had been instantly killed. His position was severely threatened; Sergeant WAYMAN, however, stubbornly held his ground, encouraged two other members of his squad to remain, and they successfully held the counterattacking enemy at bay until the barrage lifted and supporting riflemen returned to reinforce the emplacement. Home address: Mrs. Lodowick Wayman, Mother, Holt, Missouri.

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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 enlisted man:

Sergeant GEORGE S. COOLEY, 33383283, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the hours of darkness on the morning of 7 April 1945, the perimeter of the company to which Sergeant COOLEY was attached was attacked by enemy troops armed with grenades and demolition charges. One of our men on the perimeter was injured by an enemy grenade. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant COOLEY left his foxhole and went to the aid of the wounded man. While Sergeant COOLEY was giving first aid and preparing to evacuate the wounded man to safety, another enemy grenade exploded nearby killing Sergeant COOLEY instantly. Sergeant COOLEY'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon the military service and were a great inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Viola Cooley, Mother, 222 South Vincent Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

**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:

Staff Sergeant BUMMARD M. EPPS, 34584273, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When his squad was pinned down by heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, Sergeant EPPS, with utter disregard for his own safety, personally stormed a pillbox which contained two machine guns and seven riflemen. With rifle fire and grenades he destroyed the enemy position and its personnel. Although severely wounded during the action, Sergeant EPPS continued to direct his squad and issued orders, the execution of which enabled his men to secure their objective. Through his untiring efforts the advance of his battalion was accelerated. Sergeant EPP'S gallantry was a source of inspiration to all his men and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary O. Epps, Wife, Route #1, Kenner, Alabama.

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First Lieutenant THEODORE FRANKEL, 01305035, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Lieutenant FRANKEL volunteered to lead his assault team behind an enemy position in order to evacuate three wounded men. He cautiously maneuvered his patrol around the position until stopped by Jap machine gun fire. He then worked his way to the pillbox containing the gun and destroyed it with white phosphorous grenades and killed four enemy with rifle fire. He continued on his mission and, after a small fire fight, was able to get his patrol into position to make possible the removal of the wounded men to safety. The gallant manner in which Lieutenant FRANKEL accomplished his mission, his calmness and good judgment inspire all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Julia Frankel, Mother, Moodus, Connecticut.

Private First Class ALVIN P. KIMBRELL, 34815349, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Private KIMBRELL, lead scout of his company, located and destroyed two enemy caves, the occupants of which were impeding the progress of his company. Under intermittent machine gun and sniper fire, Private KIMBRELL, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled to within twelve feet of an enemy machine gun nest and definitely located it by purposely exposing himself to its fire. After locating the machine gun emplacement, he killed one Jap and wounded another with grenades. Through his aggressive action and display of initiative his company was able to advance and capture its final objective with less difficulty. Home address: Mrs. Laura A. Kimbrell, Wife, Route #1, Corona, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant LOWELL M. KINDEM, 37081059, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Sergeant KINDEM, platoon guide of an assault platoon volunteered to lead a force in a flanking movement on a heavily fortified enemy position which had held up the advance of his company for several hours. While moving his men into position for the assault, he was severely wounded by machine gun cross-fire from adjacent enemy positions. Noting that the enemy was too strong for his small force, he gave orders for his men to move to an alternate position and leave him behind. By so doing, he was able to draw the enemy fire upon himself, enabling his men to take up better positions from which to attack and destroy the enemy position with the least number of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Julia Kindem, Mother, Convik, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant RUSSELL F. McDOWELL, 37031530, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. While leading his squad under extremely hazardous conditions up steep and rugged terrain, Sergeant McDOWELL, without regard for his own safety, exposed himself to severe enemy machine gun, sniper and grenade fire in order to reach and destroy several enemy gun emplacements with hand grenades. Despite painful wounds, he continued placing rifle and grenade fire upon concealed enemy locations until the main resistance had been crushed. Fighting constantly while leading his men forward, he displayed determination and aggressiveness. His gallant conduct was an important factor in the rapid procurement of an important objective. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn O. McDowell, Wife, 510 Knight Avenue North, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

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Staff Sergeant WALTER A. MIRLY, 37076698, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Sergeant MIRLY'S company was advancing on the enemy situated in the steep hills southeast of Mount Mataba. The enemy were well secured in dug-in positions and had good observation of our movements. Sergeant MIRLY, a squad leader, advanced under heavy machine gun fire upon an enemy machine gun nest which had pinned down our troops. With grenade and rifle fire, he killed three Japanese soldiers who were operating the machine gun. Sergeant MIRLY then turned the Japanese machine gun about and directed fire on an enemy mortar position killing two more of the enemy and silencing the mortar. Sergeant MIRLY'S gallantry was an inspiration to the men of his company and greatly contributed to the successful completion of a difficult mission. Home address: Mr. Arthur M. Mirly, Father, New Wells, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant DELBERT C. NEELY, 34161681, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy along the Nawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Sergeant NEELY was leading his squad in an advance over the forward slope of a hill when his squad was subjected to sniper, machine gun and heavy mortar fire. The squad was pinned down by the enemy fire which caused several casualties. Sergeant NEELY went through the enemy's field of fire in order to reconnoiter a route of evacuation. Encountering a Jap sniper, he killed him and continued his search. Upon locating litter bearers, he led them forward. Upon the return trip he gallantly preceded the evacuation party and their casualties in attempt to draw any enemy fire which might otherwise be concentrated upon them. His inspiring leadership made it possible for the small party to evacuate the wounded men without sustaining further casualties. Learning that other platoons had also suffered casualties, he volunteered to lead litter teams forward. He continued to guide evacuation parties in the work of rescuing the wounded until, on the third such trip, he himself was wounded by a burst from a mortar shell. Home address: Mrs. Lucy H. Neely, Mother, Sayre, Alabama.

Colonel GEORGE G. O'CONNOR, 021088, (then Lieutenant Colonel), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Prior to daylight, when he learned that enemy tank forces, in an effort to escape, were attempting to break through our lines near Munoz, Colonel O'CONNOR disposed the howitzers of his battalion to cover avenues of approach by direct fire. At dawn the enemy tanks became visible and a tank-artillery battle took place at point-blank range. Colonel O'CONNOR, with utter disregard for his own safety, constantly exposed himself to enemy fire while personally directing the fire of his howitzers. When several of his men had been wounded and one howitzer had received a direct hit, he personally reorganized gun crews while under heavy fire. His calmness and courage were an inspiration to his officers and men and a large factor in the complete destruction of all enemy tanks engaged in the battle. Home address: Mrs. Hope B. O'Connor, Wife, 1218 North Holliston Street Pasadena, California.

Staff Sergeant HARRY F. WIEME, 37030423, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayan-Bayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by murderous cross-fire from two enemy machine guns and, in addition, was subjected to knee mortar fire, Sergeant WIEME, assistant squad leader, made a hasty estimate of the situation and then instructed his men to hold their positions and cover his advance. He worked his way by short dashes to a position near one of the machine gun positions. Throwing a hand grenade into the enemy emplacement, he killed

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two of the three man crew. The remaining Jap recovered and attempted to man the gun, but before he could bring it into action Sergeant WIEBE jumped into the emplacement and knocked him unconscious with the butt of his rifle. From his newly-won position, Sergeant WIEBE commanded a view of the second enemy machine gun. Before the second gun could be turned and fired at him, he put the captured enemy machine gun into action and with several bursts of well directed fire wiped out the second enemy position. Home address: Mrs. Olga B. Wieme, Wife, 517 West Warren Street, Luverne, Minnesota.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Second Lieutenant JOHN D. CARRARA, O2007356, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 82, dated 11 May 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:

Second Lieutenant JOHN D. CARRARA, O2007356, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. An enemy raiding party attacked and set fire to a loaded artillery ammunition truck as it traveled along a supply road near Lieutenant CARRARA'S position, injuring its two occupants. Lieutenant CARRARA voluntarily left the security of his dug-in position, joined a rescue party, passed through a net-work of booby-traps, and crossed over open terrain to the scene of the raid in the face of enemy fire and shrapnel from the exploding artillery ammunition. He searched the area for the injured men and removed them to the security of our lines where medical treatment was available. Home address: Mrs. Ascenza Carrara, Mother, 518 South Denir Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant THEODORE FRANKEL, O1305035, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section II, General Orders No. 98, dated 6 June 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:

First Lieutenant THEODORE FRANKEL, O1305035, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Lieutenant FRANKEL was in command of a battalion assault team which was committed against elements of the Japanese 2d Armored Division. In performing his mission a member of his team was wounded by a sniper who was hiding in a culvert. Lieutenant FRANKEL, alone, stalked the sniper and eliminated him by hand grenade and rifle fire, but, in so doing, was wounded in the leg by an enemy grenade fragment. He refused to be evacuated and continued on his tank-hunting mission along with two members of his team armed with a bazooka. Seeing two enemy tanks coming toward them, he set up an ambush. As the first tank came within range, he fired two rounds of rocket-launcher ammunition, knocking it out. In changing position to fire on the second tank, he was seriously wounded in the chest by an artillery shell fragment. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julia Frankel, Mother, Moodus, Connecticut.

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Section IV - Awards of Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant VINCENT W. EHMANN, O1174835, 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:

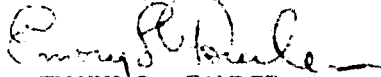
First Lieutenant VINCENT W. EHMANN, O1174835, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Lieutenant EHMANN exhibited a high degree of initiative and technical skill in conducting 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. Elizabeth M. Ehmman, Wife, 109 Attica, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant BAILEY E. SHRUM, O1821004, 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 BAILEY E. SHRUM, O1821004, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Lieutenant SHRUM exhibited a high degree of initiative and technical skill in conducting artillery fire and in obtaining information of enemy movements and disposition 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. Arthur M. Shrum, Father, Box 531, Gilmer, Texas.

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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 CHARLES R. SANDERS, 37060001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 24 March 1945, Private SANDERS was serving as rifleman in a five-man patrol which was moving under cover of darkness on a scouting mission. After advancing a short distance into a valley he moved to the front of the patrol. When an enemy flare went off exposing him to view, he was rushed by a group of the enemy in a bayonet attack. He managed to shout a warning to the other members of his patrol before he lost his life, thereby making it possible for them to rout the enemy force and prevent an attack upon his company's area. Next of kin: Mr. William B. Sanders, Father, Route #1, Jefferson, Arkansas.

Private First Class ALBERT E. VAN OVERSCHELDE, 37031363, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Private VAN OVERSCHELDE, a cannoneer in an anti-tank platoon, was guarding a bridge when an enemy patrol made an attack, carrying demolitions and high explosives with which to destroy the bridge. A preparatory mortar barrage had separated and disorganized the main body of the bridge guard and, as soon as the mortar barrage lifted, the enemy patrol began to move up under cover of heavy small-arms and grenade fire. Private VAN OVERSCHELDE, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to remain at his position and return the fire and thus give the remainder of the bridge guard a chance to reorganize. During his heroic defense of the bridge, Private VAN OVERSCHELDE received a gunshot wound which caused his death shortly afterwards. Private VAN OVERSCHELDE'S courage and devotion to duty were largely responsible for the successful defense of the bridge and are deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucille Hanson, Sister, Holabird, South Dakota.

**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 44) 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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Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS E. DOWNIE, 0342662, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 February 1945 to 28 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Downie, Wife, 1616 College Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Private First Class JOHN R. LEONG, 39863167, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Several casualties were incurred when the leading elements of an attacking rifle company reached their objective hill and were subjected to fierce machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. Private LEONG, medical aid man attached to an assault platoon, at great personal risk, worked his way among the wounded men, administering medical aid and giving them encouragement until litter teams could come forward to evacuate them. Home address: Mr. Ng Hook Leong, Father, 817 First Street, Yuma, Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT W. FREITAG, 36255002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. When the vehicle of a regimental commander came under enemy machine gun and rifle fire, his party was forced to take cover. Technician FREITAG, radio operator for the regimental commander, remained by the vehicle and, when he received a call from the regimental command post requesting information relative to the situation, he disregarded his own safety and sent the information in spite of the enemy fire. Just as he completed this heroic act he was wounded by an enemy sniper. Home address: Mr. Henry J. Freitag, Father, 617 Racine Street, Delavan, Wisconsin.

Major HAROLD L. NEWEL, 0363045, 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. Evelyn M. Newel, Wife, Williams, Iowa.

Major (Chaplain) BOLESLAUS J. STAWOWY, 0420200, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 June 1944 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Andrew Stawowy, Father, 798 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

Sergeant LEONARD W. STROUP, 17016631, 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. Upon taking an objective hill two rifle companies began to dig in to hold the position for the night. Before they had completed their preparations, they were subjected to an intense barrage of enemy heavy mortar and artillery fire which inflicted several casualties. Sergeant STROUP, squad leader in a machine gun platoon, on his own initiative, drove forward a one-quarter-ton vehicle in order to evacuate the seriously wounded men. Disregarding his own safety, he made several trips under the continuing courage and succeeded in carrying many of the wounded to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Edith G. Burian, Sister, 1805 Gravois Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant WILLIAM O. BOSS, 37009075, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 94, dated 2 June 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:

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM O. BOSS, 37009075, 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. In order to determine the strength of an enemy force which was attacking his position, Sergeant BOSS crawled to a position beyond the perimeter from which he could observe the movements of the enemy. From this exposed observation point, he called for mortar fire by means of a sound power telephone. Skillfully directing mortar fire against the moving targets formed by the attacking enemy, he continued to call fire orders throughout the attack. His accurate direction of the mortars in the face of intense enemy fire was highly instrumental in repulsing the counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Bernadine M. Boss, Wife, Star Route, Chamois, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant RAYMOND J. COONEN, 02007354, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 11, 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:

Second Lieutenant RAYMOND J. COONEN, 02007354, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Lieutenant COONEN, without thought of his own safety, personally led his platoon under heavy machine gun and rifle fire around the right flank of an enemy force. He secured high ground from which he was able to direct effective artillery and mortar fire against enemy installations. His action enabled his company to advance and secure an important objective. Home address: Mr. B. A. Coonen, Father, 518 1/2 Main Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class FRED D. DELROSE, 36639742, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section II, 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 Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class FRED D. DELROSE, 36639742, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. When the rifle platoon to which Private DELROSE was attached as medical aid man reached its objective, it was pinned down and suffered several casualties from enemy fire coming from high ground of an adjacent hill. Despite the enemy fire, Private DELROSE moved forward over open terrain, administering first aid to his wounded comrades who were

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lying in exposed positions. Immediately upon having completed giving what medical treatment he could while under fire, he organized litter teams and successfully evacuated the casualties. Home address: Mrs. Ann Delrose, Mother, 410 States Street, Joliet, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant MELVIN L. ELROD, 34084874, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 95, dated 3 June 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:

Staff Sergeant MELVIN L. ELROD, 34084874, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. During an assault Sergeant ELROD, a rifle squad leader, led his squad in spearheading the final attack which crushed the final enemy resistance. By his competent and fearless leadership he was able to move his men up steep and rugged mountain slopes over terrain which was under enemy view and fire to within range of two enemy pillboxes. Upon reaching these emplacements which had been retarding his company's progress, Sergeant ELROD led his men in a daring attack against them, laying down such intense fire from his automatic rifle that all enemy defenders were destroyed or routed. Home address: Mrs. Lou J. Elrod, Mother, Route #1, Austell, Georgia.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant GEORGE C. GOSSERT, 18000542, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, 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:

Staff Sergeant GEORGE C. GOSSERT, 18000542, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Majorie L. Gossert, Wife, 527 Bross Street, Longmont, Colorado.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant EARNEST T. HINRICHS, 37000175, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, 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:

Technical Sergeant EARNEST T. HINRICHS, 37000175, 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. During heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire on his platoon area, Sergeant HINRICHS, platoon sergeant, called on his men to give immediate aid to their wounded comrades. In spite of the fact that shells were still falling in the area, he, with disregard for his own safety, went from position to position giving words of encouragement, supervising and assisting in giving first aid. He organized litter squads, and, after each man had received the medical aid available and was made as comfortable as possible, directed the evacuation of the wounded to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mr. Frank F. Hinrichs, Father, Route #1, Sycamore, Kansas.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant RAY G. JEFFERSON, 02023629, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, 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:

Second Lieutenant RAY G. JEFFERSON, 02023629, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vivian D. Jefferson, Mother, 215 "C" Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant WILLIAM C. KINNEAR, 37032418, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 95, dated 3 June 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 WILLIAM C. KINNEAR, 37032418, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. Sergeant KINNEAR, a member of a five-man scouting patrol, was moving under the cover of darkness when an enemy flare suddenly went off exposing the patrol to the view of a large enemy force. Sergeant KINNEAR was immediately charged by screaming Japanese soldiers. He stopped two with rifle fire but a third lunged upon him with fixed bayonet and attempted to beat him to the ground. By force, Sergeant KINNEAR disarmed the Jap and then shot him. Rejoining the other members of the patrol, he continued to lay down accurate and concentrated fire and assist in beating off and completely routing the enemy force. Home address: Mrs. Goldie Kinnear, Mother, Chatfield, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade LAURIN M. PRESTON, 36514140, 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:

Technician Fourth Grade LAURIN M. PRESTON, 36514140, 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 January 1945. During an attack by his company against an enemy position, Technician PRESTON administered first aid to a wounded man while enemy bullets ripped leaves and kicked up dust around him. At the same time he gave instructions to men who were administering first aid to his wounded company commander. Technician PRESTON carried out his rescue work in full view of the enemy, rendering himself extremely vulnerable to short range enemy machine gun fire, but he succeeded in effecting the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Martha Preston, Mother, 15325 Strathmoor Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class EDWARD D. STANCHFIELD, 37019730, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 9, 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 EDWARD D. STANCHFIELD, 37019730, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. One of the men of an attacking infantry company was seriously wounded and lay exposed to enemy fire and observation. Private STANCHFIELD, a wire lineman, volunteered to help recover the casualty. The litter squad of which he was a volunteer member had to pass through approximately one hundred yards of open terrain exposed to enemy fire. After reaching the casualty, the squad was fired upon by the enemy and pinned down for nearly an hour. Despite the enemy fire, Private STANCHFIELD helped remove the wounded man to a place of safety where blood plasma could be administered. Home address: Mr. William Stanchfield, Father, Hinckley, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class DAVID G. STEERS, 32962356, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 9, 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 DAVID G. STEERS, 32962356, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith Steers, Mother, 52 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

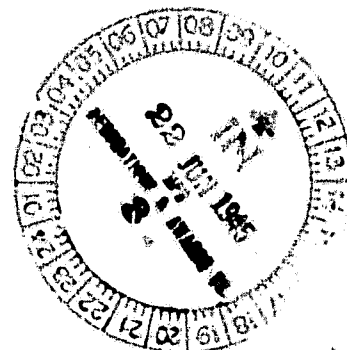
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Section I - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

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:

Technical Sergeant WALTER L. ALDRIDGE, 37008562, 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. Sergeant ALDRIDGE, platoon sergeant, upon learning that an adjacent platoon ran into an enemy ambush cross-fire and suffered heavy casualties, alone, ran to the ambush area. After ordering a 81mm mortar smoke screen, he led, under constant enemy fire, several litter teams into the area, making it possible to evacuate all the casualties to a rear installation. Immediately thereafter, he reorganized the platoon and assaulted the enemy ambush under cover of the smoke screen and completely demolished their position. Home address: Mrs. Marie L. Aldridge, Mother, RFD #1, Willmathsville, Missouri.

Major THOMAS A. BARR, 0386092, 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. Marion E. Barr, Mother, 1546 Parkway Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Sergeant CHARLES R. BEADLE, 36122637, 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 April 1945. An estimated force of twelve Japanese attempted to set up a light machine gun outside our perimeter to knock out a defensive emplacement. As supporting enemy riflemen rushed forward, Sergeant BEADLE, a gunner in a 60mm mortar squad, though exposed and in the lane of enemy machine gun fire, rapidly and with deadly accuracy laid a barrage of mortar shell in the midst of the attacking group. The enemy were completely demoralized and the attack broken as a result of the mortar fire laid down by Sergeant BEADLE. Home Address: Mrs. Doshia Beadle, Mother, 8258 Toepfer Street, Van Dyke, Michigan.

Major BENJAMIN S. BENSON, 0327208, (then captain) 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 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite S. Benson, Wife, 2520 160th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Private First Class FRANCIS E. GAMBELL, 37019547, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 21 March 1945 Private GAMBELL'S company was subjected to a strong enemy attack supported by fire from 150mm and smaller caliber mortars. During the attack the enemy succeeded in taking several positions, thereby threatening to penetrate the whole company defense. Private GAMBELL, a light machine gunner, aware of the fact that the break-through had left him in an exposed and isolated position, placed the threatened area under effective fire and succeeded in neutralizing the attack and forcing the enemy to withdraw. Despite the fact that he was the target for determined Jap rifle and grenade fire, Private GAMBELL, with disregard for his own safety, stayed with his gun and continued fire on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Loretta Campbell, Mother, 727 North Wauking Street, Mason City, Iowa.

Private First Class DELEBERT R. ELLENBERGER, 39302872, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred Ellenberger, Father, Amity, Oregon.

Private First Class CLAUDE J. GROS, 38171899, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Gros, Mother, 639 Avenue "C", Westwego, Louisiana.

Private First Class W. F. HOCHSTATTER, 37057634, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. A concentrated enemy attack, employing rifle and automatic fire, threatened to make untenable the ground his company held. Private HOCHSTATTER, with disregard for his own safety, worked his way along the sector under attack and hurled white phosphorous grenades on the attacking forces. The devastating grenade fire killed fifteen Japanese and wounded many others. The enemy was forced to withdraw. Private HOCHSTATTER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John A. Hochstatter, Father, Route #2, Potosi, Missouri.

Private First Class JOSEPH JOCKYNEK, 33398638, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean Jockynek, Wife, 329 Ella Street, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD W. McCLISTER, 35468012, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Katuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. The advance elements of his company had almost reached the crest of a hill when heavy accurate rifle fire forced the troops to withdraw. Sergeant McCLISTER led his squad in initiating another assault. His courage inspired his men, and, despite the intense enemy fire, the assault was renewed along the entire company front. By his outstanding leadership and courage he contributed greatly to the seizure of an important objective. Home address: Mrs. Susie McClister, Mother, Fairplay, Kentucky.



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Captain **JAMES L. McCONAUGHY JR.**, 935957, United States Marine Corps Reserve. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 18 February 1945 to 12 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. James L. McConaughy, Jr., Wife, 202 Summit Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

Sergeant **HARLEY B. McDONALD**, 20511716, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Marikina Watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 March 1945. After an infantry rifle company established a defensive perimeter, enemy forces fired numerous rounds of 150mm mortar shells. A section leader and a squad leader were wounded during the shelling and the command disorganized. Realizing the possibility of an enemy counterattack, Sergeant **McDONALD**, gunner in a light machine gun squad, though exposed to shrapnel, hastily assumed command, shouted defense-position orders and prevented further disorganization. Upon gaining complete control, he skillfully supervised the first-aid treatment and evacuation of the casualties. Home address: Mrs. Marena McDonald, Wife, Route #1, Middleport, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant **MARVIN W. POLLEY**, 37008556, 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. As a rifle squad advanced during a company attack on heavily fortified Japanese positions, it received intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire from a cleverly camouflaged pillbox. Realizing the precarious position of his partially pinned-down squad, Sergeant **POLLEY**, though wounded by the first bursts of fire, crawled alone to a flank position to determine enemy strength and positions. Although constantly exposed to enemy fire, he directed several riflemen and an automatic rifleman in bringing relentless fire to bear on the enemy position so that squad members could safely withdraw to new positions. Home address: Mrs. Donna M. Polley, Wife, 3135 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class **WILLIAM R. RILEY**, 37627511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 March 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private **RILEY**, acting communication sergeant, moved out under an enemy barrage to repair communication lines leading to foremost perimeter positions. Because of darkness closing in, it was impractical to wait until the enemy fire lifted. Though wounded by shrapnel he continued with his task until it was completed. His tenacious devotion to duty made possible the restoration of necessary communications to the perimeter positions, enabling them to call for supporting mortar fire which resulted in the repulse of a strong enemy night counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis I. Riley, Wife, Route #2, Lebanon, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant **RUSSELL B. RINKER**, 37019358, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Andrew Rinker, Father, 1626 North 6th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Sergeant DALE L. SEELEY, 39212052, 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. As an infantry rifle company advanced against a fortified enemy position, a forward assault squad suddenly was brought under severe small-arms and automatic weapons fire from a cleverly camouflaged enemy ambush. As several men fell with the first bursts of fire, Sergeant SEELEY, squad leader, hastily deployed his command and ordered an intense base of fire placed on the ambush area. Though wounded, he, with disregard for his own safety, crawled and crept to the side of the wounded and succeeded in pulling several of them to a sheltered position. Sergeant SEELEY then supervised the withdrawal of his squad to a more tenable position and the treatment and evacuation of the wounded members of his squad. Home address: Mr. Thomas L. Seeley, Father, Route #4, Box 102, Olympia, Washington.

Private First Class WALTER O. SUSON, 38432332, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When an infantry rifle company attacked an estimated enemy force of one company, forward assault platoons encountered fierce enemy machine gun and supporting rifle fire from two strongly fortified pillboxes which temporarily halted the advance. Upon noting the position of the enemy emplacements, Private SUSON, a rocket-launcher gunner, with disregard for his own safety, crawled to an advance position with an excellent line of fire. Although completely exposed, he tenaciously held his position and accurately fired into the emplacements. When his supply of ammunition was exhausted, he crawled back to the squad's position, brought up several additional rockets and completely neutralized both pillboxes. Home address: Mrs. Eula M. Suson, Mother, General Delivery, Park Springs, Texas.

Private First Class CLIFFORD H. TURNER, 35298125, 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 attacked fortified enemy positions in the Cabaruan Hills, a light machine gun squad unceasingly fired overhead fire in order to facilitate the evacuation of seriously wounded men. As the squad opened fire, it drew the immediate attention of enemy heavy machine gunners who brought the gun under devastating machine gun fire, wounding both the gunner and the assistant gunner. Fully aware of the danger involved and in the face of the heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private TURNER, an ammunition bearer, aggressively took over the gun and continued raking the enemy emplacements with covering fire until the evacuation of the wounded was accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Edna P. Turner, Mother, 436 East Columbia Street, Springfield, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant HENRY L. WARREN, 37058817, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. A rifle platoon had the mission of making a feinting attack to disguise the main assault of a rifle company. The platoon encountered strong enemy opposition from dug-in positions and was subjected to machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. Casualties resulted and the platoon was unable to evacuate its wounded. Sergeant WARREN, a forward observer for 81mm mortars attached to the platoon, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to locate the enemy. He directed accurate mortar fire which silenced several

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of the enemy guns. Then he laid a heavy smoke screen which enabled the platoon to withdraw all of its wounded. Home address: Mr. Henry T. Warren, Father, 464 Throckmorton Street, Mill Valley, California.

Private First Class MARK L. WEIT, 33504588, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Weit, Mother, Hopeland, Pennsylvania.

Corporal VINCENT S. ZIELINSKI, 36028078, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Disregarding his own safety, Corporal ZIELINSKI, while under direct fire from enemy artillery, repaired wire communication lines between two forward observation posts. During the time Corporal ZIELINSKI was repairing the lines between the two forward observation posts, enemy artillery fire landed in the immediate vicinity, knocking out another portion of the wire. He repaired each break, thus maintaining telephone communications between the forward observation posts and the artillery fire direction center. Home address: Mrs. Teofila Zielinski, Mother, 1104 Elizabeth Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Section II - Amendment of General Orders

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 74, this headquarters, dated 9 May 1945 as pertains to Private First Class FREDERICK T. RIECHELDERFER, 35553178, Infantry, as reads "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class FREDERICK T. RIECHELDERFER, 35553178, by the Commanding General, 37th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 106, dated 4 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

o.k. { ✓ So much of Section I, General Orders No. 54, this headquarters, dated 20 April 1945 as pertains to Staff Sergeant OSCAR W. MIDDLETON, 37059009, (then Sergeant), Infantry, is amended to read "Posthumously".

o.k. { ✓ So much of Section II, General Orders No. 52, this headquarters, dated 17 April 1945 as pertains to Private First Class PAUL F. BOTTORFF, 35614078, Infantry, is amended to read "Posthumously".

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TO:

So much of General Orders 101, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, dated 9 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Staff Sergeant Marvin W. Polley, service number 37 008 556, which reads, "in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945" is amended to read, "in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class GEORGE E. BAXTER, 17133225, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 April 1945. Private BAXTER, wire lineman, was a member of a wire team engaged in the task of laying wire to forward observation posts which were under devastating artillery and mortar fire. Disregarding his own safety, he pushed forward aggressively under enemy fire until the mission was successfully accomplished. His intrepid devotion to duty under hazardous conditions contributed greatly to the success of an operation. Home address: Mr. George C. Baxter, Father, Box 217, Herculaneum, Missouri.

Private First Class WALTER C. BOX, 37008404, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Under cover of darkness as enemy forces started infiltrating through defensive positions, Private BOX, an automatic rifleman, intentionally fired a clip of ammunition to attract the enemy force to his position. After allowing them sufficient time to arrive in his lane of fire, Private BOX raked the area with devastating automatic weapons fire. By tenaciously holding his ground and firing constantly, he neutralized part of the infiltrating group and contributed greatly to the demoralization and routing of the remainder. Home address: Mr. John C. Box, Father, Route #1, Holden, Missouri.

Private First Class ARTHUR F. BRUNS, 37038444, 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. As a forward squad was hit by devastating enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire from a cleverly camouflaged ambush, several men fell wounded. Private BRUNS, an automatic rifleman, rushed to a flank position and, although wounded, directed relentless automatic weapons fire into the enemy ambush. His actions were so sudden and timely that the attention of enemy gunners was diverted in his direction. While Private BRUNS tenaciously held his ground and fired unceasingly, squad members succeeded in evacuating the wounded personnel before the feint was discovered. Home address: Mrs. Emma M. Bruns, Mother, Doshler, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD W. CALLAMAN, 37030454, (then Staff Sergeant), 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 an attack of an infantry rifle company was temporarily halted by withering machine gun cross-fire, Sergeant CALLAMAN, squad leader in

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a flanking platoon, led his squad through high grass to place enfilade fire on the enemy. As the squad encountered rapid rifle fire from an enemy ambush, Sergeant CALLANAN, with disregard for his own safety, charged the enemy position, killing two of the enemy and forcing another to flee. He continued to move forward. Upon encountering enemy reinforcements estimated to number twenty Japanese, Sergeant CALLANAN quickly deployed his squad and by highly effective fire completely routed the enemy. He then placed accurate enfilade fire on enemy machine guns, enabling his company to advance and secure a vital objective. Home address: Mrs. Hildegard V. Callanan, Wife, 648 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

Staff Sergeant GLENN F. DOYLE, 37059271, 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. In direct support of a rifle company in an attack, a section of heavy machine guns led by Sergeant DOYLE fired overhead fire into enemy positions as the assault progressed. Immediately upon opening fire, the enemy concentrated their fire power on Sergeant DOYLE'S two machine guns in an effort to knock them out of action. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant DOYLE continually exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to locate the enemy machine guns and supporting riflemen who were attempting to destroy his guns. Meanwhile the rifle company sustained several casualties and snipers attempted to pick off members of the rescue parties. Sergeant DOYLE made a lone reconnaissance under fire to locate the snipers, found them and directed his machine guns on them, enabling the carrying parties to evacuate the wounded. Home address: Mr. Fred O. Doyle, Father, 2935A St. Vincent Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class SHIRLEY E. ELMORE, 17010846, 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. As an infantry rifle company advanced in an assault against the enemy, eight men fell wounded from withering machine gun fire in an exposed area. Private ELMORE, gunner of a light machine gun, hastily carried his weapon forward in view of the enemy, and, although the enemy gunners immediately opened fire in his direction, he tenaciously held his exposed position and brought continuous fire to bear on the enemy gun emplacement. Private ELMORE'S intrepid actions enabled litter teams to bring out the casualties and administer much need medical aid. Home address: Mrs. Mabel E. Elmore, Mother, 525 North Emporia Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Private First Class JOHN S. HARTLEY, 35652362, 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. As an infantry rifle company attacked a fortified Japanese hill position, it received a fierce volley of enemy machine gun fire from two pillboxes. The major part of the attack force was pinned down. Private HARTLEY, a rifleman, voluntarily maneuvered a squad to a flank position from which intense fire was placed on the enemy positions. Although the combined fire of enemy riflemen and machine gunners was directed upon his group and he was wounded in the course of the action, Private HARTLEY tenaciously retained command and continued ordering relentless fire returned on the enemy while forward platoons advanced and completed the destruction of the enemy strongpoints. Home address: Mrs. Sarah B. Hartley, Mother, Eckman, West Virginia.

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*\* award donated by J. B. Smith, BSM, Box 20114 - 10 June 1945*  
\* Master Sergeant ALVIN C. HEDSPETH, 37052891, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Fully aware of the imminent danger from enemy patrols known to be operating in the vicinity, Sergeant HEDSPETH, regimental wire chief, led a wire team through the dangerous area in order to contact and lay a communication line to an infantry battalion. He and his team moved aggressively across country in order to expedite the establishment of communications. Despite coming under enemy small arms and light artillery fire, the team continued on to successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: Mr. Ira R. Hedspeth, Father, Williamsville, Missouri.

Sergeant NORMAN T. HOLTZER, 37030147, (then Private First Class), Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. As a 60mm mortar squad supported an infantry rifle company holding a high ground position, the area received devastating enemy artillery fire, killing the squad leader and another member of the squad. Sergeant HOLTZER, ammunition bearer, assumed command of the remainder of squad. He tenaciously held his position and, although subjected to enemy artillery fire for three successive days, Sergeant HOLTZER displayed constant alertness, sound judgment and calm efficiency in accurately directing mortar fire against the enemy during several determined counter attacks. Home address: Mr. Theodore E. Holtzer, Father, Rural Route #3, Davenport, Nebraska.

Private First Class ROY L. HUNT, 39142132, 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. As an infantry rifle company advanced against a fortified enemy high ground position, a forward assault squad met severe small arms and automatic weapons fire from a camouflaged enemy ambush. Although wounded in the arm by the first burst of enemy fire, Private HUNT, a scout, tenaciously held a position on commanding ground and delivered relentless fire into the enemy ambush while members of his squad evacuated several seriously wounded men. Private HUNT then remained to cover the orderly withdrawal of his squad. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Hunt, Wife, 1044 Owens Street, Richmond, California.

Private First Class JAKE KRAFT JR, 39621054, 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. As a forward infantry squad was hit by devastating enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire from a cleverly camouflaged ambush, several men fell wounded with the first bursts of fire. Private KRAFT, an automatic rifleman, fearlessly rushed to a flank position and directed automatic weapons fire into the enemy ambush. His actions were so sudden that the attention of enemy gunners was diverted. As they opened fire in his direction, Private KRAFT held his ground and fired unceasingly, enabling squad members to evacuate the wounded before the point was discovered. Home address: Mrs. Mary Kraft, Mother, Box 281, Forsyth, Montana.

First Lieutenant ADRIAN L. LEIDBERG, 01295388, 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.

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When a reinforced rifle platoon was pinned down by a barrage of artillery fire, heavy fire from fortified anti-tank guns and withering machine gun fire, Lieutenant LANDBERG set out from his company area to reconnoiter a route of withdrawal. With disregard for his personal safety, he advanced under the intense fire to the besieged platoon. Lieutenant LANDBERG gave orders organizing the position and remained as part of a covering force until the withdrawal was successfully completed with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Betty F. Landberg, Wife, 453 North Murdoch Street, Willows, California.

Private First Class EUGENE LEWIS, 17014598, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. During an attack on the Shirbu line, one section of machine guns was giving direct support to an advancing infantry company. As the attack progressed, the enemy brought our troops under intense rifle, machine gun and mortar fire. After using all his ammunition in firing supporting fire, Private LEWIS ran and crawled one hundred and thirty yards through small arms fire and a mortar barrage to secure more ammunition. He returned with a fresh supply of ammunition and fired his gun. His supporting fire enabled the infantry company to move forward with some protection as it captured its objective. Home address: Mrs. Cora Lewis, Mother, Box 112, Russell, Arkansas.

Private First Class CHARLES D. MIXON, 34548097, 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. As a forward infantry platoon advanced over mountainous terrain against enemy high ground positions, it encountered devastating enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire and was ordered to shift to a more tenable position. As Private MIXON, assistant gunner in a light machine gun squad, climbed from his protective shelter to withdraw, he noted the plight of a machine gunner who had been hit by enemy machine gun fire. With disregard for his own safety, he crawled forward in the face of severe machine gun fire, some of which knocked the canteen from his belt, to aid the wounded man. He helped the wounded gunner reach a rear position. Home address: Mrs. Nora L. Mixon, Mother, Box 197, Foley, Florida.

Private First Class EARL W. MOORE, 37038285, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private MOORE, a truck driver, loaded an urgently needed supply of ammunition and water on his truck and succeeded in driving through a continuous barrage of enemy artillery fire to a forward command post. During his return trip an enemy sniper fired on his vehicle. Rapidly dismounting from his truck, Private MOORE crawled forward in the face of continuous sniper fire, located and killed the enemy. Home address: Mr. Charles Moore, Father, Route #2, Plainview, Nebraska.

Sergeant JAMES R. RAGAN, 37059161, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. An infantry rifle company was subjected to a severe enemy mortar and artillery barrage and received an order to withdraw to another defensive position. Sergeant RAGAN, a



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machine gun squad leader, hastily organized a volunteer group of riflemen to serve as a rear guard while the troops changed defensive positions. He deployed the small force and directed continuous fire at the enemy while the infantry company moved equipment and supplies to an alternate defensive position. His calm efficiency and display of sound judgment in feinting a strong defensive perimeter under extremely hazardous conditions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Olivia Ragan, Wife, 605 Lyon Street, Hannibal, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant DAVID L. ROSENTHAL, 35105015, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Heavy resistance from a camouflaged dug-in position had temporarily halted the advance of our troops. Sergeant ROSENTHAL, acting platoon sergeant of a heavy machine gun section, exposed himself to intense enemy rifle and automatic fire in order to direct accurate machine gun fire on the enemy positions. He moved from gun to gun, sighting the weapons for his men and efficiently giving fire orders. He succeeded in silencing the fire from several enemy positions and pinned down the remainder of the enemy. Our attacking infantry company then resumed its advance and secured its objective. Home address: Mr. Joe Rosenthal, Father, 1848 Rutherford Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class ORVAL E. SOWELL, 34088452, 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 the assault elements of an attacking rifle company received severe casualties, the light machine gun section moved forward into a position from which covering overhead fire could be placed on the enemy to facilitate the evacuation of the wounded. Private SOWELL was the only able-bodied ammunition carrier left in the section. Realizing the necessity of keeping the weapons supplied with ammunition, he worked tirelessly and, though constantly exposed to sniper and machine gun fire, kept the machine guns in action. Home address: Mrs. Pearl W. Sowell, Mother, Route #1, Box 205, Maylor, Georgia.

Private First Class HOWARD L. TASH, 38400201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When the forward elements of an attacking rifle platoon encountered a devastating barrage of enemy knee mortar fire and intense machine gun and rifle fire, Private TASH, with disregard for his own safety, continued to place effective fire on the enemy until reinforcements arrived. Private TASH's intrepid devotion to duty in the face of murderous enemy fire was an inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Tash, Mother, Route #2, Dufanla, Oklahoma.

Private First Class MELVIN F. USELMAN, 36215364, 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. As a rifle company advanced against the heavily fortified hill positions across open terrain, several casualties were suffered and their evacuation presented a

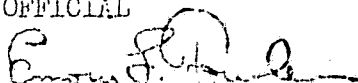
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difficult task because of the continuous enemy machine gun fire sweeping the area. Private USELMAN, a messenger, courageously crawled to the side of several of the men and pulled them to waiting litter teams. He made four successive trips to rear installations over rough terrain and under constant enemy sniper fire. Private USELMAN'S courage and devotion to duty materially aided in saving the lives of several comrades. Home address: Mrs. Rose A. Uselman, Mother, 189 Dixon Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

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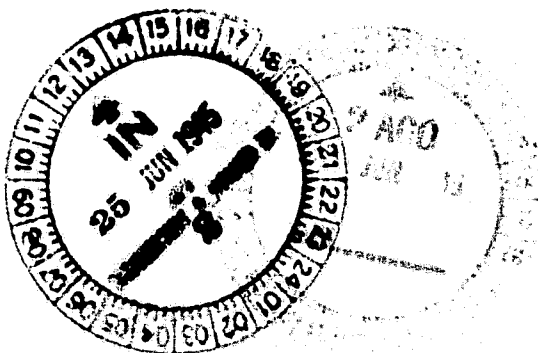


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SECTION II - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

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 12 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ROY W. ALLISON, 35033518, 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. Alta Allison, Mother, Watertown, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade CARLOS L. ASHBY, 36002342, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Despite enemy patrols known to be operating in the area, Technician ASHBY volunteered to be a member of a regimental wire team with the mission of laying a wire line to an infantry battalion. He pushed forward with the team directly across country rather than take the longer way by road because of the urgency of establishing communications. Although the area over which the team crossed was subjected to light artillery fire and enemy small arms fire, the wire team pushed on until their mission was successfully accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Ashby, Wife, 6745 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ERNEST G. BARKER, 37059877, 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 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire from two enemy positions, Private BARKER, acting rifle squad leader, successfully withdrew his squad from under the enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, he personally led his squad in an aggressive flanking movement in which both enemy positions were knocked out and his platoon enabled to continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. Rosa Barker, Mother, Route #1, Marquand, Missouri.

Private First Class HOWARD B. GILBERTSON, 37038471, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. When the forward elements of an attacking infantry rifle company was pinned down by withering machine gun cross-fire and heavy enemy rifle fire from well concealed positions, Private GILBERTSON, without hesitation and exposed to the murderous fire, dragged his machine gun to a vantage point and neutralized one of the enemy machine guns.

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After his ammunition box was hit by enemy fire, he again dragged his machine gun to another position and from there continued to fire his weapon so effectively that the enemy was routed. Home address: Mr. Hjalmer Gilbertson, Father, Ihlen, Minnesota.

Private First Class GRADY M. GRIMES, 38479299, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Despite enemy patrols known to be operating in the area, Private GRIMES volunteered to be a member of a regimental wire team with the mission of laying a wire line to an infantry battalion. He pushed forward with the team directly across country rather than take the longer way by road because of the urgency of establishing communications. Although the area over which the team crossed was subjected to light artillery fire and enemy small arms fire, the wire team pushed on until their mission was successfully accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Inez S. Grimes, Wife, Route #1, Burke, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade MELVIN L. GULLEY, 36066788, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. During the initial phase of a battalion attack on enemy high ground positions, an infantry battalion commander accompanied by Technician GULLEY, a radio operator, from a forward command post ordered the movement of troops in the attack. Upon the departure of the battalion commander to rear installations, Technician GULLEY remained at the forward command post. When the foremost rifle company was pinned down by devastating enemy fire, he was unable to return to the position of the battalion commander. He maintained contact with battalion headquarters, transmitting situation reports and receiving combat orders. Although friendly mortar shells fell close to his position, he fearlessly remained at his post registering a counter barrage which greatly facilitated the advance of our troops. Home address: Mrs. Bernice L. Gulley, Wife, 603 Alexander Place, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Private First Class CHARLES M. JOHNSON, 3 363148, 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. During Japanese counter-attacks against perimeter positions, Private JOHNSON, a rifleman, was located on the crest of a hill overlooking a trail. Upon seeing the enemy he held his fire until he was certain that it would be effective. He then opened fire, killing two of the enemy. Between the first and second attacks, he secured an automatic rifle which he effectively employed against the enemy in the three suicidal attacks which followed. His calm efficiency and courageousness under enemy fire were important factors in the successful repulse of the attacks, at the end of which fifteen enemy dead and seven wounded were found immediately in front of his position. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Miles, Sister, Socaton, Arizona.

Sergeant DANIEL W. KEENEY, 35439963, 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 an estimated force of one hundred Japanese supported by knee mortar and machine gun fire stormed forward at dawn in a suicidal assault on his company position, Sergeant KEENEY, rifle squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to the murderous fire in order to observe and direct the fire of his squad upon the

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onrushing enemy. Although severely wounded in the action, Sergeant KEENEY continued to direct his squad until the attack was repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Maude C. Keeney, Mother, Box 48, Diamond, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. O'DONNELL, JR., 17019747, Infantry, 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. Gloria M. O'Donnell, Wife, 4141 Agnes Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. ORR, 18073999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. On his own initiative and alone, Private ORR, an automatic rifleman, with disregard for his own safety, crawled forward to a position from which he could observe and place fire on the enemy. With accurate and relentless fire from his automatic rifle he neutralized one enemy machine gun position, killed three enemy who were firing knee mortars and pinned down enemy snipers, enabling his company to advance more rapidly and against fewer hazards. Home address: Mrs. William G. Orr, Mother, Box 386, Crystal City, Texas.

Technical Sergeant GLEN L. OSBORN, 37033361, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When an infantry rifle company supported by an 81mm mortar platoon attacked heavily fortified enemy positions on commanding ground, it was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy fire and suffered many casualties. As attempts were made to evacuate the wounded, more casualties resulted. Sergeant OSBORN crawled under the unabated barrage to an 81mm mortar, ordered smoke mortar shells brought forward and personally laid down a heavy smoke screen which enabled litter parties to reach the wounded and accomplish their rapid evacuation without sustaining further casualties. Home address: Mrs. Blanche F. Osborn, Wife, 3349 South 19th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Sergeant LLOYD L. PALMITIER, 37045555, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Sergeant PALMITIER, leading a section of heavy machine guns, was the first to spot the enemy in underbrush organizing for an assault some fifty yards from our lines. He had his machine guns open fire and, when the enemy replied with rifle and machine gun fire, he maintained his guns in action after exposing himself to locate the enemy guns. His alertness and command of the situation completely disorganized the enemy attack before it could be launched. Home address: Mrs. Betty L. Palmitier, Wife, Eldora, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD J. RILEY, JR., 02007740, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. As a platoon of an infantry rifle company advanced through a heavily wooded draw with dense underbrush making progress slow and treacherous, it encountered devastating machine gun cross-fire from concealed enemy pillboxes. Lieutenant RILEY, platoon leader, exposed himself to the murderous fire in order to engage the enemy with his own weapon. After being seriously wounded, he continued to fire on the enemy while at the same time shouting orders to his men. By his skillful direction his platoon was able to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Riley, Mother, 6320 Lenox Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Sergeant ROBERT G. ROCKE, 37038440, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. When a strong enemy force covered by a heavy enemy knee mortar and artillery barrage attacked an infantry rifle company position in a suicidal assault, Sergeant ROCKE, light machine gun squad leader, without hesitation and with disregard for his own safety, dragged a machine gun to a vantage point directly in front of the attack. He placed withering fire on the charging enemy. After being wounded, Sergeant ROCKE refused to withdraw from his position until the attack was repulsed and the enemy routed. In addition to numerous enemy wounded, four enemy dead were counted directly in front of Sergeant ROCKE'S machine gun position. Home address: Mrs. Maratha G. Rocke, Wife, 309 South Fifth Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. STEVENS, 32835160, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. When an infantry rifle company encountered a devastating enemy 150mm mortar barrage, one member of the company was wounded in the eyes. Completely blinded and dazed, the casualty climbed out of his foxhole and started to wander around the area under the unabated barrage. With disregard for his own safety, Private STEVENS fearlessly jumped from his concealed position, ran to the side of the wounded man and brought him to a comparatively safe position. Home address: Mrs. Doris F. Stevens, Wife, 11 South Street, Addison, New York.

Private First Class THOMAS E. STOUT, 37678752, 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 enemy force of one hundred Japanese supported by an intense barrage of enemy knee mortar and machine gun fire stormed forward at dawn in a suicidal assault on his company position, Private STOUT, with disregard for his own safety, fearlessly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire in order to administer first aid to his wounded squad leader. He then assumed command and reorganized the squad until the attack was repulsed. Home address: Mr. Roy Stout, Father, Route #1, Princeton, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN W. SYMINGTON, 36888707, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When the forward elements of an attacking rifle platoon crossing an open field encountered devastating enemy machine gun fire from a well-concealed enemy position, Private SYMINGTON, on his own initiative and alone, charged the machine gun position in a courageous effort to destroy it. After being severely wounded, he rolled into a firing position and continued to place fire on the enemy gun until his platoon advanced and completed neutralizing it. Private SYMINGTON'S daring aggressiveness was an inspiration to his platoon members and is worthy of great praise. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Symington, Mother, 15516 Normandy Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class HAROLD G. VISSCHER, 36411007, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. An estimated force of two hundred Japanese made a suicidal attack upon our perimeter positions, employing grenade, rifle, machine gun and knee mortar fire. Private VISSCHER, machine gunner, picked up his weapon, carried it to a completely exposed position with an excellent lane of fire and unceasingly raked the enemy's route of advance. Though he received the immediate attention and combined fire of the enemy, he tenaciously held his ground until the attack was completely broken. In the morning a total of twenty-five Japanese dead were found just forward of his machine gun position. Home address: Mr. George Visscher, Father, Route #1, Newaygo, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE H. WINTER, 37044015, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When an infantry battalion attacked an estimated force of one hundred and fifty Japanese who were firmly entrenched on a hill, a short round of friendly artillery fire knocked out the battalion wire net. As the need for immediate communication with advance posts became urgent, Technician WINTER, code clerk, volunteered to run messages forward into the severely contested area. Throughout the advance he fearlessly crossed areas raked by sniper and machine gun fire in order to keep the battalion commander and staff constantly informed of the status of front line positions and the progress of the attack. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Winter, Mother, Janesville Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant JULIAN O. ZUTZ, 37008252, 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. As the advance of an infantry rifle company progressed, it received intense enemy knee mortar, 47mm gun, heavy machine gun and sniper fire which caused many casualties. The casualties could not be evacuated successfully without endangering the lives of the litter teams. Sergeant ZUTZ, heavy weapons platoon sergeant, hastily requested volunteers and, with disregard for his own safety, crawled forward one hundred and fifty yards to the side of the wounded. With the aid of several of his men he successfully dragged five wounded men from the lanes of enemy fire. He then supervised their rapid evacuation to rear aid stations. Home address: Mr. Julius O. Zutz, Father, 115 South Spring Street, Independence, Missouri.

Section II - Amendment of General Orders

So much of page 4, Section II, General Orders No. 87, this headquarters, dated 28 May 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant DONALD W. SCHROEDER, 02034698, Field Artillery, as reads "a Silver Star is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant DONALD W. SCHROEDER, 02034698, by the Commanding General, Headquarters, USAFFE, APO 501, as published in paragraph 5, General Orders No. 23, Hq USAFFE, dated 23 March 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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So much of page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 91, this headquarters, dated 30 May 1945 as pertains to Private First Class WILLIAM J. BRINDLEY, 35104313, Infantry, as reads "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class WILLIAM J. BRINDLEY, 35104313, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 79, dated 10 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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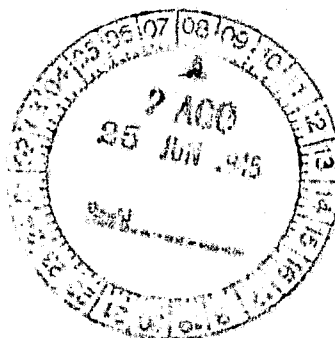
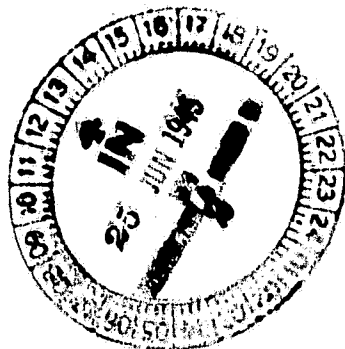
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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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:

Private First Class THOR H. BODSGAARD, 37574310, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. As a scout and observer Private BODSGAARD volunteered to be a member of a five-man patrol to reconnoiter enemy strength and dispositions. Having advanced nearly three thousand yards into enemy-held territory, the patrol had almost attained its ultimate objective when it was suddenly fired upon by a lone enemy sniper. The sniper was immediately killed. Realizing the possibility of the presence of enemy troops in force, Private BODSGAARD, alone and on his own initiative, advanced far forward of the patrol and killed another Japanese sniper. His valorous actions on the patrol contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the important mission which resulted in obtaining invaluable information of enemy dispositions prior to the staging of an attack by our troops. Home address: Mrs. Louise R. Simmons, Mother, 985 Jameson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant LONNIE E. BOLEY, 37008487, 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. The objective of an attack had been gained after overwhelming strongly fortified pillbox positions. Sergeant BOLEY, rifle squad leader, noting that several casualties had been incurred, unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. Alternately directing the fire of his squad so as to hold the hard-won objective and aiding his wounded comrades, he accomplished both his assigned and assumed duties in an inspiring manner. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Boley, Wife, Route #2, Brookfield, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade ALEXANDER D. BOZMOSKI, 15117051, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. While under direct fire from enemy artillery, Technician BOZMOSKI maintained repairs on wire communication lines between two forward observation posts. During the repair of one section of wire, enemy artillery fire landed in the immediate vicinity, knocking out another portion of wire. He repaired each break, thus maintaining telephone communication between the forward observation posts and the artillery fire direction center. The restored communications were of great importance in laying down artillery preparations to aid our infantry in an attack against the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Laura L. Bozmoski, Mother 5868 Bewick Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan.

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First Lieutenant **LODDIE W. BRODIE**, 0449185, 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 28 April 1945. Home address: Mr. L. W. Brodie, Father, Box 332, Skiatook, Oklahoma.

Corporal **DAVID U. CASEY**, 6295831, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. While under direct fire from enemy artillery, Corporal CASEY maintained repairs on wire communication lines between two forward observation posts. During the repair of one section of wire, enemy artillery fire landed in the immediate vicinity, knocking out another portion of the wire. He repaired each break, thus maintaining telephone communication between the forward observation posts and the artillery fire direction center. The restored communications were of great importance in laying down artillery preparations to aid our infantry in an attack against the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Casey, Wife, 2616 East 33d Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant **LEROY FAIRCHILD**, 37038547, 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 attacked a series of enemy pillboxes on commanding ground, friendly troops suffered several casualties as the result of fire from well-fortified and cleverly camouflaged machine gun emplacements. Sergeant FAIRCHILD, a squad leader, fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire and skillfully directed a squad of riflemen in a flanking movement. Under his leadership the squad succeeded in crawling to a vantage point from which it completely pinned down enemy gunners and supporting riflemen while the main attacking force advanced and demolished the positions. Home address: Mrs. Matilda Carey, Mother, Valentine, Nebraska.

Private First Class **CARNELL FARMER**, 37058887, 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 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. William H. Farmer, Father, Route #1, Lilbourn, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant **WILLIAM H. GABRIEL**, 37007918, 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. Elizabeth Gabriel, Mother, RFD #1, Versailles, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade **WILLIAM K. GOLDEN**, 6266437, 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 28 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francis Golden, Wife, Box 594, Babbitt, Nevada.

Technical Sergeant **RICHARD J. HIBER**, 37072488, 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 W. Hiber, Father, 827 North Cedar Street, Hastings, Nebraska.

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Major PRATT IRBY, 0340778, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline R. Irby, Wife, 717 South National Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

Private First Class ANTHONY D. JOHNSON, 37008011, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 April 1945. Several observation posts were established in a forward area. It was necessary to lay wire lines into the positions so that enemy movement and artillery flashes could be reported to supporting artillery units for counter-battery fire. Private JOHNSON, wire lineman, was a member of the wire team which undertook this difficult and hazardous task. Disregarding his own safety, he pushed aggressively forward under enemy fire until the mission was successfully accomplished. Home address: Mr. Anthony D. Johnson, Father, North 8th Street, Plattsburg, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade EARL W. KANE, 36451210, 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 28 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith Marian Kane, Mother, Route #1, Manistique, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT K. LANNING, 35164398, 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 Lanning, Mother, 422 Main Street, Brookville, Indiana.

Private First Class EDLEY MANGUM, 18027618, 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 28 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Georgia E. Mangum, Mother, Rural Route #1, Kingston, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES R. MATTHEWS, 34161789, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Sergeant MATTHEWS volunteered to lead a patrol whose mission was to locate and neutralize an enemy 150mm mortar. Though under continuous sniper fire, he aggressively maneuvered the patrol to a position from which artillery fire could be adjusted on the enemy mortar. The mortar was destroyed. His aggressive determination and soldierly skill reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Ben J. Matthews, Father, Box 61, Tarrant City, Alabama.

First Lieutenant CLAUDE M. McCHESNEY, 01294170, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Forward assault elements were forced to withdraw to more tenable positions because of intense enemy small arms, automatic weapon and devastating 150mm mortar fire. All company officers except the company commander were wounded and the command completely disorganized. Upon receiving word of the critical situation, Lieutenant McCHESNEY, heavy weapons platoon leader, aggressively moved forward under the unabated barrage, hastily assumed command, reorganized the troops and skillfully maneuvered litter teams and the company so that a satisfactory withdrawal was effected with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mr. Frank I. McChesney, Father, 7121 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, Michigan.

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Technical Sergeant JOSEPH A. MONOLO, 37059619, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. When part way up the slope of an objective hill, Sergeant MONOLO'S platoon encountered intensive knee mortar and small arms fire and suffered several casualties. Sergeant MONOLO, noting the position of the casualties, moved aggressively to the left flank under the intense fire. Two of his comrades lay wounded in front of an enemy pillbox. Sergeant MONOLO neutralized the position with hand grenades and then pulled the casualties one at a time to a position of safety. Home address: Mr. Louis Monolo, Father, 8729 Evens Street, Brentwood, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade DAVID W. NELSON, 18033062, 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. Doris J. Nelson, Wife, 945 Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Sergeant JUDSON E. VEASEY, 38095035, 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. Anna E. Veasey, Wife, Box 761, Longview, Texas.

Private First Class MARCUS W. WEIDENBENNER, 37059337, 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 April 1945. Before a mortar preparation was completely fired in support of an assault rifle company, an 81mm mortar platoon received a heavy counter-mortar barrage. Both radio and wire communication with forward observation post were knocked out by the enemy mortar fire. Private WEIDENBENNER, a messenger, aggressively crawled fifty yards along the communication wire and repaired a break in the wire while under the intense mortar barrage. As a result of his intrepid actions, the platoon was able to readjust its fire from a forward observation post and lay down the balance of the mortar preparation for the infantry assault company with a minimum loss of time. Home address: Mrs. Marie M. Martin, Sistor, 3220 Ivanhoe Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant NORMAN D. WILSON 01823530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 March 1945. While leading a patrol down a treacherous narrow trail flanked on both sides by dense underbrush, Lieutenant WILSON, patrol leader, encountered a hail of fire from an ambush consisting of two enemy machine guns and scattered riflemen. With disregard for his own safety, he held his ground and quickly neutralized the fire of one machine gun at close range with his carbine. By expert control of the fire and movement of his patrol he succeeded in withdrawing his men without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mr. Jessie T. Wilson, Father, 1219 North Eighth Street, Longview, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HURDIS:

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Section I - 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:

Sergeant CURTIS J. ANDERSON, 37065616, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. When his company was subjected to heavy machine gun fire from the crest of a mountain and its progress was retarded Sergeant ANDERSON worked his way up a steep slope under enemy observation and fire within range of two enemy pillboxes. Crawling to the most advantageous position, he kept the enemy pinned down with such accurate fire from his submachine gun that other members of his squad were able to close in and destroy both enemy emplacements with hand grenades. Despite the wounds he received during this action, Sergeant ANDERSON continued to fight with undaunted courage until the entire objective had been secured. During a subsequent action Sergeant ANDERSON lost his life while attempting to silence an enemy machine gun. Next of Kin: Mrs. Kate Anderson, Mother, Route #2, Lake City, Arkansas.

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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:

Technical Sergeant HOWARD E. ABEL, 37019520, 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 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence E. Abel, Mother, Buffalo, Minnesota.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. BOE, 37045768, 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: Mr. Andrew I. Boe, Father, RFD #3, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

First Sergeant ANTONIO G. BONAT, 38018767, 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 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise L. Bonat, Wife, RFD #2, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

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Staff Sergeant LORTON L. BURTON, 37038601 (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lila Burton, Mother, Route #1, Hartington, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant WAYNE G. BUSEMAN, 17027308, 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 May 1945. Home address: Mr. George Buseman, Father, Klemmo, Iowa.

First Lieutenant ARNOLD R. CAGANN, 0144519, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Carl Cagann, Father, 7402 West Church Street, Champaign, Illinois.

Private First Class RAYMOND A. CLAUSEN, 37572300, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private CLAUSEN, a rifleman manning a rocket launcher, moved across rugged, mountainous terrain from a flank position to join his company which was pinned down by a heavy concentration of machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox. He succeeded in selecting a spot from which he was able to bring the full fire power of his weapon into use. He fired his rocket launcher until he was certain that the pillbox and all its occupants were knocked out of action. His efficient and decisive action made it possible for the company to advance and complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Orphie Clausen, Wife, 2619 North Third Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH G. CROUCH, 39326596, 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. L. A. Crouch, Mother, 618 West Clark Street, Pocatello, Idaho.

Sergeant WERNER W. FASBENDER, 37093597, 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: Mr. P. J. Fasbender, Father, 121 East Sixth Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Private First Class FRANK J. FERNANDEZ, 37625910, 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. Mary P. Fernandez, Wife, 3022 Virginia Avenue, St. Louis Missouri

Major OSCAR E. GREWIS, 0352862, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. O. E. Grewis, Wife, Pittsfield, Illinois.

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Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT F. HARDY, JR., 36515009, 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. Ada Hardy, Wife, 407 West McLean Street, Dallas 11, Texas

Major ALLAN W. LONG, 0385219, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 February 1945 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Long, Wife, 206 Rockwell Terrace, Frederick, Maryland.

First Lieutenant SAMUEL J. MALLEN, 01557323 (then second lieutenant), 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irma Malten, Wife, 1046 54th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD E. MALLOY, 16108577, 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 23 April 1945. Home address: Edward J. Malloy, Father, 4357 East Vienna Road, Clio, Michigan

First Lieutenant PETER M. MARCUS, 0340208, 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 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen Marcus, Wife 1607 Palmer Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant JAMES P. PIPER, 6294126, 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 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gwendolyn Piper, Wife, Route #1, Vernon, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT E. SIMON, 36254801, Ordnance Department, 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 8 October 1944 to 7 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Simon, Mother, 935 Langlade Avenue, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade BENJAMIN F. SIMPSON, JR., 35487937, Field Artillery United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mattie F. Simpson, Mother, RFD #1, Springfield, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. SMITH, 6950848, 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 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katie V. Kirkland, Mother, RFD #1, Tyler, Texas.



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Private First Class DONALD G. SOMMERS, 36734933, 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. Katherine Sommers, Mother, 2626 Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. STEWART, 36303400, 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. Goldie Stewart, Mother, 620 West Main Street, Benton, Illinois.

First Sergeant THEODORE R. TERPSTRA, 206556, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. The company of which Sergeant TERPSTRA is a member was attacking strongly fortified Japanese positions. During the attack several of the men in the company were seriously wounded and required immediate evacuation. The enemy, however, were continually shelling our routes of evacuation with mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant TERPSTRA volunteered to evacuate the wounded despite the hazardous conditions. He carried one wounded man across an open field under heavy mortar and artillery fire to a place of comparative safety. Here he obtained litter bearers and guided them forward to his company's position where he directed the evacuation. In order to hasten the evacuation of the seriously wounded, he crossed an open field several times to assist the litter bearers, even though men in that area who were in covered positions were becoming casualties. By his bravery Sergeant TERPSTRA accomplished the successful evacuation of our wounded and saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Margaret E. Terpstra, Wife, 1127 Union Avenue, Northeast, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class BILLY M. TIBBETS, 38432273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. The enemy launched a large scale counterattack against our positions which were in the flats between two mountains. The attack followed a heavy barrage of mortar, artillery and machine gun fire which caused a large number of casualties among the platoon of which Private TIBBETS is an automatic rifleman. The barrage forced supporting rifleman to withdraw from their positions. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private TIBBETS volunteered to remain, without protection of rifleman. He brought withering fire to bear on the terrain over which the enemy was attacking. The intense fire from his weapon forced the enemy to keep under cover and enabled his comrades to evacuate the wounded. He maintained his position until all wounded were evacuated and the defensive positions reorganized. Home address: Mrs. Audie B. Tibbets, Mother, Alvord, Texas.

Second Lieutenant LESTER E. WOLSHANS, 02007726 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ernest E. Wolshans, Father, 4336 A Warne Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.



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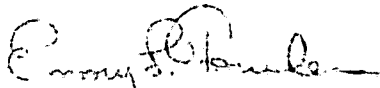
First Sergeant GARLH H. WHITE, 6290230, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Imogene White, Afc, 1323 West First Street, Checotah, Oklahoma.

Master Sergeant MOODY F. WILFORD, 37027987 (then Technical Sergeant), Finance 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mable R. Wilford, Wife, 353 North Wilder Street, St. Paul 4, 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 ALVIN H. BARGEN, 37393850, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. When assault elements encountered devastating enemy machine gun and rifle fire which momentarily halted their advance, Private BARGEN, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily and alone, moved fifty yards under the enemy fire to a flanking position. From this vantage point he, disregarding his own safety, killed two enemy snipers and pinned down the occupants of a machine gun position. His heroic aggressiveness enabled friendly troops to maneuver more freely and accomplish an assigned mission. Home address: Mr. August E. Barga, Father, Route #1, Leslie, Missouri.

Private First Class LEE BEGAY, 38002706, 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. As lead scout in his company's attack upon strongly fortified and camouflaged positions, Private BEGAY moved aggressively forward, well in advance of his squad. In order to locate definitely the enemy positions, he, with disregard for his own safety, deliberately drew enemy fire. Having located the enemy, he directed the fire of his squad against them. He kept the enemy pinned down in their positions until they could be disposed of with demolitions and grenades. Home address: Miss Claw Begay, Sister, Cameron, Arizona.

Private First Class VERNON R. BEHREND, 37484512, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 April 1945. In order to eliminate enemy artillery fire which had been constantly harassing our troops, several observation posts were established in forward areas. It was necessary to lay wire lines into the positions so that enemy movement and artillery flashes could be reported for counter-battery fire. Private BEHREND, wire lineman, was a member of a wire team which undertook the hazardous task of laying the communication wire. Disregarding his own safety, he pushed aggressively forward under the enemy fire until the mission had been successfully accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Laura E. Behrends, Mother, Trumbull, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant ELBERT I. BLAIR, 37008711, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. A series of enemy pillboxes, with well planned fire-lanes and cleverly camouflaged, opened up and directed intense fire-power against his company, blocking further movement. Maneuvering his squad from pillbox to pillbox, Sergeant BLAIR constantly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire with no concern for his own safety and skillfully reduced one pillbox after another to prepare the way for the advance of his company. Home address: Mr. Hiram R. Blair, Father, 512 E. Kansas Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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Sergeant RUSSELL G. CAPPO, 38497314, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. As a scout and rifleman Sergeant CAPPO was well forward of the main body of an attacking rifle company when heavy enemy machine gun fire inflicted numerous casualties among the members of his squad. The casualties were so far forward that immediate evacuation was impossible. Finding himself alone with the enemy attempting to close in to kill his wounded comrades, Sergeant CAPPO took up a firing position which he steadfastly maintained in the face of the enemy fire. By continuous and accurate rifle fire he held off the enemy until other elements of the company could wipe out intervening pockets of resistance and reach his position and effect the evacuation of the wounded. His tenacious devotion to duty saved the lives of his comrades and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Grace Cappo, Mother, 2913 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. CORTEVILLE, 37008077, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. An outpost was attacked by a strong enemy force in the early hours of morning. The enemy set up mortars and machine guns on a hill opposite the outpost and began to deliver a heavy volume of fire which was coordinated with the assault. Sergeant CORTEVILLE, with disregard for his own safety, left his position to direct the fire of friendly 81mm mortars firing from a position two thousand yards away. He succeeded in silencing both the enemy mortars and machine guns and completely eliminated the enemy's threat to our positions. Home address: Mrs. Alberta I. Corteville, Wife, 7927 Montgall Avenue, Kansas City 5, Missouri.

Private First Class CARL E. DAVIS, 35334418, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. A reconnaissance patrol had engaged the enemy in a fire fight. During the action an enemy bullet struck and ignited a white phosphorous grenade worn on the belt of a member of the patrol. Private DAVIS, scout and observer, seeing the man's plight, disregarded his own safety and rushed to his aid. Heedless of the burns he was receiving on his hands and the intermittent enemy fire, he stripped the clothing off his suffering comrade in a heroic attempt to save his life. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie M. Davis, Wife, Edwardsburg, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade DANIEL D. T. FARNSWORTH, 35208066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. During the initial attack of an infantry battalion against an estimated force of two hundred Japanese who were dug in on commanding ground, the battalion commander accompanied by Technician FARNSWORTH, radio operator, advanced to the command post of a forward assault company under intense sniper fire. From the command post, Technician FARNSWORTH put his radio which was mounted on a one-quarter-ton truck into operation. As the area was subjected to machine gun and artillery fire, he hastily carried his radio to a sheltered position where he continued efficiently to operate the radio and transmit battalion command combat orders. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Farnsworth, Mother, 40 Island Avenue, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

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First Lieutenant STANLEY GOLDSMITH, 01309359, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. An assault rifle company was advancing to wipe out several pockets of enemy resistance in front of their positions. Lieutenant GOLDSMITH, platoon leader of an 81mm mortar platoon supporting the attack, fearlessly moved forward with a combat patrol to act as forward observer for his weapons. When enemy sniper fire was encountered on a razorback ridge, he repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to locate enemy positions and direct effective mortar fire upon them. Home address: Mrs. Rose U. Goldsmith, Sister-in-law, Box 439, DEMPOLIS, Alabama.

Private First Class WILBUR HALL, 35632095, 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 HALL was lead scout of the lead squad of his platoon. As an objective was approached, the entire company was pinned down by a murderous hail of small arms and machine gun fire. Private HALL, unhesitatingly, pushed forward into the open in order to draw enemy fire and thereby locate enemy positions. The enemy concentrated their fire power on him, enabling Private HALL'S comrades to eliminate the enemy without further delay and to secure their objective with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mr. Joseph Hall, Father, General Delivery, West Carrollton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN T. HENDERSON, 35124603, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. It was necessary to establish wire communications between a regimental command post and a battalion engaged in an attack on the enemy. Despite enemy patrols known to be operating in the intervening area, Technician HENDERSON unhesitatingly became a volunteer member of the regimental wire team which was to lay a wire line to the battalion. When the team came upon enemy small arms and light artillery fire, the friendly protective patrol accompanying them was driven off, Technician HENDERSON pushed forward with the team until its mission was successfully accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Atha H. Davis, Sister, 744 West Pine Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

Private First Class JOHN H. JAMES, 38565732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. A rifle platoon of an attacking infantry rifle company encountered devastating machine gun fire from enemy pillboxes which temporarily halted their advance and forced the platoon to take cover. With no consideration for his own safety, Private JAMES, a rifleman, bravely exposed himself in order to draw enemy fire and thereby spot the location of the enemy guns. After locating the enemy positions, he then effectively directed the fire of his squad, eliminating many of the enemy defending the pillbox positions. Home address: Mrs. Lorena D. James, Wife, General Delivery, Wright City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class LORN A LEIGHTON, 33607264, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Boso Boso river, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private LEIGHTON, a scout, and his patrol leader were several yards ahead of an eighteen-man patrol reconnoitering a dangerous path through dense bamboo. Suddenly they encountered enemy machine gun fire. Private LEIGHTON rushed the position with his sub-machine gun and disrupted the fire which was directed at his platoon leader and the rest of the

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patrol. By placing devastating fire across the enemy position, the Japanese gunners were forced down into their emplacement, enabling all members of the patrol to make an orderly withdrawal without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mrs. Della Leighton, Mother, Wheelerville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROSS LUCIA, 37009437, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 March 1945 to 6 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank Lucia, Father, RFD #3, Parkville, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMES B. McCULLOUGH, 17019724, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. It was necessary to establish wire communications between a regimental command post and a battalion engaged in an attack on the enemy. Despite enemy patrols known to be operating in the intervening area, Private McCULLOUGH unhesitatingly became a volunteer member of the regimental wire team which was to lay a wire line to the battalion. When the team came upon enemy small arms and light artillery fire and the friendly protective patrol accompanying them was driven off, Private McCULLOUGH pushed forward with the team until its mission was successfully accomplished. Home address: Mr. William L. McCullough, Father, 3556 Bell Street, Kansas City, Missouri

Sergeant JACK J. McNULTY, 36116050, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Orion, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 February 1945. A four-man patrol were reconnoitering a trail and had advanced seven hundred yards under the leadership of Sergeant McNULTY, squad leader of a 60mm mortar squad. Suddenly the patrol encountered two enemy outguards at a bend in the trail. Both Japanese outguards simultaneously opened fire. Sergeant McNULTY returned the fire and wounded one of the enemy. After skillfully concealing his patrol off the trail, he reported the action by radio and, upon moving a short distance farther ahead, he noted enemy moving about in a bivouac area. He plotted their position and transmitted the information to his command post. After the patrol withdrew an artillery battery laid devastating fire throughout the enemy bivouac area. Home address: Mrs. Edith McNulty, Mother, 6011 Westwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN H. PELKEY, 37451845, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private PELKEY, radio operator, aggressively crawled through machine gun and sniper fire with his radio to the position of his company commander who was among foremost assault elements. As a result of the radio communication from the forward positions, the commanding officer successfully maintained constant contact with the battalion command post, thereby making possible direct artillery support for the advancing troops. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Pelkey, Wife, Tracy, Minnesota.

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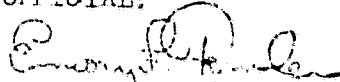
Private First Class ROLLAND E. RIGGINS, 20838183, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. As an infantry platoon advanced through a wooded draw, Private RIGGINS, an automatic rifleman, located and aggressively rushed an enemy anti-aircraft position and killed two guards before his approach was discovered. He then came across a bamboo shack filled with supplies and ammunition. He set fire to the structure and advanced one hundred yards farther where he captured two enemy horses. Due to the extremely rough terrain and the impossibility of driving trucks with supplies to forward assault elements, Private RIGGINS led the animals to a supply dump, strapped cases of ammunition on the animals and succeeded in leading them through an enemy mine field to an infantry rifle company, holding a strategic hill and running low in ammunition. As a result of his aggressive action, the company had sufficient ammunition to repulse a Japanese banzai attack made during the night. Home address: Mr. Lloyd E. Riggins, Father, 3350 Normal Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class RAYMOND C. SMITH, 35891889, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. As heavy machine gun sections fired a heavy volume of overhead machine gun fire in support of two infantry rifle companies attacking Japanese hill positions, enemy snipers and machine gunners directed their fire at our emplacements. Upon learning that our ammunition supply was critically low, Private SMITH, an ammunition bearer, fearlessly crawled through the area under constant enemy fire, ran one-half mile over rough mountainous terrain thickly infested with enemy snipers and, within twenty minutes, returned with two chests of heavy machine gun ammunition. Home address: Mrs. Anna Smith, Wife, 1304 West Third Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Private First Class LELAND J. VATHAUER, 37528153, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. When his squad leader was killed by enemy artillery fire, Private VATHAUER, a rifleman, immediately assumed command of the squad. Displaying great courage, he moved aggressively through the impact area, controlling the movements of his squad and leading them to a more tenable position outside the artillery impact area. His bravery and soldierly skill were an inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor M. Vilander, Sister, Route #3, Manhattan, Kansas.

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Section I - Amendment of General Orders

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 9 May 1945 as pertains to Private First Class DONALD M. EBERT, 36907940, Infantry, is revoked.

Section II - Award 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 man:

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH L. GAUSTA, 39181172, 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 GAUSTA 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 GAUSTA and his comrade began to withdraw to the main force, his comrade was seriously wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. Private GAUSTA 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, Private GAUSTA 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 draw, still in enemy territory, and remained there until morning. Then 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. Ruth Couch Gausta, Wife, Nayler, Missouri.

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

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

Private First Class LOUIE F. AYRES, 37030985, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Leo F. Ayres, Brother, RFD #1, St. James, Minnesota.

Sergeant JAMES H. BAILEY, 37065815, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary G. Bailey, Wife, 3003 Kling Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Private First Class CHARLES H. COBB, 37050173, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine Cobb, Wife, 4382 Chateau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR H. KRECH, 37030982, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Walter W. Krech, Father, Inver Grove, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES R. MILLER, 37011088, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Opal A. Cunningham, Mother, Fulton, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JOHN L. MUNSCHAUER, 01534580, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Oro-Wawa Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Edwin A. Munschauer, Father, 210 Morris Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. NIX, 37065879, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Augusta Nix, Mother, General Delivery, Willow, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILMER A. SKELTON, 37010717, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ona R. Skelton, Wife, 418 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM I. SWANSON, 37031022, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mababa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther V. Swanson, Mother, Route #2, Dent, Minnesota.



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Private First Class NED J. THERIOT, 34079097, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gabaruan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Georgina, Theriot, Mother, Route #1, Box 444, Belle Rose, Louisiana.

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 JOSEPH L. CIZAR, 33398597, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, 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:

Private First Class JOSEPH L. CIZAR, 33398597, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. When his company area was placed under heavy artillery fire, several men were seriously wounded. While the shells were falling and everyone remained in their foxholes, Private CIZAR, company aid man, left his shelter in order to carry the wounded to a safe place and administer first aid. He then helped to evacuate the casualties to a rear medical unit. Private CIZAR'S willingness to risk his life for others saved the lives of several soldiers and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. George Cizar, Father, 321 Catherine Street, McKees Rocks Pennsylvania.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class ALFRED L. EARLE, 31085357, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section IV, General Orders No. 78, dated 10 May 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 ALFRED L. EARLE, 31085357, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Hatib, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. The squad of which Private EARLE is automatic rifleman was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun. Dense jungle prevented the squad from locating the gun from their position when fired upon. Private EARLE voluntarily crawled forward of his squad in an effort to determine the location of the enemy weapon. Unable to locate the machine gun from a prone position, Private EARLE jumped to a standing position. Quickly spotting the enemy emplacement, he laid a heavy volume of fire from his automatic rifle against the enemy. The automatic fire from his gun created sufficient diversion so that the other members of his squad were able to maneuver to the flanks of the enemy position and destroy it while the enemy were concentrating their fire against Private EARLE. Home address: Mrs. Della M. Earle, Wife, West Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant MANUEL H. CALDERON, 38454266, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 61, dated 28 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:

Staff Sergeant MANUEL H. CALDERON, 38454266, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Sergeant CALDERON, rifle squad leader, led an eight-man patrol whose mission was to clear a wooded area of enemy resistance. When advance elements of his patrol were cut off and one man was severely wounded by intense fire from two concealed enemy machine guns, Sergeant CALDERON directed covering fire and, alone, crawled through dense underbrush in the face of enemy fire to reach and drag the wounded man to safety. Since no medical aid men were available, it was Sergeant CALDERON'S heroic and unselfish devotion to duty that made possible the saving of the wounded man's life. Home address: Mrs. Inez Calderon, Mother, 2201 Santiago Street, San Antonio, Texas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant ARSENIO GONSALVES, 01293243, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 74, dated 9 May 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:

First Lieutenant ARSENIO GONSALVES, 01293243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Gauringan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. When forward assault rifle companies of an infantry battalion were pinned down by intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, a call was made for Lieutenant GONSALVES'S platoon of heavy machine guns to counteract the enemy fire. At the time the platoon was in process of displacing forward to a new position and it would have taken some time to set up and register fire from the new prepared positions. Sensing the urgency of the situation, Lieutenant GONSALVES ran a communications wire to the forward command post and laid effective, overhead fire on the enemy positions. It was necessary that accurate displacement of the machine gun fire be made to avoid hitting our troops who were just ahead of the guns, but Lieutenant GONSALVES coordinated his fire with that of the assault rifle companies so that the objectives were taken with a minimum loss to our forces. Home address: Mr. Adelino Gonsalves, Father, Box 137, Ludlow, Massachusetts.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant LYLE C. KROGH, 02007737, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 6, Section IV, General Orders No. 10, 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:

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Second Lieutenant LYLE C. KROGH, 02007737, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida J. Krogh, Mother, Pingree, North Dakota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant CARL J. MEIER, JR., 02007738, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 16, Section III, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant CARL J. MEIER, JR., 02007738, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 March 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Meier, Mother, Chester Street, Inver Grove, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade JOHN A. MORK, 37029854, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 18, Section III, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN A. MORK, 37029854, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. At nightfall Technician MORK led a party evacuating four litter patients and four walking wounded to a medical unit some five thousand yards to the rear of our front lines. It was impossible to complete the mission before the following morning, but Technician MORK kept the party moving on throughout the night. On several occasions Technician MORK halted the party and made extensive reconnaissance in advance of the others in order to insure the safety of the trail. At another point in the march he led them out of an exposed area which, less than five minutes later, was subjected to an enemy artillery barrage. Technician MORK'S courageous leadership was directly responsible for the successful completion of the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mr. Ludwig Mork, Father, Route #2, Arnegard, North Dakota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant DERRELL D. SNEED, 37065645, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 33, dated 24 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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Staff Sergeant DEERRELL D. SNEED, 37065645, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. In an assault on a strongly entrenched enemy position, the squad led by Sergeant SNEED was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant SNEED observed his platoon guide fall from enemy fire in an area which was under intense small arms fire. Sergeant SNEED dispatched a messenger for litters with orders to meet him in a sheltered spot to the rear. Then, taking one volunteer with him he dashed forward fearlessly in the face of the enemy fire and carried the wounded man to cover about fifty yards to the rear. From this point the litter bearers were able to evacuate the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Sneed, Mother, Route #5, Harrison, Arkansas.

Section V - Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

Pursuant to authority contained in WD circular No. 345, 23 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named unit:


6th Signal Company. For superior performance of duty from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Through the continuous and untiring efforts of the officers and enlisted men of the 6th Signal Company, the 6th Infantry Division was serviced with an exceptionally high degree of combat communication. These standards were accomplished under the most difficult of weather and terrain conditions.

The 6th Signal Company installed and maintained communications to rapidly moving infantry regiments, often necessitating cross-country operations through areas which had not been occupied by friendly forces. Construction teams worked for long hours after darkness in hostile areas, disregarding the ever present danger of drawing enemy sniper fire. Thousands of miles of wire were installed in maintaining communications for the division. Radios were operated under most adverse conditions. The operators displayed superior courage, operating their sets in forward regimental areas and in small combat reconnaissance missions. Operators were often forced to operate by remote control from adjacent foxholes in order to maintain uninterrupted communication. Switchboard and teletype personnel handled more than one thousand calls daily under strenuous conditions brought about by rapid and constant movement of units over great distances and difficult terrain. With persistence and an untiring devotion to duty, message center exploited every means to expedite delivery of the highly important tactical, encrypted and administrative documents vital to successful operation against the enemy.

Such outstanding performance of duty, in addition to exemplary standards of military courtesy, discipline, morale and appearance, is highly commendable and deserving of highest praise.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HURDIS:

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**Section I - Awards of Soldier's Medal**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8 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 1943, Subject: "Awards of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel ALBERT R. LARASON, 0269809, (then Major), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea on 12 October 1944. When the clothing of an enlisted man under his command became saturated with gasoline and caught fire, Colonel LARASON, with great presence of mind and without thought of his personal safety, seized a blanket, threw the man to the ground and smothered the flames. Colonel LARASON'S quick thinking and heroic actions were instrumental in saving the life of the enlisted man and reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Margaret M. Larason, Wife, Fargo, Oklahoma.

Private First Class GEORGE F. SEIBER, 6986647, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism during a practice landing at the Wewe river, Dutch New Guinea on 23 December 1944. When Private SEIBER observed three men, with full field equipment, thrown into the water from an LCM, he, without regard for his own safety, jumped into the water and swam with one of the men to the landing craft where the rescued man was lifted to safety. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Seiber, Wife, Kettle Island, 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, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD J. BLACK, 39695722, 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. As an assault progressed against an enemy hill position, the platoon to which Private BLACK was attached was pinned down by heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire. Casualties were sustained. Upon receiving a call for an aid man, Private BLACK fearlessly crossed open terrain to reach the wounded who were lying under direct fire of enemy snipers and machine gunners. He pulled them to a safe position and administered medical treatment. Under his supervision, the casualties were removed to rear installations. Home address: Mrs. Jewell M. Black, Mother, 311 Evergreen Drive, Ventura, California.

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Private First Class ROLLEN H. CARPENTER, 39081232, 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. When an infantry rifle company was subjected to intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and was ordered to withdraw to an alternate defensive position, Private CARPENTER, gunner in a light machine gun squad, moved from one casualty to another, administering medical aid and supervising the evacuation of several seriously wounded. Upon joining his squad in their new defensive position, he learned there was a critical shortage of ammunition. Under cover of darkness, while exposed to both friendly and enemy fire, he crawled to the former position and collected several boxes of ammunition. He returned and rapidly distributed the ammunition. Home address: Mrs. Rosie Carpenter, Mother, Box 332, Okeman, Oklahoma.

Private First Class HENRY CROCKER, 37007778, 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 April 1945. As heavy machine gun sections advanced in support of an assault rifle company, they encountered devastating enemy mortar and machine gun cross-fire. Private CROCKER'S platoon leader was hit in the shoulder by a burst of machine gun fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private CROCKER pulled the seriously wounded man into a nearby shellhole and summoned aid. During the next hour and a half he continually attempted to stop the bleeding of the wounded man and, when the barrage lifted, he supervised his evacuation to a rear installation. Home address: Mrs. Dora Hix, Mother, Climax Springs, Missouri.

First Lieutenant STANLEY M. DAUGERT, 02037047, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When a rifle company met a suicidal attack by an enemy force of seventy-five employing grenades, rifles, automatic weapons and knee mortars, Lieutenant DAUGERT, platoon leader of a heavy machine gun platoon attached to the rifle company, ordered his section to hold their fire until the enemy was within fifty yards. When the firing began, he moved under the heavy rifle and mortar fire to his gun positions. He personally directed their fire so effectively that the enemy was forced to withdraw to a nearby ravine. Immediately he called for and adjusted heavy mortar fire upon the ravine, completely routing the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Daugert, Mother, 39 Welles Street, North, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM V. DAVIDSON, 01294100, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. When his rifle company was momentarily halted by rifle and mortar fire, Lieutenant DAVIDSON, company commander, immediately moved to the front of his troops, fearlessly exposing himself to the enemy fire in order to reconnoiter and evaluate the situation. He personally led his troops in a flanking movement around the pocket of resistance that had impeded the advance and successfully gained his objective. Home address: Mrs. Stella V. Davidson, Mother, 3302 Bales Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMES W. EMERY, 33950847, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. When the enemy launched a night counterattack, Private EMERY, a rifleman who was acting as a machine gunner, fired his

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hine gunner on the perimeter, upon his own initiative, shifted the position of his weapon to meet the brunt of the attack and gain a better field of fire. Under enemy fire, he successfully secured his new position and deliberately held his fire until the enemy who were closing in on his sector were bunched together. He then laid down a devastating hail of fire, killing several of the enemy and routing the remainder. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Emery, Wife, 1111 Oakland Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK C. HORTON, 35105097, 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 April 1945. After a rifle company supported by a heavy weapons platoon had seized a high ground objective, the area was subjected to a severe enemy 150mm mortar barrage, causing casualties and knocking out all except one heavy machine gun. Sergeant HORTON, sergeant of a heavy machine gun section, ordered the damaged weapons assembled by interchanging workable parts and succeeded in putting an additional heavy machine gun into action before the counterattacking enemy forces could overrun the position. Sergeant HORTON'S efficiency under devastating fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ella Mary Horton, Mother, 34 James Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant JOHNNIE S. HOSKIN, 37008557, 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 an estimated force of one hundred Japanese supported by enemy knee mortar and machine gun fire, stormed forward at dawn in a banzai assault on a company position, Sergeant HOSKIN, rifle squad leader, exposed himself to the murderous fire in order to observe and direct the fire of his squad on the charging enemy. Although severely wounded in the course of the action, Sergeant HOSKIN continued to direct his squad until the attack was repulsed. Home address: Mr. Edward Hoskin, Father, Route #1, Marysville, Missouri.

Captain CURTIS E. JOHNSSEY, 01291125, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. As his battalion was advancing to occupy new positions, Captain JOHNSSEY, heavy weapons company commander, was riding beyond the front lines with his driver in order to make necessary reconnaissance. Without warning, six armed Japanese jumped from the brush along the road about twenty-five yards in front of the vehicle. Hastily ordering his driver to take cover in a nearby ditch, he remained exposed to enemy fire so that he could man the machine gun mounted on the vehicle. When the machine gun jammed, he immediately dismounted and opened fire with his carbine. He completely routed the Japanese party, wounding several of them. With this lone action completed, Captain JOHNSSEY continued on with his mission until it was accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Ina Dell Johnsey, Wife, 1530 Netherwood, Memphis, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES R. KELLEY, 17019668, 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 April 1945.



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While a heavy weapons platoon was establishing gun emplacements on a newly gained high ground position, the area was subjected to a devastating enemy mortar barrage which temporarily disorganized defense position. Sergeant KOLLEF, platoon sergeant crawled from his sheltered position to a small knoll from which he located the enemy mortar positions and accurately registered a counter-barrage. Immediately thereafter, he efficiently relocated his gun emplacements to cover more effectively possible routes open to enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Mae Kelley, Mother, 4511 Eden Road, Kansas City 3, Kansas.

Private First Class TERESO R. MOLINA, 28542100, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Santa Barbara, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 January 1945. When a rifle platoon was advancing across an open field, the enemy who were expertly camouflaged positions allowed the forward elements to advance to a stream along the edge of the field before opening up with a withering hail of machine gun and rifle fire. The platoon was ordered to withdraw. Private MOLINA, realizing the movement of any man would expose him to enemy fire, held his ground and placed continuous rifle fire on the enemy positions, thereby preventing the enemy from employing their weapons and enabling his comrades to withdraw. Home address: Mrs. Nicolas R. Molina, Mother, Route #1, Ackerly, Texas.

Private First Class JAMES O. MORGAN, JR., 38400419, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. As a patrol advanced to locate enemy vehicle and troop assembly areas, it encountered enemy tank and heavy machine gun fire. Private MORGAN, scout, on his own initiative cautiously advanced until he located two enemy tanks disabled by mines, which were being used as enemy pillboxes. He continued scouting the area until he located an artillery field piece cleverly camouflaged underneath a building. He was two yards from the position before making the discovery. Upon returning to the battalion command post, he plotted the exact location of the tank emplacements and the gun position which were immediately brought under intense artillery fire. Home address Mr. James O. Morgan, Sr., Father, Boehler, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant JOHN W. PARTRIDGE, 01183153, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When a rifle platoon neared its objective, it encountered a hail of fire from strongly entrenched and expertly camouflaged enemy machine gunners and rifleman. The devastating fire pinned down the platoon and inflicted serious casualties. Lieutenant PARTRIDGE, a platoon leader, quickly organized and led a patrol forward in order to locate and assist in the withdrawal of the besieged platoon which, by this time, was completely cut off. As he daringly worked his way through dense growth near enemy positions, Lieutenant PARTRIDGE started a fire which swept through the ravine and along the hillside and drove the enemy from their strategic positions. Leaving part of his patrol to hold the advantage gained, he bravely led the rest of his men through the smoldering fire, disregarding exploding ammunition and heavy sniper and mortar fire, to a position from which he could aid in and cover the withdrawal of the platoon. Home address: Mrs. Ida H. Partridge, Wife, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class ARLIN F. ROSS, 37038709, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. During a 150mm mortar barrage, Private ROSS, a platoon messenger, aided in removing casualties to a safe place and helped to administer first aid. Private ROSS was seriously wounded when hit by a mortar shell fragment, but with heroic fortitude continued his work until he fainted from fatigue and loss of blood. Home address: Mrs. Fred Ross, Mother, 4100 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class WILBERT W. RUST, 35878868, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When the forward elements of an attacking rifle platoon encountered a devastating barrage of enemy knee mortar fire, and intense machine gun and rifle fire, Private RUST, exposed to the heavy fire, refused to withdraw. He continued to place effective fire on the enemy until reinforcements arrived. Private RUST'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Jacob J. Rust, Father, 18 Holmes Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Private First Class ROBERT M. SHOTT, 37008642, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When the forward elements of an attacking rifle platoon encountered a devastating barrage of enemy knee mortar fire, and intense machine gun and rifle fire, Private SHOTT, exposed to the heavy fire, refused to withdraw. He continued to place effective fire on the enemy until reinforcements arrived. Private SHOTT'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Opal G. Shott, Mother, 810 La Harpe Street, Kirksville, Missouri.

Private First Class ALVIE K. TEEM 34105349, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. When a platoon of an infantry rifle company was attacking a strongly fortified enemy position, Private TEEM, alone and unaided, preceded his platoon. He maneuvered into an advantageous position from which he successfully pinned down an enemy machine gun crew with rifle fire, thereby enabling the other members of his platoon to move forward and neutralize the position. Home address: Mr. R. I. Teem, Father, Route #6, Cullman, Alabama.

Private First Class SHELEY A. WATKINS, 37075516, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Santa Barbara, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 January 1945. When a rifle platoon was advancing across an open field, the enemy who were in expertly camouflaged positions allowed the forward elements to advance to a stream running along the edge of the field before opening up with a withering hail of machine gun and rifle fire. The platoon was ordered to withdraw. Private WATKINS, realizing the movement of any man would expose him to enemy fire, held his ground and placed continuous rifle fire on the enemy positions, thereby

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preventing the enemy from employing their weapons and enabling his comrades to withdraw. Home address: Mrs. Edna Hawley, Mother, 564 Stonewall Courts, 2500 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

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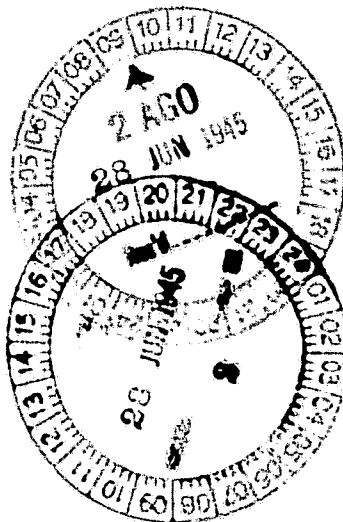
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following Red Cross representative,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

~~REV. # 1004~~  
~~Major RICHARD ABBOTT, American Red Cross Field Representative with the~~  
United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Abbott, Wife 1159 Market Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant BERNARD J. ALPERIN, 01293175, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Lieutenant ALPERIN, weapons platoon leader, was responsible for delivering supporting mortar fire while infantry rifle platoons of his company advanced against an enemy-held hill. His accurate fire orders resulted in the total destruction of enemy emplacements which were holding up the advance. During the night his mortar section was attacked. Lieutenant ALPERIN directed a counterattack against the enemy, and, at the same time, continued to give supporting mortar fire to the forward positions of the company. When the attack ended, he left his position and went forward to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Clara H. Alperin, Mother, 38 Summer Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR BARSUGLIA, 01104483, 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. Laura Barsuglia, Mother, 41st Austin Avenue, San Anselmo, California.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH V. BUCKLEY, 01303298, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 6 April 1945 the company of which Lieutenant BUCKLEY is executive officer was subjected to a fierce Japanese counterattack. Lieutenant BUCKLEY, who was then stationed at the company command post, received a telephone call from forward positions requesting additional hand grenades and ammunition. Though ill with a high fever, he organized a carrying party and started toward the forward positions. Because the Japanese had infiltrated between the forward positions and the company command post, Lieutenant BUCKLEY personally led the way, reconnoitering for enemy patrols. After reaching the forward positions, Lieutenant BUCKLEY joined the fire fight and refused to quit the field of battle until our positions were secure. Home address: Mrs. Viola R. Buckley, Wife, 1 Bellovue Terrace, Morristown, New Jersey.

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Private First Class BARKER H. DAVIS, 17074116, 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. During an attack against strong enemy troop concentrations and well fortified machine gun positions, the forward elements of an infantry battalion encountered intense sniper and machine gun fire. One man from an assault platoon lay seriously wounded and unconcealed in a rice paddy. Private DAVIS, a member of the battalion intelligence section, volunteered to go to the aid of the wounded man. He crawled across open rice paddies which were being swept with heavy machine gun fire. Upon reaching the side of the wounded man, he administered first aid and moved the man to cover. Home address: Mrs. Olive L. Davis, Mother, 1221 Robinson Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Major WILLIAM H. DEAL, 0420258, 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 31 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Horace B. Deal, Father, 265 North Union Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL DeFRANK, 33077721, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. Sergeant DeFRANK jumped from his foxhole and crawled forward across an open rice paddy under intense mortar and machine gun fire in order to reach and administer first aid to a wounded comrade. He then picked up the wounded man's automatic rifle and with it knocked out an enemy machine gun position which had been inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. After destroying the enemy position, he evacuated the wounded man to a place of safety from which he could be taken to an aid station. His heroic act saved the life of the wounded man and greatly contributed to the success of a mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary DeFrank, Mother, Chestnut Street, Box 667, Roseto, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant FRANK R. DIVIZIO, 6935400, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. An infantry company engaged in combat was in desperate need of reinforcements. Sergeant DIVIZIO gathered the personnel from the company's rear command post together and proceeded to lead them forward, three hundred yards to the front. In the advance, the group was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. Sergeant DIVIZIO and one other member of the party were wounded. Despite his wounds, Sergeant DIVIZIO refused to be evacuated until he had his men placed in a defiladed position and had give complete instructions as to the route and formation required to move forward the remaining distance. Because of his outstanding courage, initiative and good judgment in the face of heavy enemy fire, Sergeant DIVIZIO was largely responsible for reinforcements reaching the front line troops. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Divizio, Mother, 603 13th Street North, Virginia, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. FISHER, JR., 36124945, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. A company in Sergeant FISHER'S infantry battalion was pinned down by enemy sniper and mortar fire and suffered a number of casualties. Sergeant FISHER, who was in charge of the battalion aid station section, volunteered to lead a litter squad through the enemy

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fire to evacuate the wounded. Many times during the rescue work he and his squad were forced to take cover. In spite of the intense fire, Sergeant FISHER led his squad of litter bearers through the area, administered first aid and evacuated the wounded men to a rear medical unit. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Fisher, Wife, 1438<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Eckles Road, Plymouth, Michigan.

Private First Class JEROME P. GAVIN, 39286057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Abar #2, near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. During an advance by his battalion against deeply entrenched enemy troops and well fortified machine gun positions, assault units met intense sniper and machine gun fire. One man from an assault platoon was seriously wounded and lay exposed to enemy fire in an isolated position. Though the nature of the terrain exposed him to direct enemy fire, Private GAVIN, a member of the battalion intelligence section, unhesitatingly went to the aid of the wounded man. Crawling across open rice paddies, Private GAVIN reached the wounded man and administered first aid. He moved him to a place of safety and later supervised the evacuation of the wounded man to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen D. Gavin, Mother, 248 South Van Ness, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant CARL HARDIN, 7007760, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Earnest Hardin, Father, 230 Chestnut Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

Private First Class RALPH W. HARRILL, 37009150, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. The infantry company of which Private HARRILL is a messenger was attacking a heavily fortified hill position. During the advance the company was momentarily halted by fire from an enemy pillbox. Despite the heavy enemy fire Private HARRILL maneuvered over open terrain in order to reach a position from which he could bring fire upon the enemy pillbox. Several enemy machine guns were in operation from the pillbox position; nevertheless, Private HARRILL silenced the guns and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. By his heroic act Private HARRILL made the occupation of the hill possible without sustaining a casualty. Home address: Mrs. Samantha O. Harrill, Mother, Phillipsburg, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. HARRY, 37031084, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Sergeant HARRY, a platoon guide, observed that the gunner of a .30 caliber machine gun who was attached to his platoon was seriously wounded. Sergeant HARRY crawled under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire across an open rice paddy to a banana grove where the machine gun was located. He administered first aid to the wounded gunner. He then manned the machine gun and knocked out an enemy machine gun which had been inflicting many casualties on friendly troops. Sergeant HARRY, after destroying the enemy gun, carried the wounded man to the rear of our lines. His heroic act saved the life of the wounded soldier. Home address: Mr. Roy L. Harry, Father, 460 Palace Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Staff Sergeant JOSEPH A. HUIGHE, 37076061, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant HUIGHE displayed marked heroism in going to the aid of a wounded comrade. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant HUIGHE led his squad to a position on the reverse slope of a ridge, and placed a heavy volume of fire on the enemy. He then advanced under this supporting fire to reach the side of a wounded comrade and dragged him back to our lines. Home address: Mr. Joseph E. Huighe, Father, 6507 Bradley Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Sergeant FRED F. KEMPIKE, 37003183 (then Staff Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Genevieve C. Kempe, Wife, Kanapolis, Kansas.

Private First Class LUTHER J. MARTZ, 38516999, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Shimbou Line, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 22 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ila Martz, Mother, Route #2, Lockesburg, Arkansas.

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Private First Class ERNEST B. O'BRYNE, JR., 37708788, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on ~~22~~ April 1945. The infantry company to which Private O'BRYNE was attached as an aid man was receiving relatively few casualties. An adjacent company was exposed to severe enemy mortar and small arms fire and suffered heavier casualties. The terrain was such that the aid man of the adjacent company could not adequately render first aid to all the wounded. Private O'BRYNE voluntarily went to their aid, crossing ground which was under heavy fire. He gave first aid treatment to many wounded men, exposing himself continually to enemy fire until he was seriously wounded. He waited until the other wounded were removed to the rear before he allowed a litter squad to evacuate him. Private O'BRYNE'S heroism was responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ernest O'Byrne, Mother, 1025 19th Street, Greeley, Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. PRICE, 39081189, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. During an attack on a well fortified hill position, the company to which Technician PRICE was attached as an aid man suffered casualties. Technician PRICE organized litter bearers and began the evacuation of the wounded men. The enemy concentrated a heavy barrage of mortar fire in the area, causing three additional casualties. Disregarding the shells which were bursting around him, he crawled to the wounded man and administered emergency first aid. He then made three separate trips, dragging the wounded men to the protection of a nearby ravine. Having reorganized his litter bearers, he supervised the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Ella Price, Mother, Emon, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant GEORGE W. ROTH, 37008732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 15 January 1945, while defending ground seized by his platoon the previous day, Sergeant ROTH, a rifle squad leader, distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct. The platoon position was subjected to murderous enemy machine gun fire and heavy mortar shelling. At the same time the enemy counterattacked the position and seriously wounded two men in Sergeant ROTH'S squad. Sergeant ROTH left the safety of his foxhole to carry the wounded to the platoon command post. In the dark he ran the risk of being mistaken for a Japanese attempting to infiltrate our lines. After seeing that the casualties received first aid, he returned and reorganized his squad. On his own initiative, he withdrew his men to a more tenable position from which his squad was able to help repulse the attack. Home address: Mr. John Roth, Father, 508 North 11th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class FRANK RUACHO, 39596519, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 7 April 1945 the platoon of which Private RUACHO is a member was assaulting a heavily fortified enemy hill position. During the assault some of Private RUACHO'S comrades were wounded by enemy fire. He immediately went to the aid of the wounded men. Just as he approached them, he was suddenly charged by an enemy soldier. He quickly disarmed his opponent with a sweep of his rifle butt and killed him. He then drove off other enemy forces with continuous rifle fire. After the enemy were cleared from the area, Private RUACHO went on with his self-appointed task of aiding the wounded, thereby saving the lives of several of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Esperanza C. Ruacho, Wife, 1055 South Camulos Street, Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fourth Grade NORLAW H. STENGEL, 37056248, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Technician STENGEL rushed through enemy knee mortar fire and carried two seriously wounded men to a place of safety. He then, again under fire, notified his superior officer of the situation, procured plasma and assisted in giving a total of eight units of plasma to the wounded men by moonlight. He continued giving first aid until daybreak, at which time he helped evacuate the casualties. Technician STENGEL'S heroic act was directly responsible for saving the lives of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Agnes C. Stengel, Mother, 3431 Abner Place, St. Louis, Missouri.

Captain SOLOMON M. WHITE, 0465901, 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 31 May 1945. Home address: Mr. S. M. White, Father, 1109 Altie Street, Houston, Texas.

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Sergeant RAYMOND L. WRIGHT, 37007020, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ally L. Wright, Father, Cankor City, Kansas.

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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:

Sergeant HARRY L. AMUNDSON, 38056229, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. In an intense fire fight during an attack on fortified enemy positions, Sergeant AMUNDSON'S squad leader was seriously wounded and evacuated. Unhesitatingly, Sergeant AMUNDSON assumed command of the squad. Under the most adverse conditions he reorganized the squad while under fire and pressed on with the attack. Displaying brilliant and aggressive leadership, he directed the movements of his squad so successfully that it was able to destroy several enemy positions which had been holding up the advance of an infantry company. Home address: Mrs. Annie D. Amundson, Mother, Box 73, Clifton, Texas.

Private First Class LAWRENCE G. ANDERSON, 37038522, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. During a mortar preparation the enemy began to charge our positions directly in front of a 37mm gun of which Private ANDERSON was gunner. Private ANDERSON fired round after round of cannister shot into the attacking force while mortar shells were bursting all around his position. Disregarding his own safety, he continued firing even though the enemy was but ten yards away from his gun. One hundred and four of the enemy were found dead after the fight, many of whom were killed by the deadly 37mm cannister fire from Private ANDERSON'S gun. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Anderson, Mother, Verdel, Nebraska.

Sergeant GILBERT V. BAUMAN, 37059620, 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. Sergeant BAUMAN'S perimeter positions were attacked by an enemy force which employed automatic weapons, rifles and grenades and supporting mortar fire. Sergeant BAUMAN, squad leader of a light machine gun squad, sensing where the main effort was to be made, unhesitatingly crawled forward under a withering hail of enemy fire to an exposed knoll which commanded an excellent field of fire. Placing his weapon in action, he brought accurate fire to bear upon the attacking force, killing many of them and completely routing the remainder. Home address: Mr. August Bernard Bauman, Father, 347 South 4th Street, St. Genevieve, Missouri.

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Captain SAM L. A. BOWLIN, 01284642, 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 his company received an early morning attack, Captain BOWLIN, company commander, immediately alerted his troops and personally directed counter-mortar and rifle fire upon the enemy. Fearlessly moving from one position to another, he encouraged his men to more determined and effective resistance. The disregard for his own safety and the personal example of heroism he displayed served as an inspiration to the men under his command and they successfully repelled the attack, killing fifty-eight Japanese and capturing much enemy equipment and many arms. Home address: Mrs. E. A. Bowlin, Mother, 5 Salomonie Road, Huntington, Indiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. ERNST, 37044212, 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. During an assault against enemy-held high ground positions, lead assault companies of an infantry battalion lost contact and were five hundred yards apart. As the ammunition supply became critical, Private ERNST, a messenger, with disregard for his own safety, crossed the unseized area which was completely exposed to enemy fire. He located a weapons carrier, loaded it with urgently needed ammunition and succeeded in making delivery of the ammunition to forward positions. Enroute he discovered a broken communication wire which he repaired while subject to intense sniper fire. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ernst, Mother, RFD #3, Pocahontas, Iowa.

Sergeant WINFORD A. EVANS, 37058865, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. When both his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded and evacuated during an attack on a strongly defended enemy position, Sergeant EVANS, rifle squad leader, unhesitatingly took command of the platoon and directed its movements under fire. In the course of the action Sergeant EVANS noticed two wounded comrades unable to move and exposed to enemy fire. He crawled more than thirty yards under intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire and succeeded in evacuating them. Home address: Mr. Gunley Evans, Father, Likeston, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN C. EWING, 37008731, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. During a mortar preparation the enemy began to charge our positions directly in front of a 37mm gun of which Private EWING was gunner. Private EWING fired round after round of cannister shot into the attacking force while mortar shells were bursting all around his position. Disregarding his own safety, he continued firing even though the enemy was but ten yards away from his gun. One hundred and four of the enemy were found dead after the fight, many of whom were killed by the deadly 37mm cannister fire from Private EWING'S gun. Home address: Mrs. Gladys M. Ewing, Wife, Hull, Illinois.

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Technical Sergeant CLARK M. FARMER, 37008570, 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 rifle platoon attacked strongly fortified Japanese positions, the platoon leader was killed and several key non-commissioned officers wounded. Immediately assuming command, Sergeant FARMER, platoon sergeant, ordered a rear squad to a flank position and brought relentless automatic weapons fire to bear on enemy machine gun and supporting pillbox emplacements. Although the squad received a fierce enemy barrage, he ordered continuous fire which enabled litter teams to enter the severely contested area undetected and evacuate the seriously wounded. Upon completing the evacuation of the wounded and the reorganization of his platoon, he again assaulted the enemy positions and annihilated the Japanese force. Home address: Mrs. Eva P. Farmer, Wife, Powersville, Missouri.

Corporal CHARLES R. GRIFFITH, 39571612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. When the enemy counter-attacked our perimeter positions causing several casualties, Corporal GRIFFITH, an assistant squad leader was among the first to be wounded. Disregarding his own safety, he remained in the area and reconnoitered forward under the enemy fire in order to locate an advantageous spot for his automatic rifle team. Returning, he maneuvered the team into a position from which the increased effectiveness of their fire aided to a great extent in successfully repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Griffith, Wife, 836 Leslie Drive, San Gabriel, California

First Sergeant JOE E. HABASKO, 36158872, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When a leading rifle platoon reached a position near its objective, it was subjected to a withering hail of rifle and machine gun fire and the platoon leader was seriously wounded. Sergeant HABASKO was closely following the assault elements with several litter teams. By crawling under the intense fire, he worked his way to the side of the wounded platoon leader and pulled him back over the crest of a hill where it was possible to place him on a litter and evacuate him. When the evacuation party was fired upon while returning to the rear area, Sergeant HABASKO withdrew them to cover and fearlessly reconnoitered for a new route of evacuation. Home address: Mr. James V. Habasko, Father, RFD #2, Box 176, Boyne City, Michigan.

Corporal CLIFFORD R. HARMON, 35206173, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. After an infantry rifle company received a severe barrage of enemy 75mm gun fire, Corporal HARMON, intelligence scout at an advance observation post, fearlessly exposed himself to continuous sniper fire in order to locate the enemy artillery piece. He then plotted the position of the gun and, after contacting the battalion artillery liaison officer, directed a counter-artillery barrage on the enemy emplacement. The enemy weapon was knocked out and supporting machine gun crews were forced to withdraw from their fortified positions. Home address: Mrs. Clara J. Harmon, Mother, Rural Route #1, Buffalo, West Virginia.

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Captain CECIL C. HELENA, 0412387, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Boso Boso river near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. When ordered to establish an ambush in an area known to be actively patrolled by numerous enemy troops, Captain HELENA, a rifle company commander, personally led a combat patrol into the enemy territory. Skillfully and aggressively he led the patrol through thick bamboo growths and deep wooded ravines. Meeting heavy machine gun and rifle fire as they neared their river objective, Captain HELENA crawled forward and located the enemy position. Upon his return he deployed his patrol so successfully that four Japanese were killed. After establishing the ambush, he then, alone, returned through sniper fire to his company and led forward a carrying party with supplies for the ambush. Home address: Mrs. Lola M. Helena, Mother, 109 North Knoblock Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant D. O. KINGSLEY, 37007729, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Boso Boso river near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Sergeant KINGSLEY, squad leader of an 81mm mortar squad, was acting as a forward observer attached to an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon when his section leader became a casualty. At the same time, a platoon of another infantry company on an adjacent hill was attacked by an enemy force. Sergeant KINGSLEY saw the attack begin and quickly adjusted effective mortar fire on the enemy. In order to place this mortar fire on the enemy, he was forced to expose himself to the full view of the hostile troops. Unmindful of the danger, he continued to adjust mortar fire on the target and succeeded in driving the enemy from the hill. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Kingsley, Mother, LaRussell, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOHN F. PITZER, 37008559, (then Sergeant), 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 30 March 1945. While leading a patrol along a narrow trail flanked on both sides by dense bamboo thickets and heavy underbrush, Sergeant PITZER became suspicious of a heavily wooded area to his front and ordered his patrol to take cover. On his own initiative and alone, he boldly reconnoitered the area, finding a strong enemy ambush. Heedless of the extreme danger, he explored the ambush area and located the positions of two enemy machine guns and emplaced demolition charges including a bangalore torpedo wired to an enemy foxhole. After tediously working his way back from the infested area, he directed effective mortar fire against the enemy, destroying the machine gun positions. He then led a demolition squad which was successful in destroying the remainder of the dangerous ambush. Home address: Mr. Paul E. Pitzer, Father, Cantril, Iowa.

Private First Class CLARENCE H. SCHERER, 35413834, 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. As forward elements of a rifle company stormed enemy positions, they encountered devastating enemy heavy machine gun fire from a high ridge emplacement. Heavy casualties resulted and the problem of evacuation became critical. Private SCHERER, rifleman, with disregard for his own safety, secured a position in a completely exposed area from which he brought relentless rifle fire to bear upon the enemy heavy machine gun emplacement. At the same time his accurate and rapid

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fire protected wounded personnel from enemy snipers attempting to infiltrate through our positions. By keeping constantly on the alert and noting enemy activities, he was able to give accurate intelligence information to a relief unit. This information was of value to them in carrying out the complete evacuation of all casualties. Home address: Mrs. Carrie E. Scherer, Mother, Route #3, Millersburg, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant OLAF S. SELLIKEN, 37081362, 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. Sergeant SELLIKEN, squad leader, skillfully maneuvered his squad in an attempt to knock out an enemy machine gun emplacement in order to secure a route of advance for the major force of an infantry company. His squad suddenly encountered devastating machine gun and intense supporting rifle fire from both flanks of the enemy emplacement. Several members of his squad were hit by the first bursts of fire and were unable to crawl out of lane of fire. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant SELLIKEN, in the face of enemy fire, worked his way to the side of each wounded man and assisted the wounded to a sheltered position where he administered much needed medical aid and supervised their evacuation to rear installations. Home address: Mr. Julius Selliken, Father, Grafton, North Dakota.

Sergeant LEO S. SHINKLE, 37008030, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. The perimeter positions of an infantry platoon were attacked by an estimated force of eighty Japanese who employed grenades, rifle machine gun and knee mortar fire. Sergeant SHINKLE, squad leader, noted the direction of the attack and realized that only his squad could bring effective fire to bear on the advancing enemy forces. While directing the fire of his squad and tossing grenades and firing his rifle, he was hit in the head by enemy knee mortar shrapnel. With disregard for his own welfare, he continued repulsing the attack and remained on duty until the following morning. Home address: Mr. Thomas H. Shinkle, Father, 575 Glenwood Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMIE M. SPRINGER, 37142609, 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. An infantry rifle company had suffered heavy casualties from withering enemy machine gun fire. As the evacuation of the wounded became critical, an 81mm mortar smoke screen was laid across the positions of friendly troops. Although the enemy constantly raked the area with heavy fire, Private SPRINGER, gunner in a light machine gun squad, voluntarily left his sheltered position and, with the aid of three other members of his squad, rapidly carried six casualties from the severely contested area. Home address: Mr. Royal B. Springer, Father, Route #4, Manhattan, Kansas.

Private First Class CIPRIANO C. TORRES, 38068417, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Montaba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. When an infantry rifle company had secured commanding ground on a hill, it was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy heavy mortar and artillery fire which completely severed all wire communications with rear command post installations. With

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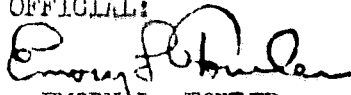
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disregard for his own safety. Private TORRES, wireman, crawled under the heavy fire for a distance of two hundred yards along the wire lines making necessary repairs. As a result of Private TORRES' courageous efficiency vital communications were re-established. Home address: Mrs. Carmen B. Torres, Wife, 700 South Hammett Boulevard El Paso, Texas.

Private First Class JESSE M. VAUGHN, 36651291, 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. As lead scout of a patrol assigned the mission of obtaining intelligence information of enemy strength, troop disposition and defensive positions, Private VAUGHN moved far in advance of the main body of the patrol and on several occasions was subjected to severe sniper fire. Upon reaching an advance observation post and securing desired information, the patrol prepared to return. Although nearly exhausted from constant aggressive scouting, Private VAUGHN refused to be relieved as lead scout. Under his close observation and by skillful maneuver of the patrol, he and the patrol successfully passed without detection several enemy machine gun emplacements and crossed safely an area heavily infested with snipers on the return journey. Home address: Mrs. Birdie J. Vaughn, Mother, Route #2, Crown Point, Indiana.

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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 to the enlisted men named below by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6 for gallantry in action against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. During an attack on Mount Mataba, the rifle platoons of their company encountered devastating fire from enemy machine guns which were located in a strongpoint on the summit of a hill. The fire from these guns controlled a ridge and an extended open slope which was the only accessible route for the advance of their company. These two riflemen volunteered to scale the precipitous side of a peak in an effort to eliminate the enemy position. Armed with submachine guns, they worked their way up through brush and over ledges, under enemy small arms and grenade fire, and when within a few yards of the strongpoint opened up with withering submachine gun fire. Then, rushing in close, they completely demolished the emplacement with grenades, killing the enemy gunners.

Private First Class RUPERT BURGESS, 35095934, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Marie Burgess, Wife, 121 South 29th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

Private First Class PAT M. TRELLA, 36365060, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary Trella, Mother, 12755 Hoyne Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois.

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:

Sergeant ODIS B. CATO, 37065926, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. During an enemy shelling of our positions, the communication wire leading to a mortar section in which Sergeant CATO is first gunner was cut. Our mortars could not be employed with their full effectiveness against the enemy as long as the forward observer was unable to send orders to the mortar section. Sergeant CATO voluntarily left the protection of his foxhole in order to repair the line. Despite the heavy artillery barrage, he traced the line until he found the break. He repaired the line while exposed to enemy fire. Home address: Mr. Elbert Cato, Father, Route #2, Vilonia, Arkansas.

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Sergeant RICHARD W. EDWARDS, 17011643, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Harry L. Edwards, Father, 4516 Florence Boulevard, Omaha, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant HILSON A. FINN, 17012964, 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 FINN was leading his platoon in an attack against enemy located in a gorge. His platoon came under enemy machine gun fire and one of his men was wounded. Sergeant FINN called his men back, deployed them to cover him as he crawled forward under the machine gun fire. He reached the wounded man and carried him to safety. Then, upon discovering a Japanese soldier lying in front of a cave, Sergeant FINN worked his way around him and approached him from the rear. He succeeded in getting within ten feet of the enemy soldier before his presence was detected. The Japanese, knowing that further resistance was useless, surrendered. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Finn, Wife, Lebanon, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant MORRIS B. GARNER, 37065827, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. While advancing up a steep and rugged slope, the progress of Sergeant GARNER'S company was held up by fire from an enemy machine gun nest located upon a high crest. The only route of advance for some distance was over open terrain which was completely covered by fire from this enemy strongpoint. Because of the nature of the terrain the emplacement could not be reached by a flanking attack. Sergeant GARNER, mortar section leader, moved his 60mm mortar into an effective firing position. Under sniper and machine gun fire, he rapidly directed four rounds of mortar fire with such accuracy upon the enemy position that it was completely destroyed. Home address: Mrs. Cattie Garner, Mother, 408 Center Street, Fordyce, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE T. HAYASHIDA, 39016482, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. An enemy commanding officer was trapped in a church during the severe fire fight for Munoz. Sergeant HAYASHIDA exposing himself to enemy fire, advanced to a position from which he could be heard as he requested the trapped Japanese officer to surrender to our forces. Sergeant HAYASHIDA then made numerous propaganda broadcasts from front line positions which were under enemy observation and fire. His daring efforts resulted in the taking of prisoners of war from whom information was obtained which was of great value in planning ground operations. Home address: Mrs. Mary Hayashida, Mother, Route #1, Box 16, Blanca, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM L. JOHNS, 37000089, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. During an assault Sergeant JOHNS' company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire from concealed positions. Sergeant JOHNS remained in an exposed position, keeping the enemy under constant fire from his light machine gun, and enabled his company to withdraw and reorganize. The fire he drew from the enemy revealed their gun positions so that other units were able to destroy them with a minimum of casualties and more rapidly secure their objective. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Tinsley, Mother, Route #2, Brookfield, Missouri.



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Staff Sergeant CLARENCE R. KIENINGER, 37076138, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant KIENINGER, rifle squad leader, displayed marked heroism when advancing against an enemy position which was holding up the advance of a rifle platoon. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant KIENINGER, along with an automatic rifleman, advanced over exposed terrain to a position from which it was possible to keep the enemy pinned down until the remainder of the platoon could move ahead and destroy the enemy position. As a result of this action, Sergeant KIENINGER'S platoon was able to capture its part of the company objective. Home address: Mr. Martin C. Kieninger, Father, Route #1, Jackson, Missouri.

Sergeant GARNET LONG, 37066387, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant LONG displayed marked heroism in advancing alone against an enemy position which was holding up the advance of his platoon. Despite grenade, machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant LONG succeeded in reaching an exposed position from which he kept the enemy pinned down by fire from an automatic rifle until the remainder of his platoon advanced and made a bayonet attack on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Mary Long, Wife, Route #1, Box 36, Hughes, Arkansas.

Private First Class HERBERT N. MARX, 37030886, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. While his company was holding a defensive position, Private MARX, a gunner, had his light machine gun set up on the company's flank. About 0630 a force of Japanese attempted to penetrate our positions on that flank. Private MARX, realizing the necessity of protecting and holding his position, began firing his machine gun into the enemy force. By alternately firing the gun and throwing hand grenades, he broke up the enemy attack, accounting for three enemy dead. Home address: Mrs. Ann Marx, Mother, Albertville, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade OSEE MCGEE, 37066055, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie McGee, Mother, Strawberry, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD S. PLEINES, 6290667, 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 C. Pleines, Father, c/o Herbert Derricott, Gunnison, Colorado.

First Lieutenant CARROLL A. PROVOST, 01291165, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Arthur J. Provost, Father, Main Street, Northfield Falls, Vermont.

Private First Class HENRY C. RANS, 37065949, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. During the night

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a heavy barrage of artillery, heavy mortar and knee mortar fire was laid down on the position occupied by Private RANS' company in preparation for a large enemy counterattack. The main force of the attacking enemy was concentrated on a sector of the perimeter where the number of riflemen was not sufficiently large to repulse the coming attack. Private RANS, on his own initiative, left his concealed emplacement and moved his heavy machine gun to a position from which he could direct greater firepower against the enemy. The attack came in waves and Private RANS went from position to position encouraging the men in his squad and helping to build up the fire power of the line at the time and place needed. It was mainly as a result of Private RANS initiative and courage that the counterattack was repulsed and the enemy driven off. Home address: Mrs. Florence A. Richard, Sister, 430 West Washington Street, Winamac, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade CLARENCE R. RAY, 37065839, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage on our positions, Technician RAY voluntarily crossed open terrain under direct enemy grenade and sniper fire in order to reach several seriously wounded men. He carried his wounded comrades from their exposed position to a place of safety where he administered first aid. Technician RAY'S willingness to risk his life for others saved the lives of several men. Home address: Mr. John R. Ray, Father, Route #1, Lowell, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant CLOMA A. ROBERTS, 38032326, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. The rifle platoon in which Sergeant ROBERTS served as squad leader was pinned down by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Sergeant ROBERTS pushed forward, alone, across an open slope and succeeded in reaching a covered position from which he could lay down rifle fire and throw hand grenades upon enemy snipers and a machine gun nest. He killed the crew manning the machine gun and shot one of the snipers. As a result of Sergeant ROBERTS' daring act his platoon was able to resume its advance and successfully take its objective with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Bessie S. Henderson, Grandmother, Ingram, Texas.

Private First Class PAUL C. SHORT, 31369239, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Natib, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 May 1945 to 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eldora K. Short, Mother, Wethersfield Street, Rowley, Massachusetts.

Private First Class ELMER J. STROM, 37030863, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. The supply and evacuation routes of Private STROM'S company were over flat and open terrain which was under continual artillery fire during the day and patrolled by the enemy at night. Casualties were heavy and the ammunition supply was running low because the tactical situation did not permit vehicles to bring supplies to the front. Private STROM volunteered to drive a truck over the hazardous route. He succeeded in evacuating the wounded and brought back ammunition on his return trip. As a result

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of Private or Private STROM'S courage and devotion to duty the lives of many wounded men were saved and his company was supplied with sufficient ammunition to repulse an enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Delores K. Strom, Wife, Elbow, Lake, Minnesota.

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\*Sergeant HERMAN L. WHITLOW, 33217610, 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 the night a heavy barrage of artillery, heavy mortar and knee mortar fire was laid down on the position occupied by Sergeant WHITLOW'S company in preparation for a large enemy counterattack. The main force of the attacking enemy was concentrated on a sector of the perimeter where the number of riflemen was not sufficiently large to repulse the coming attack. Sergeant WHITLOW, on his own initiative, left his concealed emplacement and moved his heavy machine gun to a position from which he could direct greater firepower against the enemy. The attack came in waves and Sergeant WHITLOW went from position to position encouraging the men in his squad and helping to build up the fire power of the line at the time and place needed. It was mainly as a result of Sergeant WHITLOW'S initiative and courage that the counterattack was repulsed and the enemy driven off. Home address: Mrs. Helen R. Whitlow, Wife, Route #1, Denniston, Virginia.

Private First Class LAMBERT G. WILLCOCKSON, 37065854, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 February 1945. Private WILLCOCKSON, aid man with an infantry cannon company, accompanied a platoon on a direct fire mission against deeply entrenched and well fortified enemy positions. While moving to alternate positions to fire a secondary mission, a self-propelled mount was struck by an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun and began to burn. Private WILLCOCKSON, despite the fact that the entire area was under heavy fire from the anti-tank gun as well as from small arms, made his way to a wounded man and carried him to a safe place. He again exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to rescue a second wounded man. After he had brought both men to a sheltered spot he administered first aid, saving the lives of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs. Martha Willcockson, Mother, 631 West Thompson Street, Paragould, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant GORDON F. WILLIAMS, 02036725, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Lieutenant WILLIAMS, heavy machine gun platoon leader, was attached to a rifle company which was engaged in a bitter struggle for high ground held by the enemy. Lieutenant WILLIAMS reconnoitered over the top of a ridge far forward of the rifle company's most advanced point in order that he might find the best possible location for his heavy machine guns. His reports after returning from his reconnaissance were invaluable to the commanding officer of the rifle company in deploying his company to meet a counterattack which developed during the night. While the counterattack was in progress, Lieutenant WILLIAMS moved among his own men and the men of the rifle company encouraging them to resist the enemy attack to their utmost. His skillful employment of his machine guns enabled the rifle company to counterattack and drive the enemy from their positions. Home address: Mr. Fred S. Williams, Father, 1129 Fairview Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

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First Sergeant RAY A. YATES, 37086007, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 11 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Henrietta Marie Yates, Wife, Chalco, Nebraska.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HURDIS:

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant LESTER R. ALEXANDER, 38400270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. While his company was holding a defensive position, it came under an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage. Sergeant ALEXANDER, a squad leader, saw an artillery shell explode near the foxhole of a member of his squad, completely covering the man with earth. Sergeant ALEXANDER crawled to the covered-up foxhole and removed the dirt and debris. He lifted the wounded man from the foxhole and administered first aid, after which he succeeded in evacuating his wounded comrade to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Janie H. Alexander, Mother, Route #3, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH J. BACHA, 13167646, 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. A heavy weapons company underwent heavy shelling by enemy artillery and mortar fire which caused several casualties. Technician BACHA, a company aid man, crawled under the continuous barrage to wounded men who lay in an exposed position. He succeeded in evacuating them to a shell crater where he administered first aid and gave blood plasma. Home address: Mrs. Anna Bacha, Mother, 208 Third Street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant JOHN L. BOYLE, JR., 35124177, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite A. Boyle, Wife, Route #5, Hamilton, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant EUGENE L. FOWLER, 37070036, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 May 1945. Sergeant FOWLER, 81mm mortar platoon sergeant, led his section in support of a rifle company and, at the same time, acted as forward observer. The enemy strength was approximately one hundred and, because of extremely dense undergrowth and rainy weather, visibility of enemy positions was practically nil. Riflemen closely supported enemy positions and were difficult to detect because of the rugged jungle terrain,

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Sergeant FOWLER remained with the foremost elements during the advance and continually directed close 81mm mortar fire on enemy pockets of resistance. His accurate adjustment of mortar fire in conjunction with the rifle company's advance greatly contributed to the success of a mission. Home address: Mrs. Faye Fowler, Wife, Argonia, Kansas.

Private First Class VERNON O. GOELZER, 36833735, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Genevieve M. Goelzer, Wife, 3414 Whitnall Avenue, Waukegan, Wisconsin.

Private First Class CLARENCE G. HARRIS, 37009774, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. While his company was engaged in action with the enemy, Private Harris, a member of a 60mm mortar section, volunteered to locate an enemy mortar and machine gun nest which had been firing on our troops, causing numerous casualties and impeding our advance. Despite the enemy fire which continually struck about him, Private HARRIS successfully maneuvered to a position from which he had a clear field of observation and, by his directions, his mortar squad scored a direct hit on the enemy machine gun nest and also knocked out the enemy mortar. Home address: Mr. Daniel W. Harris, Father, 2311 Broadway, Parsons, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant HUBERT C. HILE, 37066006, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. When his company was engaged in an attack on a fortified enemy-held hill, Sergeant HILE volunteered to help rescue and evacuate a wounded man. He worked his way to the wounded man in the face of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant HILE gave the wounded man aid while in an exposed position. He then evacuated him over open terrain to a place where medical treatment was available. Home address: Mrs. Lula Bell Hile, Mother, Route #1, McCaskill, Arkansas.

Private First Class OTTO J. JACOB, 31271955, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Jacob, Mother, 156 New Harwinton Road, Torrington, Connecticut.

Private First Class FRANCIS W. McCONNELL, 39461452, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. The company to which Private McCONNELL, a company aid man, is attached was shelled by enemy mortar and artillery fire. A member of Private McCONNELL'S platoon was buried alive when a shell exploded near his foxhole, throwing rock and sand over him. Under fire, Private McCONNELL voluntarily took a shovel and crawled forward. He reached the foxhole and uncovered the wounded man. He then moved him to a safe place and administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Anne E. Gosline, Mother, 911½ South 11th Street, Tacoma, Washington.

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Private First Class JOHN A. MILLER, 39081195, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John F. Miller, Father, 500 Sunbury Street, Minersville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GAYLORD MOLE, 39418511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. In an assault on a strongly entrenched enemy position the assault squad of which Private MOLE is a rifleman was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. He observed his platoon guide fall when hit by enemy fire in an area which was under intense small arms fire. After a man had been dispatched to bring up litters to an area to the rear, safe from enemy fire, Private MOLE, along with his squad leader, dashed forward in face of the enemy fire and carried the wounded man to cover. From this point the litter bearers were able to evacuate the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Goldier Mole, Mother, Box 53, Buttonwillow, California.

Staff Sergeant LORREN R. PIKE, 37451475, (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 26 February 1945. During an enemy shelling on our positions, a mortar was put out of action by enemy shell fire and the gunner was killed. The assistant gunner then took over, but, since the enemy was now well-zeroed in on the position, they again put the gun out of action and wounded the assistant gunner. Despite the fact that the enemy was still shelling the area, Sergeant PIKE volunteered to evacuate the wounded man. After he carried him to a position of safety, Sergeant PIKE returned to the mortar position. Sergeant PIKE, completely aware of the vulnerability of the emplacement, entered it and restored the gun to use, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Geneva M. Pike, Wife, 1415 20th Street, Sacramento, California.

Master Sergeant JAMES B. PLUNKETT, 37065420, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lela V. Plunkett, Mother, 5235 Fall Avenue, Apartment 2b, Richmond, California.

Private First Class CHARLES D. RICE, 35466657, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private RICE was a member of an assaulting force which was attacking a heavily fortified hill position. Despite heavy grenade, machine gun, and knee mortar fire, Private RICE, an automatic rifleman, advanced against enemy machine gun nests. He succeeded in reaching the crest of a ridge and fired his automatic rifle incessantly into the enemy positions, keeping the enemy pinned down until the remainder of his assaulting force moved up the ridge to a position from which it knocked out two knee mortars, three light machine guns, and killed fourteen of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Nannie Rice, Mother, Route #1, Georgetown, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant CLAYTON E. RICH, 0437822, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 April 1945. A heavy machine gun platoon was attached to a rifle company in direct support of an attack. Lieutenant RICH, platoon leader of the heavy machine guns, disposed one section of his platoon to fire overhead fire for the attack. During the night the enemy staged a diversionary attack on the rifle company command post, employing small arms and hand grenades. While this diversionary attack was progressing, the enemy counter-attacked the rifle company's forward position. Lieutenant RICH, however, refused to commit his machine guns in the diversionary attack, and, with great foresight, sited his guns to cover the forward position, even though it meant silhouetting himself on the skyline in full view of the enemy who were attacking the command post. When the enemy assaulted the company's forward position they were met with an intense and accurate concentration of machine gun fire directed by Lieutenant RICH. As a result of this fire, the enemy attack was completely broken and severe casualties inflicted. Home address: Mrs. Mildred C. Roosevelt, Mother, 1001 Park Avenue, New York 28, New York.

Private First Class BOYD L. STABER, 37276677, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Private STABER, an assistant squad leader, was leading a five-man patrol which was given the assignment of reconnoitering enemy positions. During their advance over steep terrain, the patrol encountered a Japanese patrol of twelve men, armed with rifles and a light machine gun. Displaying outstanding leadership and courage, Private STABER deployed his men so that they could take advantage of available cover and he directed fire against the enemy patrol, killing nine of the enemy without sustaining a single casualty among his men. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Staber, Mother, 2617 Harriet Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class RALPH R. STAFFORD, 37065810, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. The platoon of which Private STAFFORD is a rifleman was engaged in an assault on a heavily fortified enemy hill position. During the advance the platoon was halted by heavy fire from an enemy machine gun which was well concealed. Realizing that a well placed hand grenade would be effective against the enemy position, Private STAFFORD voluntarily crawled forward over exposed ground to the enemy position and completely destroyed it with a grenade. By this action, Private STAFFORD enabled his platoon to move forward and complete its mission. Home address: Mr. Sidney J. Stafford, Father, Route #1, Gassville, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM D. WILCOX, 39022412, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Erma A. Wilcox, Wife, 760 Elmira, c/o #10, Pasadena, California.



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Technician Third Grade GERALD J. WILHELMY, 37089013, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 March 1945. A heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage caused a large number of casualties in a line company. A message was delivered to the regimental aid station, requesting help in caring for the wounded. Technician WILHELMY, aid station technician, volunteered to go forward of the aid station on this mission. In the face of continued enemy shelling, Technician WILHELMY carried units of blood plasma to where the wounded men were lying and proceeded to give first aid and blood plasma. He remained with the wounded until dark at which time others arrived to assist him with the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Wilhelmy, Wife, 318 Onieda Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Corporal JOHN R. WORLEY, 16104249, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rocario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. During an attack on enemy positions located on a high ridge, our troops encountered strong enemy resistance. Corporal WORLEY, a company aid man with a rifle company, made his way forward through a heavy artillery barrage in order to reach the wounded soldiers of an adjacent platoon. After giving first aid and placing the wounded men in a safe place, he rushed across the ridge in the face of grenade and sniper fire and carried wounded men of his own platoon who had fallen directly in front of an active enemy pillbox to safety. Home address: Mrs. Olive V. Worley, Mother, Raritan, Illinois.

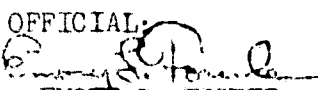
Private First Class HERBERT E. WYANT, 35095130, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Private WYANT'S company was receiving a severe shelling by enemy artillery and mortar fire. One of the members of an adjacent rifle company was completely covered by earth in his foxhole by a shell exploding nearby. Private WYANT, a rifleman, left his position of safety to aid his comrade, buried by the explosion. Shells continued to drop about his position as he uncovered the man and carried him three hundred yards to the rear over rough and difficult terrain to a place of safety where he administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Wyant, Mother, 623 West Boone Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

Section II - Amendment of General Orders

So much of page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 103, this headquarters, dated 11 June 1945 as pertains to Master Sergeant ALVIN C. HEDSPETH, 37058891, 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 Master Sergeant ALVIN C. HEDSPETH, 37058891, 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."

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HURDIS:

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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 LOWELL E. BARGER, 37450639, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Private BARGER, with the aid of another enlisted man, while in the midst of a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, administered plasma to and dressed the wounds of a severely wounded man. He then attempted to evacuate the wounded man along with other casualties to rear installations. While so doing, his vehicle was hit by shellfire and he and the casualties were subjected to such an intense enemy barrage that it was necessary for Private BARGER to unload the wounded men and place them in foxholes. After having repaired the damage to his vehicle, Private BARGER succeeded in evacuating his wounded comrades to the rear. Home address: Mrs. L. S. Barger, Mother, 4402 South 49th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant GENE O. BRODIE, 0449184, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 March 1945 to 24 March 1945. Lieutenant BRODIE was acting as a forward observer with an infantry company. During an advance Lieutenant BRODIE became ill, but refused relief because the infantry company needed his immediate artillery support. He remained at his post, directing artillery fire which neutralized enemy mortars and artillery, thereby enabling the company to secure its objective with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mr. L. W. Brodie, Father, 4th Street, Skiatook, Oklahoma.

Private First Class JACK J. CLARK, 37463889, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. When wire circuits from an infantry regiment to a cavalry unit were knocked out by enemy artillery fire, Private CLARK immediately left the command post to make repairs. When he arrived in the area where the lines were installed, the enemy began shelling again. Private CLARK continued with his mission until communication was restored. The courage displayed by Private CLARK in performing his duty as a lineman while subject to enemy artillery fire is a credit to himself and to the service. Home address: Mrs. Annie Clark, Mother, 9523 North 29th Street, Omaha 12, Nebraska.

Private First Class RALPH E. CRUMLEY, 35798222, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Private CRUMLEY voluntarily advanced under heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. His courageous action and devotion to duty made the evacuation and treatment of the wounded man possible. Home address: Mrs. Lula L. Crumley, Wife, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Staff Sergeant LEONARD M. DYER, 17003783, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When a number of enemy tanks attempted to break through our lines, they were engaged by machine gun fire and point-blank artillery fire. In the course of the battle the main telephonic communication trunk lines between two infantry regiments were knocked out. Sergeant DYER and three other enlisted men, while under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, succeeded in making necessary repairs and restored vital communications between the regiments. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Dyer, Mother, 220 West 10th Street Spencer, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD E. EBERTOWSKI, 37081364, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Technician EBERTOWSKI, with the aid of another enlisted man, while in the midst of a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, administered plasma to and dressed the wounds of a severely wounded man. He then attempted to evacuate the wounded man along with other casualties to rear installations. While so doing, his vehicle was hit by shellfire and he and the casualties were subjected to such an intense barrage that it was necessary for Technician EBERTOWSKI to unload the wounded men and place them in foxholes. After having repaired the damage to his vehicle, Technician EBERTOWSKI succeeded in evacuating his wounded comrades to the rear. Home address: Mr. Frank C. Ebertowski, Father, Route #5, Grafton, North Dakota.

Captain WALTER G. FERNELIUS, 0411402, 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 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Enid R. Fernelius, Mother, Rock River, Wyoming.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT F. FLYNN, 35026772, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When a number of enemy tanks attempted to break through our lines, they were engaged by machine gun fire and point-blank artillery fire. In the course of the battle the main telephonic communication trunk lines between two infantry regiments were knocked out. Technician FLYNN and three other enlisted men, while under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, succeeded in making necessary repairs and restored vital communications between the regiments. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Flynn, Mother, 1502 East 45th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class LEONARD E. HARRISON, 36684325, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Casualties were heavy during an advance by an infantry battalion against the enemy. Private HARRISON volunteered to assist with the evacuation of the wounded. He made many trips while enemy 150mm mortar shells were bursting near him to reach the wounded and evacuate them over exposed and treacherous terrain to a rear installation. Home address: Mrs. Fern L. Harrison, Wife, 5465 Ashland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT L. HURRELL, 35162734, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bush Ridge and Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Harriett R. Hurrell, Wife, 33 West 3d Street, Hobart, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT D. LINDERMAN, 34034781, 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. Sergeant LINDERMAN, platoon sergeant of an assault rifle platoon, during an attack against a strongly fortified position, was sent around the flank by his platoon leader for the purpose of evacuating casualties sustained by the attacking squad. On the first two attempts Sergeant LINDERMAN found that the wounded men were isolated by heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire. By exposing himself to the enemy fire and directing the litter squads to come in from another direction, he was able to get his men to the wounded and effect their evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Hilda C. Linderman, Wife, c/o Savannah Sugar Refinery, Box 70, Port Wentworth, Georgia.

Sergeant NED F. LIVINGSTON, 36201172, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. When wire circuits from an infantry regiment to a cavalry unit were knocked out by enemy artillery fire, Sergeant LIVINGSTON immediately left the command post to make repairs. When he arrived in the area where the lines were installed, the enemy began shelling again. Sergeant LIVINGSTON continued with his mission until communication was restored. The courage displayed by Sergeant LIVINGSTON in performing his duty as lineman while subject to enemy artillery fire is a credit to himself and the service. Home address: Mrs. H. F. Livingston, Mother, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Captain ROBERT A. MARSHALL, 0409119, 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 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth D. Marshall, Wife, 2020 Nicollet #319, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant NORMAN C. McCARDELL, 01303368, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. Lieutenant McCARDELL assumed command after his company commander was wounded and evacuated during an attack. He displayed the force and enthusiasm necessary to prevent a let-down in the aggressiveness with which the attack was being pressed. His continued presence in the foremost elements of the company set an example for his men and his courageous leadership was an inspiration to the officers and men of the company. Home address: Mrs. Louise E. McCardell, Wife, 113 South High Street West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BYRON T. NEW, 37721320, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. During an advance by his battalion Private NEW volunteered his services as litter bearer when his unit suffered numerous casualties on the front lines. One man from an assault platoon was wounded

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and lay exposed to enemy fire in an isolated position. Although the nature of the terrain exposed him to direct enemy fire, Private NEW went to the aid of the wounded man. He administered first aid and moved the man to a covered position. Home address; Mr. Max E. New, Father, 1225 Randolph Street, Leavenworth, Kansas.

First Lieutenant GEORGE W. O'REILLY, 01113381, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 April 1945 to 19 April 1945. Home address: Mr. James O'Reilly, Father, 640 Woonasquatucket, Avenue, North Providence, Rhode Island..

Private First Class WILLIAM PINSON, 35433783, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 March 1945. When wire circuits from an infantry regiment to a cavalry unit were knocked out by enemy artillery fire, Private PINSON immediately left the command post to make repairs. When he arrived in the area where the lines were installed, the enemy began shelling again. Private PINSON continued with his mission until communication was restored. The courage displayed by Private PINSON in performing his duty as a lineman while subject to enemy artillery fire is a credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Pinson, Mother, Box 413, Williamson, West Virginia.

Sergeant WARREN D. RICHARDSON, 37214125, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant RICHARDSON, an assistant rifle squad leader, accompanied by another man; displayed marked heroism in advancing against an enemy position which was holding up the advance of an infantry platoon. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, they proceeded over exposed terrain to a position from which they were able to keep the enemy pinned down until the remainder of the platoon could advance and destroy the position. As a result of this action the platoon was able to capture its part of the company objective. Home address; Mrs. Myrtle J. Allen, Sister, 918 West 14th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Private First Class HERSCHELL D. SIMMONS, 37105211, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Private SIMMONS, when unable to operate his ambulance because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, voluntarily evacuated a seriously wounded patient by litter over extremely rough terrain which was constantly subjected to enemy artillery fire. He succeeded in delivering the patient to an aid station where further medical treatment was possible. Home address: Mr. Isaac Simmons, Father, Box 415, Leslie, Arkansas.

Private First Class EARLE L. F. STOUT, 37412559, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations

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against the enemy at Baganbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 March 1945. When wire circuits from an infantry regiment to a cavalry unit were knocked out by enemy artillery fire, Private STOUT immediately left the command post to make repairs. When he arrived in the area where the lines were installed, the enemy began shelling again. Private STOUT continued with his mission until communication was restored. The courage displayed by Private STOUT in performing his duty as a lineman while subject to enemy artillery fire is a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margie Stout, Wife, 721 North Spanish Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Private First Class CLIFFORD W. THREKELD, 37540898, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When a number of enemy tanks attempted to break through our lines, they were engaged by machine gun fire and point-blank artillery fire. In the course of the battle the main telephonic communication trunk lines between two infantry regiments were knocked out. Private THREKELD and three other enlisted men, while under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, succeeded in making necessary repairs and restored vital communications between the regiments. Home address: Mrs. Loretta Threkeld, Wife, 2115 Douglas Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade RUSSELL C. TRUAX, 36158666, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When a number of enemy tanks attempted to break through our lines, they were engaged by machine gun fire and point-blank artillery fire. In the course of the battle the main telephonic communication trunk lines between two infantry regiments were knocked out. Technician TRUAX and three other enlisted men, while under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, succeeded in making necessary repairs and restored vital communications between the regiments. Home address: Mrs. Essica Truax, Mother, Route #1, Shelbyville, Michigan.

Private FREDERICK WIESENHUTTER, 39590555, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Private WIESENHUTTER, when unable to operate his ambulance because of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, voluntarily evacuated a seriously wounded patient by litter over extremely rough terrain which was constantly subjected to enemy artillery fire. He succeeded in delivering the patient to an aid station where further medical treatment was possible. Home address: Mrs. Doris Mae Wiesenhutter, Wife, 224 Eagle Street, Long Beach, California.

Private First Class WILE H. WILLIAMS, 33040986, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle L. Williams, Mother, Ivanhoe, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. WOOLDRIDGE, JR., 37009331, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against

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the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 March 1945. Sergeant WOOLDRIDGE displayed marked heroism in going to the aid of a wounded comrade. While the company was on a defensive position and under heavy 155mm and 105mm artillery fire, one of our positions received a direct hit. Sergeant WOOLDRIDGE, although receiving wounds himself, went to the aid of a comrade and evacuated him to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mr. William M. Wooldridge, Sr., Father, Route #2, Sarcocic, Missouri.

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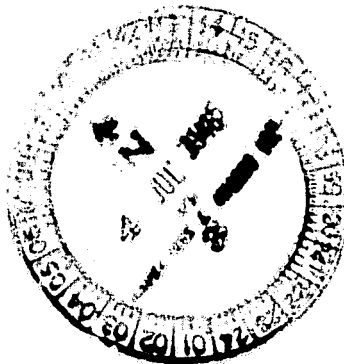
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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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:

Private First Class WILLIAM A. BARKLEY, 32835072, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. During an attack on a fortified enemy hill position, the squad of which Private BARKLEY, a rifleman, is a member was pinned down on a slope by heavy machine gun and sniper fire. Private BARKLEY moved up on one of the enemy gun emplacements and, by throwing hand grenades, kept it silenced until other members of his squad could move into more protected position. While firing his rifle into other enemy locations, he was hit in the chest by a sniper's bullet. Though unable to move back because of his wound, he continued to fire into the enemy emplacements until aid men crawled up and removed him to cover. Home address: Mr. William A. Barkley, Sr., Father, 226 Center Street, Canandaigua, New York.

Second Lieutenant PARKER F. CARR, 02023619, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. During an attack by his rifle company, Lieutenant CARR led his platoon in an assault against several well defended and dug-in enemy machine guns and mortars. By maneuvering his men to the flanks, Lieutenant CARR was able to knock out two gun positions and kill a total of seven Japanese. In this action a 150mm mortar which had been impeding the advance of his company was knocked out. Home address: Mr. Earl W. Carr, Father, 410 West Fourth Street, Larned, Kansas.

Private First Class NELSON D. CORNELIUS, 17133224, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. When his company was engaged in combat with the enemy defending mountainous terrain, Private CORNELIUS, a messenger, was acting as radio operator with the forward command post. The command post was subjected to an intense enemy knee mortar concentration. Private CORNELIUS was relaying an important message to the battalion command post. While sending the message Private CORNELIUS was wounded by enemy shrapnel. Realizing that if he moved to the only available cover to await medical attention, the urgent message might not be received, Private CORNELIUS remained at his radio. Despite his wounds, he refused to be evacuated until he had received a clearance on his message. Home address: Mr. Vern N. Cornelius, Father, 3028 Arlmont Drive, Normandy, Missouri.

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Private First Class **HERSHEL P. DUNCAN**, 34329887, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre mountains, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 April 1945 to 24 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rebecca Duncan, Wife, Route #2, Mount Pleasant, Tennessee.

Captain **JAMES J. HARUTUN**, 0270579, 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. Hosanna Harutun, Mother, 2318 Conner Street, Joplin, Missouri.

Private First Class **DAVID J. HEMBREE**, 34725784, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. The infantry company of which Private HEMBREE, a rifleman, is a member was engaged in an attack upon a well fortified enemy position. After a daring flanking movement under intense machine gun and sniper fire, two platoons of the company were unable to advance farther because of the nature of the reinforced enemy emplacements. An orderly withdrawal was ordered by the battalion commander. During the withdrawal Private HEMBREE was wounded and ordered to a position of safety. While in direct line of enemy fire, he saw a more seriously wounded comrade. Disregarding his own safety and despite his wound, Private HEMBREE helped evacuate his wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Trula E. Hembree, Wife, Route #3, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant **KENNETH W. HICKS**, 36365239, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. Sergeant HICKS' company was subjected to severe enemy machine gun and mortar fire as it was advancing upward over very rugged terrain. During the advance a member of an adjacent rifle company was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire and unable to withdraw to a covered position. Sergeant HICKS, a squad leader, ran a distance of twenty-five yards under intense enemy mortar and direct machine gun fire to reach the side of the wounded man. He carried him to a place of safety where he administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Stella Hicks, Mother, Route #1, Pana, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant **CARL C. JACOBSON**, 37086001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. The rifle platoon of which Sergeant JACOBSON is squad leader was subjected to deadly small arms and mortar fire during an attack on enemy hill positions. Sergeant JACOBSON'S platoon leader and platoon sergeant were both seriously wounded. Despite the fact that he was wounded, Sergeant JACOBSON reorganized the platoon and continued the advance. He deployed his men so skillfully that he was able to move the platoon forward to its objective without incurring further casualties. Sergeant JACOBSON'S initiative and devotion to duty saved many lives and, at the same time, resulted in the accomplishment of a company mission. Home address: Mrs. Dina E. Jacobson, Mother, Route #1, Angora, Nebraska.

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Private First Class JOHN W. KENNEY, 37400934, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. During an infantry battalion attack, Private KENNEY, a messenger, volunteered his services as a litter bearer at a time when assault units were suffering high casualties on the front lines. Despite the fact that the area was under intense sniper fire, he went forward to assist in the evacuation of wounded men. He administered first aid before assisting with the removal of the wounded to a battalion aid station where further medical treatment was available. His ceaseless efforts and untiring devotion to duty saved the lives of several men. Home address: Mrs. Anna C. Kenney, Mother, 4058 Kennerly, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class ALDREN J. KOBLINSKI, 36546996, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. During an infantry battalion attack, Private KOBLINSKI, a messenger, volunteered his service as a litter bearer at a time when assault units were suffering high casualties on the front lines. Despite the fact that the area was under intense sniper fire, he went forward to assist in the evacuation of wounded men. He administered first aid before assisting with the removal of the wounded to a battalion aid station where further medical treatment was available. His ceaseless efforts and untiring devotion to duty saved the lives of several wounded comrades. Home address: Mr. Mike Koblinski, Father, Route #1, Saginaw, Michigan.

Technician Third Grade MARVIN R. KOHLER, 35329107, 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. Ruth M. Kohler, Mother, Rural Route #3, Decatur, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND E. LOSSMAN, 36025195, 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. Alyce Lossman, Wife, 3308 North Keystone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LINNIE O. LOTT, JR., 38544940, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre mountains, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 April 1945 to 24 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Norma Jean Lott, Wife, 1142 Heights Boulevard, Houston, Texas.

First Lieutenant CLINTON D. MORGAN, 01294177, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Lieutenant MORGAN, 81mm mortar platoon leader, was attached to a rifle company which was attacking strongly held enemy position located on commanding ground. Upon reaching the high ground, the company was subjected to intense enemy large mortar concentrations from reverse slopes. In order to properly adjust his 81mm mortar fire, it was necessary for Lieutenant MORGAN to expose himself completely to enemy small arms and mortar fire. He crawled to the crest of the hill and adjusted his mortar

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fire with pinpoint accuracy, thereby neutralizing the enemy fire and enabling the rifle company to advance and capture the enemy position. Home address: Mrs. Hazel W. Morgan, Wife, 521 Arctic Court, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class FRANCIS J. ROWLAND, 35744119, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. During an infantry battalion attack, Private ROWLAND, a radio operator, volunteered his services as a litter bearer at a time when assault units were suffering high casualties on the front lines. Despite the fact that the area was under intense sniper fire, he went forward to assist in the evacuation of wounded men. He administered first aid before assisting with the removal of the wounded to a battalion aid station where further medical treatment was available. His ceaseless efforts and untiring devotion to duty saved the lives of several men. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Roper, Mother Route #3, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant JOHN L. SCHUNK, 37038725, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant SCHUNK, a rifle squad leader, accompanied by one automatic rifleman, displayed marked heroism in destroying an enemy pillbox which was holding up the advance of an infantry platoon. Despite heavy enemy machine gun fire, he advanced, armed with a rocket launcher, over exposed terrain to a position from which he was able to blast the enemy emplacement. With the emplacement destroyed, Sergeant SCHUNK'S platoon was able to capture its part of a company objective. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Dezora, Mother, Lake Andes, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant PATRICK D. SHEAHAN, 02027016, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. The company of which Lieutenant SHEAHAN was a member had the mission of taking a hill which was stubbornly held by the enemy fighting from concealed caves and pillboxes. The entire hill covered by enemy machine gun, artillery and 150mm mortar fire. Lieutenant SHEAHAN and his platoon spearheaded the attack. Six hours after the attack started he succeeded in reaching the top of the hill. In the course of the advance Lieutenant SHEAHAN systematically eliminated the enemy positions defending the hill. Upon obtaining the objective, Lieutenant SHEAHAN immediately organized his platoon positions, dug in and decisively repulsed an enemy counterattack, holding the hill in the face of enemy artillery and 150mm mortar fire. The attainment of this objective enabled the remainder of his battalion to obtain high ground adjacent to the hill. Home address: Mr. John C. Sheahan, Father, 3309 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

First Sergeant MILTON M. STROMQUIST, 37085254, 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. Sergeant STROMQUIST was placed in charge of the company command post while his company was making an attack. When his men in the command post were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant STROMQUIST acted as litter bearer in the absence of aid men and made several trips up and down steep slopes evacuation the wounded until he

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fainted from physical exhaustion. Later, when communications between the command post and the company commander broke down, he proceeded forward with a radio. With the company pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he worked his way to the side of his commanding officer and exchanged radios. He then succeeded in evacuating a wounded man to a place of safety and ran back under enemy machine gun and sniper fire and returned with a squad of litter bearers to remove the wounded man. He was directly responsible for the maintenance of communications throughout the operation as well as the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Alma Stromquist, Mother, 516 East 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT P. WALLACE, 35206254, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. While engaged in action with the enemy a soldier was seriously wounded and in need of immediate first aid and evacuation. No company aid man being available, Sergeant WALLACE, a rifle squad leader, voluntarily went forward of our lines under intense enemy fire to rescue the wounded man. He succeeded in evacuating him to a safe place. Sergeant WALLACE again voluntarily went to the aid of another wounded man and removed him from an exposed position and brought him back to a place of safety while moving under heavy enemy machine gun fire. Home address: Mrs. Ollie Hundley, Mother, Jenkinjones, West Virginia.

Sergeant JIMMIE R. YOUNG, 34585125, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. While his company was holding a defensive position, it came under an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage which resulted in several men being seriously wounded. Sergeant YOUNG, an assistant squad leader, seeing two men of his squad wounded and in immediate need of medical treatment, crawled out of his foxhole to their side. Despite the intensity of the barrage, he administered first aid. While he was supervising their evacuation, he himself was wounded by mortar shrapnel, but refused medical aid until the two men of his squad were treated. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Young, Mother, Route #1, Section, Alabama.

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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 Fourth Grade John B. BATESON, 37031455, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. The companies to which Technician BATESON, aid station attendant, was attached were receiving a severe pounding by enemy heavy artillery and mortars. Several casualties, requiring immediate first aid and blood plasma, resulted. Technician BATESON crawled forward in face of the intense artillery and mortar fire to where the wounded men were lying. Alone, he moved them into a nearby draw. He improvised splints, administered first aid and gave them plasma which saved their lives. Despite the fact that shells were constantly bursting overhead, he assisted with the evacuation of the wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Edna A. Bateson, Wife, 2601 6th Avenue East, Hibbing, Minnesota.

Private First Class ROBERT M. BURDIS, 36575321, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. Private BURDIS, a member of a 60mm mortar section, was attached to a platoon which was holding an important and strategic hill. Just before dawn a Japanese force attempted to storm the hill and take our positions. When the action began, all members of the mortar crew except Private BURDIS were pinned down by small arms fire. Private BURDIS began firing the mortar unaided and, in spite of the enemy small arms fire that continually struck about him, he kept pouring such effective fire into the enemy that their attack was broken. Home address: Mr. William Burdis, Father, 1516 Marsac Street, Bay City, Michigan.

Private LLOYD G. CARLSON, 36200062, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre mountains, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 April 1945 to 24 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude M. Carlson, Wife, Cherry Valley, Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade ALFRED M. DuBOIS, 37081980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cauringan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. The supply road leading to our position near Cauringan was under intense and accurate enemy artillery and mortar fire. Technician DuBOIS, a company mechanic, volunteered to bring needed supplies up to the men, although he fully realized the danger of the undertaking. He made several trips, hauling

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water, food and ammunition. Since there was no road to follow, Technician DuBOIS was forced to make his way slowly across rice paddies while constantly under fire from two enemy machine guns and snipers. He repeatedly exposed himself to this fire in order to get vital supplies through to the assault troops. Home address: Mrs. Blanche Dubois, Wife, Park River, North Dakota.

Private First Class S. T. FRAZURE, 34134448, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. During an attack being made through rugged, jungle terrain, a man fell seriously wounded exposed to enemy automatic weapons fire. Private FRAZURE, a rifleman, volunteered to go with his squad leader and attempt to evacuate the casualty. He armed himself with a submachine gun and then purposely exposed himself to the enemy fire thereby locating the enemy position which was well concealed in a dense jungle thicket. Using his submachine gun, Private FRAZURE directed a heavy volume of fire against the enemy. Having successfully neutralized the enemy fire, it was possible for other men to evacuate the wounded man. Not only did his intrepid act effect the rescue of the wounded man and account for three enemy dead, but it also destroyed an enemy position which commanded the approach to a jungle trail. Home address: Mr. Jeff Frazure, Father, Route #1, Louise, Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Y. STEVEN HORISZNY, 01303889, 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. Lieutenant HORISZNY was attached to a rifle company as an 81mm mortar observer. The rifle company had just consolidated high ground which it had taken in an attack, when it was hit by an intense barrage of 150mm mortar fire. The company was disorganized by the heavy mortar fire. The concussion of two very close explosions stunned the company commander for several minutes. Lieutenant HORISZNY got out of his foxhole while the shells were still falling and quieted the hysterical men and reorganized the company until the company commander had recovered sufficiently to take over. Home address: Mrs. Eva Horiszny, Mother, 1208 Gordon Street, Lansing, Michigan.

First Lieutenant CHARLES H. JARVIS, 01322789, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacapan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Lieutenant JARVIS was attached to a rifle company as observer for 81mm mortars. During the night the rifle company was subjected to a fierce counterattack. Small arms, knee mortar fire and hand grenades were used in great quantities by the enemy. Throughout this intense fire Lieutenant JARVIS remained with the forward elements of the company. He crawled to the crest of a hill under the heaviest enemy fire and adjusted accurate mortar fire. The mortar fire was a major factor in the repulse of the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Theresa M. Becker, Mother, Collins, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ANTHONY KASTROS, 01293968, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 May 1945 to 11 May 1945. A

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reinforced combat patrol was formed and Lieutenant KASTROS volunteered to lead it. The mission of the patrol was to cover territory which was in enemy hands. Accomplishment of the mission ordinarily would have taken only three days, but because of adverse terrain and weather, the patrol activity continued for eight days. During the entire time, the patrol was in contact with enemy and was frequently under heavy mortar and automatic fire. Lieutenant KASTROS was with the lead scouts on many occasions and ranged over the entire territory covered by the patrol, insuring that the deployment of his men was effective and that flanking attacks could be made against isolated enemy pillboxes. During the close of this period the entire group became exhausted and it was only through the leadership of Lieutenant KASTROS that the men were able to complete the mission. The mission was a complete success. The patrol knocked out a number of enemy positions, killed twenty Japanese and obtained valuable intelligence information. Home address: Mr. George Kastros, Brother, 931 Fifth Street, Modesto, California.

Sergeant EDWARD T. MALINOWSKI, 16094462, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre mountains, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 April 1945 to 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Malinowski, Mother, 227 Fond du Lac Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

Private First Class CHARLES A. MEADOWS, 35656443, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre mountains, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 April 1945 to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Flossie M. Meadows Mother, Rhodell, West Virginia.

Private First Class JAMES PATTEN, 34379685, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. The platoon of which Private PATTEN is a member was occupying a strategic hill near Montalban. Suddenly an enemy knee mortar opened fire on our forces. Private PATTEN crawled from his foxhole and took up a position from which he could bring fire to bear upon the enemy mortar. With heavy bursts from his automatic rifle he silenced the enemy mortar and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. Home address: Mr. Ira C. Patten Father, General Delivery, Sale Creek, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant ABNER E. S. PERSON, 33077784, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. During an attack being made through rugged, jungle terrain, a man fell seriously wounded exposed to enemy automatic weapons fire. Sergeant PERSON, a squad leader, and another man, volunteered to attempt to evacuate the casualty. Sergeant PERSON armed himself with an automatic rifle and then purposely exposed himself to the enemy fire, thereby locating the enemy position which was well concealed in a dense jungle thicket. Using his automatic rifle, Sergeant PERSON directed a heavy volume of fire against the enemy. Having successfully neutralized the enemy fire, it was possible for other men to evacuate the wounded man. Not only did his intrepid act effect the rescue of the wounded man and account for three enemy dead, but it also destroyed an enemy position which commanded the approach to a jungle trail.



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Home address: Mrs. Sadie M. Person, Mother, Route #3, Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WALTER A. RASMUSSEN, 37027216, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre mountains, Binal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 April 1945 to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida Rasmussen, Mother, Middle River, Minnesota.

Captain LLOYD G. SCHWARTZ, 01700229, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific area from 1 August 1944 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Donna R. Schwartz, Wife, 3022 Bow v Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class NORIEL L. SAMUELS, 37600702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. The platoon of which Private SAMUELS, a rifleman, is a member was engaged in an attack upon a heavily fortified enemy position. When the advance of the platoon was halted by machine gun fire, Private SAMUELS discovered the enemy's well concealed position. He crawled to an exposed position from which he could bring direct fire upon the enemy machine gun nest. Despite the fact that enemy fire hit Private SAMUELS' helmet, he continued to fire until he gained fire superiority and pinned the enemy down. Private SAMUELS' courageous aggressiveness enabled his platoon to maneuver around the enemy position and continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. Betty J. Samuels, Wife, Humboldt, Iowa.

Private First Class JOHN E. SANFORD 37149287, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. The platoon of which Private SANFORD, an automatic rifleman, is a member was engaged in an attack upon a heavily fortified enemy position. When the advance of the platoon was halted by machine gun fire, Private SANFORD discovered the enemy's well concealed position. He crawled to an exposed position from which he could bring direct fire upon the enemy machine gun nest. Despite the fact that enemy fire hit Private SANFORD's helmet, he continued firing his automatic weapon until he gained fire superiority and pinned the enemy down. Private SANFORD'S courageous aggressiveness enabled his platoon to maneuver around the enemy position and continue its advance. Home address: Mr. Charles C. Sanford, Father, Route #2, Novinger, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant CLAUDE B. SLAUGHTER, 02023605, (then Technical Sergeant) 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. Lieutenant SLAUGHTER was in command of a heavy machine gun platoon which was in direct support of an infantry battalion. In order to accomplish his mission of support, it was necessary for Lieutenant SLAUGHTER to make extensive reconnaissance forward of the front line troops. During the reconnaissance, he picked out a number of enemy gun positions which were holding up the battalion's advance and causing casualties. He then brought his platoon of heavy machine guns into position to deliver long range fire on enemy strongpoints. He went forward with sound power packs and adjusted the fire of his platoon while he himself was under heavy shell fire. Lieutenant SLAUGHTER'S employment of his platoon was a major factor in the silencing of the enemy guns which were holding up the advance. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Slaughter, Wife, 1774 Bryant Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



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Private First Class FREDERICK G. STEINKA, JR., 36120296, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cauringan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 24 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. The supply road leading to our position near Cauringan was under intense and accurate enemy artillery and mortar fire. Private STEINKA, a truck driver, volunteered to bring needed supplies to the men, although he fully realized the danger of the undertaking. He made several trips, hauling water, food and ammunition. Since there was no road to follow, Private STEINKA was forced to make his way slowly across rice paddies while constantly under fire from two enemy machine guns and snipers. He repeatedly exposed himself to this fire in order to get vital supplies through to the assault troops. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Marie Steinka, Wife, Kawkawlin, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant JAMES E. VAUGHT, 02023607, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natib, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 May 1945 to 11 May 1945. A reinforced combat patrol was formed and Lieutenant VAUGHT volunteered to lead it. The mission of the patrol was to cover territory which was in enemy hands. Accomplishment of the mission ordinarily would have taken only three days, but because of adverse terrain and weather, the patrol activity continued for eight days. During the entire time the patrol was in contact with the enemy and was frequently under heavy mortar and automatic fire. Lieutenant VAUGHT was with the lead scouts on many occasions and ranged over the entire territory covered by the patrol, insuring that the deployment of his men was effective and that flanking attacks could be made against isolated enemy pillboxes. During the close of this period the entire group became exhausted and it was only through the leadership of Lieutenant VAUGHT that the men were able to complete the mission. The mission was a complete success. The patrol knocked out a number of enemy positions, killed twenty Japanese and obtained valuable intelligence information. Home address: Mrs. Cleo Vaught, Wife, RFD #2, Center, Texas.

Private First Class HARRY L. WEBB, 35441752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. The platoon of which Private WEBB was acting squad leader was making an assault upon an enemy-held hill near Bayanbayanan. Having advanced across an open slope to a covered position, the platoon was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage. At the same time Japanese snipers moved in on the platoon's flank and cut off its route of withdrawal. Private WEBB crawled to an exposed position from which he could lay fire on the snipers. He remained there, pinned down by the enemy rifle fire until the last man in his platoon had crossed the open slope to safety on the other side. Private WEBB then withdrew. By alternately running and crawling he succeeded in rejoining his platoon without injury. Home address: Dr. John Webb, Father, Spider, Kentucky.

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**GENERAL ORDER**  
SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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 officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE D. BAILEY, 38019303, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Because of a shortage of commissioned officers during action in the Cabaruan Hills, Sergeant BAILEY was placed in command of the artillery forward observer party. As our infantry elements advanced they met stiff opposition from enemy troops who were strongly entrenched on commanding ground. Sergeant BAILEY with utter disregard for his personal safety, under enemy rifle and machine gun fire crawled to a position from which he adjusted devastating concentrations of fire on the enemy. As our infantry advanced, Sergeant BAILEY lifted the fire and fired a rolling barrage in front of the advance. He was under enemy fire throughout the time he observed and adjusted this supporting fire. His initiative in seeking advantageous observation and his efficient conduct of fire on entrenched and strongly defended enemy positions contributed greatly to the success of our troops. Home address: Mr. Joseph C. Bailey, Father, RFD #3, Clinton, Oklahoma.

Private First Class LAWRENCE G. GOGUE, 36034382, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. As an automatic rifleman advancing among the forward elements of a combat patrol, Private GOGUE was fired upon at almost point-blank range. Whooping, he fired from the hip and killed one of four Japanese. The remainder ran for cover in a thick cane field. Unhesitatingly, Private GOGUE followed in pursuit. With the enemy firing at him he charged into the cane field. Spotting the enemy, he killed all three with several well aimed bursts of fire. The fearless aggressiveness and the willingness to close with the enemy which Private GOGUE displayed reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mahala Gogue, Mother, Route #2, Galatia, Illinois.

Corporal CLIFFORD S. GREENIG, 32759044, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the mountains near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. Corporal GREENIG, rifle squad leader, volunteered to lead an intelligence patrol into enemy-held territory to secure information of enemy positions. Advancing ahead of his patrol, Corporal GREENIG encountered an enemy band of seven led by an officer. With utter disregard for his own safety, he fired his rifle from the hip and charged. His rifle jammed but, without

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hesitation, he continued his charge and bayoneted the Japanese officer who was firing at him with his pistol. In the next instant Corporal GREENIG butt-stroked another Japanese, knocking him unconscious. The remaining five Japanese fled in terror. By his aggressive action he eliminated the threat to his patrol and secured a notebook containing information relative to a planned enemy night attack. Corporal GREENIG'S courageous achievements are worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. C. S. Greenig, wife, 5162 D Street, Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT R. HANVELY, 39703154, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. When a rifle platoon was ordered to assault a heavily fortified Japanese emplacement containing two heavy machine guns and supported by snipers from both flanks which had pinned down two infantry companies in their advance, Private HANVELY, first scout, gallantly crawled forward under devastating machine gun and sniper fire. From a partially protected position, he hurled three phosphorus grenades into the emplacement. Enemy forces stubbornly held their ground despite the tremendous heat and directed their fire power on the lone scout's position. Again, aggressively crawling closer to the mouth of the enemy position, Private HANVELY threw a demolition charge from a kneeling position. The charge was accurately hurled through the entrance and completely demolished the emplacement, enabling our forward assault elements to advance and seize an assigned objective. Private HANVELY'S gallant aggressiveness reflects great credit upon himself and the military service and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Miss Beatrice Hanvey, Sister, 604 Andalousia Avenue, Venice, California.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. JOHNSON, 02037065, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the mountains near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. Lieutenant JOHNSON, platoon leader, while leading a combat patrol through a draw, suddenly encountered devastating machine gun and rifle fire coming from a concealed position which pinned the men to the ground. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant JOHNSON advanced alone, to a position from which he could observe. He found an enemy machine gun emplacement protected by a squad of riflemen. Fearlessly he attacked the position, throwing a grenade and charging the position with his submachine gun, calling to his platoon to advance after him. When the force was annihilated it was discovered that Lieutenant JOHNSON had killed six of the enemy and was instrumental in eliminating seven more. His courageous action saved his patrol from destruction and won the admiration of his men. Home address: Mrs. Dora S. Johnson, Mother, 261 Thomas Avenue, San Diego 9, California.

Private First Class FORREST T. McAULIFFE, 37451827, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. During an enemy attack, the communication wire of a company defending the area was cut so that observers of supporting mortars and weapons could not call for or direct their fire. Private McAULIFFE, armed with an automatic rifle, rose in his foxhole which was on the edge of the perimeter nearest the attack with utter disregard for his own safety and oblivious of the fire on all sides, he halted the Japanese advance until communications were restored. During the attack on enemy positions that followed, his company was caught in a barrage of Japanese 150mm mortar fire which inflicted many casualties. Private McAULIFFE worked his

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way through the continuous mortar fire, removing the dead and evacuating the wounded until all had been removed to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Mary McAuliffe Wife, 411 Soratago Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES E. MORRIS, 37058830, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. As an infantry rifle company attacked an enemy-held high ridge position, it was pinned down by severe machine gun fire. The company was unable to withdraw under the continuous fire without suffering heavy casualties. Private MORRIS, gunner in a light machine gun squad, fearlessly crawled to a flank position, set up his weapon and deliberately drew the fire of enemy machine gunners. His successive moves from the main attacking friendly forces and his intermittent fire from different positions held the attention of enemy gunners while friendly troops dragged wounded personnel from enemy lanes of fire. His feint enabled the company to withdraw and then successfully attack and destroy the emplacement from a flank position. Private MORRIS' sound judgment and courageous aggressiveness are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. Mecks Morris, Father Star Route, Healyville, Missouri.

Private First Class KENNETH H. A. TIDEMANN, 37451788, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Abansaw, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. As a rifle platoon was holding an outpost on a small hill, it was attacked by an estimated force of forty Japanese from two directions. The enemy gained complete surprise, employing grenades, mortar and small arms fire, and routed the platoon in disorder off the hill. Private TIDEMANN, rifleman, aggressively took command of three men, located four others who were holding a defensive position on the reverse side of the hill, and gallantly assaulted and regained the former position. Upon reestablishing the defensive perimeter, he scouted the area and located four wounded men. He administered medical aid and carried them to a sheltered position. At dawn, under his close supervision and with the aid of a small guerrilla force, the position was strengthened and the casualties evacuated. Private TIDEMANN'S gallant aggressiveness and tenacious devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Adolph M. Tidemann, Father, 506 Summit Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private First Class PELVA J. VAN WINKLE, 38400866, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. A rifle platoon of an attacking infantry rifle company encountered devastating machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox which temporarily halted the advance and forced the platoon to take cover. Realizing the dangerous position of the platoon, Private VAN WINKLE and one of his squad members, with utter disregard for their own safety and while completely exposed to the fire from the enemy machine gun, crawled to within thirty yards of the pillbox where Private VAN WINKLE'S comrade was killed by machine gun fire. Private VAN WINKLE continued his advance to within throwing distance of the emplacement and threw two grenades which neutralized the enemy position. Private VAN WINKLE'S fearlessness and aggressiveness under extremely hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Zelma Jean Van Winkel, Sister, 1304 East Walnut Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Section II - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and on the date indicated, is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE W. ANDRESEN, 37214639, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret M. Andresen, Wife, 240 South 10th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Private First Class GEORGE P. BARTLEY, 17000978, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances M. Bartley, Wife, 504 Leland Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD CHAPUT, JR., 37007021, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. In the vicinity of Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 January 1945 to 23 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward Chaput, Sr., Father, Route #1, Clyde, Kansas.

Corporal ROBERT D. DICKINSON, 35365604, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Dickinson, Wife, 1317 King Street, Danville, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH J. KARABIN, 01113285, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 February 1945 to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Karabin, Wife 641 Thompson Avenue, Donora, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS F. PAULUS, 37193612, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elma C. Paulus, Mother, Route #2, Rockford, Iowa.

Private First Class CHARLES E. ROSSON, 37015905, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillie L. Rossion, Wife, RFD #6, Trenton, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. SCHULTE, 17002688, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 April 1945 to 19 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Loraine S. Schulte, Wife, 451 North Dodge Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Sergeant LYLE D. SMITH, 36159559, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mr. William Smith, Father, Sixth Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

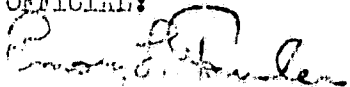
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First Lieutenant SANBURN SUTHERLAND, 01109702, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. W. W. Sutherland, Brother, 291 Highland Avenue, Ridgewood, New 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 for gallantry in action at the place and date indicated is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS L. HALL, 34498416, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Natib, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. Sergeant HALL displayed gallantry in going to the aid of a wounded comrade. With complete disregard for his own safety and despite heavy enemy rifle fire, Sergeant HALL advanced, alone, toward the exposed position where the wounded man lay. Sergeant HALL was killed by enemy fire before he could reach his fallen comrade. His attempt to save another man's life at the cost of his own reflects great credit on the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Dicie W. Hall, Mother, Route #5, Prosser Road, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant CHARLIE C. PERRITT, 37065754, Infantry, United States Army. On Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Sergeant PERRITT, a rifle squad leader, assumed the additional duties of lead scout because of a shortage of personnel in his squad during an assault by his company against strongly defended enemy positions. While moving up steep and rugged terrain scouting out enemy locations and the most favorable route of advance for his men, he was wounded and cut off from the remainder of his squad by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. In spite of the hazardous situation and painful wounds, Sergeant PERRITT laid down a great volume of automatic rifle fire against enemy emplacements which had been directing fire upon the men of his company. In attempting to return to his squad, he was charged by a group of enemy, three of whom he killed. Being greatly outnumbered and without protecting cover, Sergeant PERRITT lost his life while courageously holding his position. Sergeant PERRITT'S unselfish devotion to duty was instrumental in destroying the enemy resistance and was a source of inspiration to the men of his company. Next of kin: Mrs. Lillian M. Perritt, Wife, 208 North Ringo Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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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 for gallantry in action at the place and date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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Technical Sergeant ROY F. ALBERSWERTH, 37075749, Infantry, United States Army. Near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During an assault against a fortified enemy-held hill on 17 January 1945, the rifle platoon commanded by Sergeant ALBERSWERTH was subjected to such intense enemy machine gun and 77mm. artillery fire that it was pinned down. The advance scout was lying wounded ahead of the platoon. Since the medical aid men were caring for other wounded, Sergeant ALBERSWERTH, disregarding all personal dangers, crawled from his protected location to the wounded man. Under constant small arms fire and shrapnel, he tied the wounded man to his cartridge belt and dragged him over the exposed, fire-swept area to a place of safety where the wounded man was immediately given blood plasma. Sergeant ALBERSWERTH'S gallant act was responsible for saving the wounded man's life. Home address: Mr. Alfred F. Alberswerth, Father, Route #14, Box 1455, Afton, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHNNIE V. ALLISON, 34912928, Infantry, United States Army. Near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 7 April 1945 the platoon of which Private ALLISON is a member was attacking a heavily fortified enemy hill position. Private ALLISON was seriously wounded by an explosion of a booby trap while charging an enemy emplacement. The explosion blew off his foot, but despite the intense pain, he insisted on continuing on his own and refused to ask for help. As he was dressing his wound, he was struck in the shoulder by an enemy bullet. Despite this additional wound, he continued to help himself and urged the medical aid man to assist other wounded men. By such utter selflessness and concern for others, Private ALLISON risked his own life in order to help his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Virginia S. Allison, Mother, Route #2, Baxter, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM L. BARNES, 37065646, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 14 April 1945 Sergeant BARNES' company was making an attack. During the attack the forward mortar observer was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant BARNES, platoon guide, worked forward from his position in order to take over the duties of observer. With complete disregard for his own safety, he purposely exposed himself to draw fire and locate an enemy machine gun. In sight of the enemy he called mortar fire and observed hits which completely silenced the enemy gun. Sergeant BARNES then volunteered to lead a squad and reconnoiter routes of approach to the next objective. While on this mission he was pinned down by fire from a well camouflaged enemy machine gun position. After succeeding in getting his men to a place of safety, Sergeant BARNES went forward again and located the machine gun. He destroyed it with rifle fire and hand grenades. Sergeant BARNES' capable leadership was an inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Mae Barnes, Wife, Box 341, Lonette, Arkansas.

Private First Class IRVING BRIN, 37076504, Infantry, United States Army. On Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 13 April 1945 Private BRIN'S company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Private BRIN, an automatic rifleman, volunteered to locate the enemy machine gun. Crawling over difficult terrain which was exposed to enemy sniper fire, he succeeded in maneuvering into a position within twelve feet of the enemy machine gun nest. He drew fire from the enemy, enabling other members of his squad to creep up from the flank and knock out the gun. When his squad leader was wounded by enemy sniper fire, Private BRIN took charge of the squad. He led his squad against an objective which had been assigned



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to a platoon and effected its capture. Throughout the attack Private BRIN placed himself at the head of his squad, locating routes of advance and enemy position. The capable leadership shown by Private BRIN was a great inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Samuel Brin, Father, 727 Heman Avenue, University City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant TOMMIE CROCKER, 34084978, Infantry, United States Army. Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. During an advance up the rugged and steep side of Mount Mataba, the two lead men of Sergeant CROCKER'S squad were caught on an open slope by enemy cross-fire and lay wounded where terrain offered slight protection. After several rescue parties had been pinned down or driven to cover by devastating enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant CROCKER, a rifle squad leader, took a submachine gun and dashed across the dangerous area within range of one of the enemy emplacements. He directed a steady stream of fire into the enemy emplacement. With this position silenced, other members of his squad were able to move in and pin down the enemy in other locations, thereby making it possible to evacuate the wounded. Sergeant CROCKER'S decisive action and fighting determination were responsible for saving the lives of the wounded men. Home address: Mr. Morris C. Crocker, Brother, Trailer City Branch, Oakridge, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant KENNETH C. JOHNSON, 35415666, Infantry, United States Army. Near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. The platoon of which Sergeant JOHNSON was acting platoon leader was engaged in an assault up an enemy position located on a heavily fortified hill. The position had for sometime held up the progress of our troops in that area and its capture was imperative if the enemy's morale and will were to be broken. During the assault Sergeant JOHNSON led his men as near to the enemy position as they could move before being held up by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Then, disregarding his own safety, Sergeant JOHNSON crawled forward over exposed terrain to an emplacement which contained five of the enemy. By dropping demolitions into the enemy position, he completely destroyed it. This daring act cleared the way for the rest of the platoon to advance and complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mother, Rural Route #1, Harpster, Ohio.

Captain FREDERICK M. McINNIS, 01291150, Infantry, United States Army. Near Bryanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. From 5 April 1945 to 8 April 1945. Because of accurate registration of enemy mortars and artillery on the main approaches of an objective, only one platoon could be committed at a time without suffering high casualties. Captain McINNIS was constantly with the leading platoon and, although heavy enemy machine gun cross-fire and mortar fire repulsed the attack on three occasions, he, personally, reorganized his company under fire and led the final assault which succeeded in driving the enemy from their positions and secured the objective. During the final phases of the assault, fierce hand-to-hand fighting was encountered before the enemy were finally driven off. During the attack a series of thirteen caves were destroyed by flame throwers, demolitions and hand grenades. Captain McINNIS' persistence, courage and fearless leadership inspired his men to maintain the assault until the objective was secured. This attack opened the way for a final attack on a regimental objective which was subsequently won with light loss of life. Home address: Mrs. Ruby E. McInnis, Wife, 16 Prospect Street, Millinocket, Maine.

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Sergeant HENRY A. TIMMERMAN, 32213522, Infantry, United States Army. Near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. The platoon in which Sergeant TIMMERMAN was squad leader was engaged in an assault upon an enemy position located on a heavily fortified hill. The position had for sometime held up the progress of our troops in that area and its capture was imperative if the enemy's morale and will were to be broken. During the assault Sergeant TIMMERMAN led his men as near to the enemy position as they could move before being held up by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Then, disregarding his own safety, Sergeant TIMMERMAN crawled forward over exposed terrain to an emplacement which contained five of the enemy. By dropping demolitions into the enemy position, he completely destroyed it. This daring act cleared the way for the rest of the platoon to advance and complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Edna Timmerman, Mother, RFD #1, Middle Road, Dunkirk, New York.

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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and on the date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, AFO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain CHARLES E. ALBORN, 01291056, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. At San Mateo and Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Henrietta Alborn, Mother, Box 339, Orange, Texas.

Private First Class LEONARD E. AMBERG, 35809784, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Amberg, Wife, Hillsboro, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN R. AUL, JR., 33669318, Medical Department, United States Army. Near Mount Kataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lula Aul, Mother, 1811 Mt. Joseph Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RAYMOND P. MIRANDA, 39839266, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 17 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rita Miranda, Mother, Box 1029, San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, California.

Technician Fifth Grade MARION F. LOSER, 37035140, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. August J. Loser, Father, Route #1, Creighton, Nebraska.

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Private First Class JAMES L. OWEN, 35725975, Medical Department, United States Army. Near Cabaruan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lilly V. Owen, Mother, Route #2, Calvert City, Kentucky.

Private First Class JAMES L. RENARD, 37003138, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle E. Renard, Mother, 126 Court Street, Ellsboro, Kansas.

Private First Class PAUL A. RINGER, 35390492, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address Mrs. Annalene Virginia Ringer, Wife, Box 131, Arthurdale, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade RAY V. VIERS, 37007005, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. At Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles H. Viers, Father, Route #1, Carmen, Oklahoma.

Private First Class ODGEN WARNER, 35390463, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertie Warner, Mother, RFD #2, Box 345, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Section IV - Amendment of General Orders

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 111, this headquarters, dated 16 June 1945 as pertains to Mister RICHARD ABBOTT, American Red Cross Representative, is revoked.

✓ So much of Section II, General Orders No. 113, this headquarters, dated 18 June 1945 as pertains to Sergeant HERMAN L. WHITLOW, 33217610, 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 Sergeant HERMAN L. WHITLOW, 33217610, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 33, dated 24 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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Section I - Awards of Silver Star - Posthumously

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

Private First Class DELMAR A. McQUEEN, 17068150, Infantry, United States Army. On 10 April 1945 during an assault against enemy-held Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the lead scout of Private McQUEEN'S squad was wounded and cut off from the remainder of his unit by heavy enemy small arms fire. Private McQUEEN, a rifleman, rushed to assist in laying down fire cover while the wounded man was being evacuated. Without regard for his own safety, Private McQUEEN moved over exposed terrain through intense small arms fire to a position from which he was able to keep the enemy pinned down with concentrated fire from his submachine gun. During this courageous act to make possible the saving of another's life, he was killed by sniper fire. The selfless devotion to duty displayed by Private McQUEEN was a source of great inspiration to all with whom he served. Next of kin: Mr. Hiram H. McQueen, Father, Bagley, Iowa.

Private First Class EDWARD F. MITTLESTADT, 37042393, Infantry, United States Army. Near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on the night of 14 March 1945, Private MITTLESTADT was acting as runner for an 81mm mortar observer. At 2330 hours the enemy counterattacked, coming up a hill approximately one hundred yards from his position. An adjacent infantry company had suffered serious losses and there was danger of losing the position. Private MITTLESTADT changed to another position in order to increase the fire power on the line. When a call came for mortar fire, he ran back to his old position, obtained a reel of wire and laid a line to the next position. He not only acted in his usual capacity as runner, but also served as a rifleman helping to repulse the counterattack. At one point during the attack, a knee mortar barrage destroyed a section of wire between his two positions. Private MITTLESTADT ran to the damage and was killed by sniper fire while repairing the line. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private MITTLESTADT aided greatly in repulsing the enemy and reflect great credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Mittlestadt, Father, Route #1, Guckeon, Minnesota.

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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 for gallantry in action at the place and date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant TOM E. ATCHLEY, 02023603, Infantry, United States Army. Near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the night of 19 March 1945, a platoon of the company of which Lieutenant ATCHLEY is a member was surrounded and attacked by a large force of enemy. The platoon suffered numerous casualties and the ammunition supply was running low. It was essential that reinforcements and supplies be brought in and the casualties be evacuated. The one possible route to the platoon was mined and infested with booby-traps. Lieutenant ATCHLEY, starting from the company command post in the rear, led his platoon forward to infiltrate through the enemy lines in order to contact the surrounded platoon. When Lieutenant ATCHLEY learned that the only route available was mined, he voluntarily went forward to clear the way. He risked his life by using a flashlight while in an area occupied by the enemy in an effort to find and remove the mines, and also, to signal the stranded platoon. Lieutenant ATCHLEY'S courageous leadership resulted in the reinforcement of the surrounded platoon and the evacuation of the wounded and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Atchley, Wife, Dierks, Arkansas.

Private First Class GERALD E. CONNER, 36449360, Field Artillery, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945, Private CONNER was assistant radio operator with a forward observer party which was subjected to devastating mortar fire. He was momentarily dazed by the concussion of a mortar round which landed nearby, but he quickly regained his senses and carried his radio to a secure position. He then administered first aid and helped carry out the wounded while under heavy enemy fire. He returned several times into the concentration to carry out equipment of the wounded, thereby preventing it from falling into the hands of the enemy. Private CONNER'S courageous action beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Hugh E. Conner, Father, 824 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade HENRY S. HARPER, 34130029, Field Artillery, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945, the assault platoon and artillery forward observer party of which Technician HARPER, a radio operator was a member suffered numerous casualties as it came under devastating fire from Japanese heavy mortars. Technician HARPER was momentarily dazed by a mortar round which landed nearby. Upon his recovery from the shock he carried his radio to a secure position. He then distinguished himself by returning into the concentration to assist in giving first aid and evacuating wounded men and their equipment. His courageous action beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph D. Harper, Father, 504 Fairview Avenue, Greenville, Mississippi.

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Private ANDREW LIPTACIK, 35231314, Field Artillery, United States Army. Near Mount Hataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945, Private LIPTACIK was serving as a wire and telephone operator with a liaison party at a forward observation post. The post was subjected to devastating mortar fire and the enemy fire cut a wire line. Private LIPTACIK volunteered to repair the line. While repairing the line, several rounds of mortar fire landed nearby and wounded Private LIPTACIK. Despite the danger and the pain from his wounds, he refused to leave his position and seek aid until the line was repaired and communications reestablished. His courageous action beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Liptacik, Wife, 2020 Halstead Street, Lakewood, Ohio.

✓ Sergeant SALVATORE A. MINARDI, 32643499, Infantry, United States Army. Near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945, the platoon in which Sergeant MINARDI was acting squad leader attacked a heavily fortified enemy hill position. When the advance of the platoon was slowed by enemy fire, Sergeant MINARDI displayed exceptional skill in maneuvering his squad in complete darkness and silence to within fifteen feet of an enemy position. From this point Sergeant MINARDI led his men, employing grenades and fixed bayonets, in a charge against the emplacement. Though he was seriously wounded during the charge, his squad succeeded in completing its mission. Sergeant MINARDI'S tactical skill and leadership inspired his men to do a superior job and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annie Minardi, Mother, 19 Oak Street, Silver Creek, New York.

Corporal MANSFORD L. PROCTOR, 6293942, Field Artillery, United States Army. Near Mount Hataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945, the assault platoon and artillery forward observer party of which Corporal PROCTOR was a member received devastating fire from Japanese heavy mortars. Numerous casualties were sustained. Though ordered to withdraw by the officer in charge, Corporal PROCTOR remained and distinguished himself by giving first aid and evacuating wounded men. After enemy fire had forced a withdrawal from the position, Corporal PROCTOR returned to the vacated area several times to carry out crates and equipment in order to prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy. His gallant action beyond the call of duty saved many lives and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julia P. Proctor, Wife, 1009 Railroad Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT WIT, 02026903, Infantry, United States Army. On the night of 7 April 1945 Lieutenant WIT led his platoon as the spearhead of an assault on a heavily fortified enemy hill near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. As he was driving up the hill, enemy fire coming from emplacements at the top of the hill stalled the advance. Having orders to take the hill at all costs, Lieutenant WIT decided that the enemy must be driven from their positions by a hand-to-hand struggle. Without hesitation and well out in front of his men, Lieutenant WIT courageously led them in a charge, employing grenades and bayonets. In the action he was wounded in both legs. Despite his wounds Lieutenant WIT continued on his own without medical treatment until the attack was successfully completed and his platoon reorganized to defend the newly won objective. His gallantry and brilliant leadership reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph Wit, Father, Crete, Nebraska.

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Corporal RAYMOND I. ZIVEC, 36028073, Field Artillery, United States Army, near Mount Bataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945, an assault platoon and artillery forward observer party of which Corporal ZIVEC was a member received devastating fire from Japanese heavy mortars. Numerous casualties were suffered. The officer in charge being momentarily dazed by concussion, Corporal ZIVEC took charge and removed the party to a secure position, established communications and requested several fire missions in support of the infantry. He then returned into the concentration to assist in giving first aid and evacuating the wounded. He made two trips into the vacated area to carry out weapons and equipment. His gallant action beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Zivec, Kother, 307 Line Street, Joliet, Illinois.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant JAMES M. WALKER, 37065993, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section II, General Orders No. 45, dated 5 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 7 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant JAMES M. WALKER, 37065993, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 9 April 1945, while the platoon of which Sergeant WALKER is a member was assaulting a heavily fortified enemy-held hill, Sergeant WALKER, a squad leader, suddenly discovered a cave containing several of the enemy. As he attempted to clear the cave, one of the enemy raised his rifle and fired at him. Sergeant WALKER immediately grabbed the rifle and wrested it from the enemy soldier and then threw a grenade into the cave. The force of the explosion was sufficient to stun those of the enemy who were not actually wounded, enabling Sergeant WALKER to single-handedly disarm the enemy of a machine gun, shot gun and a rifle. As a result of Sergeant WALKER'S courageous effort the enemy position was made useless as a barrier to the advance of his platoon. Home address: Mr. Jaso W. Walker, Father, General Delivery, Ozone, Arkansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Private First Class DONALD M. EBERT, 36907940, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 72, dated 9 May 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918). The citation is as follows:

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~~Private First Class DONALD M. 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 assault company was raked by devastating mortar and machine gun fire from both flanks, from the front, and from an enemy~~

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light machine gun crew which had slipped behind the advancing friendly troops. As the two scouts began to withdraw to the main force, one was seriously wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. Noting the plight of his comrade, Private EBERT gallantly crawled to his side, dragged him to a position of concealment and administered medical aid. Though 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 deceased soldier, 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 then infiltrated through enemy-held positions and reported to his company. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ebert, Mother, 2151 North Bell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade MELVIN L. CISSELL, 37076647, Infantry, United States Army. Near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Leonard V. Cissell, Father, 410 West St. Joseph Street, Perryville, Missouri.

Sergeant CHESTER J. PEDZIVIATR, 36644308, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. In the Alacan, Rosario and Rizal areas, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Veronica Pedziwiatr, Mother, 3345 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade WESLEY J. REISDORPH, 37031503, Infantry, United States Army. Near Bush Ridge and Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille L. Reisdorph, Wife, 1376 North Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR A. SCHWALGE, 36832005, Infantry, United States Army. Near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilma Schwalge, Wife, 4938 West Crystal Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade BERNARD H. SIEVE, 37038464, Infantry, United States Army. Near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Sieve, Wife, Wilmont, 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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Major DEAN E. ALEXANDER, 0294982, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anita W. Alexander, Wife, 912 Fannian Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Captain JOSEPH A. F. BARANOWSKI, 01168158, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Baranowski, Mother, 1114 Findly Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Corporal ROY E. BOHAM 37038566, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. At Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Boham, Mother, Bassett, Nebraska.

Private First Class KERMIT BARRERO, 12058420, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Israel Borrero, Father, 1570 Madison Avenue, New York 29, New York.

Private First Class SHERMAN A. BOYCE, 38439201, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Sherman A. Boyce, Father, c/o Wells Fargo Express Company, Mexico City, Mexico.

Private First Class ROBERT W. COVEY, 39561868, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha E. Covey, Mother, 422 Deming Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES L. DAVIS, 15116068, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. At Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Mae Davis, Wife, 116 Gardner Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant EMIL DZURAK, 36116855, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eva Dzurak, Mother, RFD #1, Gaines, Michigan.

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Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND L. ELLIS, 37008719, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Francis Ellis, Mother, Rural Route #2, Dawson, Nebraska.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade PAUL GORDON, W2126938, United States Army. In the Central and Southwest Pacific areas from 20 September 1943 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carroll B. Gordon, Wife, 2203 West 40th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class EDWARD GRAMAGLIA, 32843532, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Anthony Gramaglia, Father, 461 Busti Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant ROY C. HAASE, 36212845, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruben Haase, Mother, Route #3, Moonah, Wisconsin.

Private First Class VICTOR F. HROVAT, 35521889, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Hrovat, Mother, 3565 East 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE W. JENDE, 36035325, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leonora Jende, Mother, Manawa, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant GAROLD P. LADD, 37007731, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred P. Ladd, Father, Asbury, Missouri.

Sergeant HUBERT T. LEASE, 37008496, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Elisha Columbus Lease, Father, Fortescue, Missouri.

Private First Class HENRY LEONELLO, 35521996, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Prekop Leonello, Wife, Box 329, Willoughby, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WOODROW W. LIGHT, 37059522, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. James W. Light, Father, Willow Springs, Missouri.

First Sergeant ANTONIO R. MARQUEZ, 6290691, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Antonio A. Marquez, Father, Route A, Box 136, Antonito, Colorado.

Technical Sergeant WERNER W. MATHEWS, 37089123, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Emil G. Mathews, Father, Mora, Minnesota.

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Technician Fourth Grade JOHN S. POINTER, 37008769, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Monte M. Pointer, Father, 327 Excelsior Street, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant BENJAMIN D. RAEL, 38008325, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline A. Rael, Wife, 2416 Fulton Street, Berkeley, California.

Technical Sergeant ALLAN J. RUDOLPH, 37059360, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. George H. Rudolph, Father, 7042 Lanette Drive, Jennings, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant THEODORE W. SKUPIN, 61147115, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Skupin, Mother, 156 Cedar Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Sergeant ROBERT J. SMART, 20905642, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola May Smart, Wife, 2512 South Badlong Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant JOHN B. STALEY, 01174720, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Rovena R. Staley, Wife, Box 365, Colton, California.

Private First Class ALBERT E. STORRER, 37030443, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Mary M. Storrer, Mother, 1210 St. Joseph Avenue, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. TONEY, 34832736, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora Wilson Toney, Mother, Box 27, Commerce, Georgia.

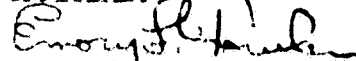
Private First Class ROY L. WEBSTER, 35881428, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. James Webster, Father, RFD #2, Glencoe, Kentucky.

Private First Class HOMER T. WELLER, 33852896, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Samuel Weller, Father, RFD #1, Hancock, Maryland.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade GENE WILLIAMS, W2126939, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alta M. Williams, Mother, Route #4, Marlow, Oklahoma.

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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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and date indicated is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

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\* Staff Sergeant JAMES P. BRYANT, 33094800, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Inez D. Bryant, Mother, 1301 Savannah Street, SE, Washington, DC.

Private GUS A. WASLEY, 39708095, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie C. Wasley, Wife, 257 North Coronado, Los Angeles, California.

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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class NICHOLAS KACHERSKY, 33417467, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Kachersky, Mother, Box 145, Crucible, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOE MADICH, 37031460, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jennie P. Madich, Wife, Box 375, Keewatin, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE I. MATTIX, 01690775, Medical Administrative Corps United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Georgianna M. Mattix, Mother, 919 East 9th Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS M. PAULSON, 36211874, Infantry, United States Army. Near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Paulson, Mother, 11 Farley Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

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Corporal WILLIAM C. SZEPANSKI, 37032952, Infantry, United States Army. Near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Michael Szepanski, Father, 2109 Minneapolis Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class FRANKLIN E. WELKE, 34811643, Medical Department, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Welke, Mother, Route #3, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Private FLOYD G. WENTZELL, 31236676, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lydia Wentzell, Mother, 57 Willow Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant DONALD V. ADAMS, 35390576, 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:

Staff Sergeant DONALD V. ADAMS, 35390576, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. A heavy concentration of enemy 150mm mortar shells falling within his company's area set an ammunition dump on fire. The exploding ammunition, including white phosphorous grenades, illuminated the entire area and exposed the troops to enemy observation. Sergeant ADAMS left the security of his foxhole and extinguished the fire by covering it with earth. His courageous action reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carrie E. Adams, Mother, Route #4, Wheeling, West Virginia.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant DAY E. DICKINSON, 37038548, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, Section I, General Orders No. 24, 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:

Sergeant DAY E. DICKINSON, 37038548, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. As squad leader of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, Sergeant DICKINSON led a five-man patrol more than three thousand yards into enemy territory over rugged terrain covered by heavy undergrowth in order to secure information concerning the strength and disposition of enemy forces. His fearless leadership was an inspiration to the members of the patrol. Sergeant DICKINSON'S untiring devotion to duty was primarily responsible for the accomplishment of a mission in which two Japanese were killed without sustaining casualties. The information gained contributed greatly to the success of a subsequent attack against the enemy defending the patrolled area. Home address: Mr. Leo Brandle, Uncle, Fowling Route, Alliance, Nebraska.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class WILLIAM E. DRAGER, 37030893, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, 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

Private First Class WILLIAM E. DRAGER, 37030893, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Emil C. Drager, Father, Wood Lake, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant ORVAL F. FUCHSEN, 37045688, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 9, 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:

Sergeant ORVAL F. FUCHSEN, 37045688, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Hubert J. Fuchsen, Father, Route #2, West Bend, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade LEO A. GOERISH, 37019676, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 9, 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 LEO A. GOERISH, 37019676, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. A night reconnaissance patrol ran into an enemy ambush on the outskirts of a barrio. Technician GOERISH, at the head of the patrol, was wounded by the first burst of enemy fire. Firing his rifle from the spot at which he fell, he killed one Japanese and routed two others. Realizing the necessity for immediate movement upon being discovered, he refused aid from the other men of his patrol and, despite his painful wound and loss of blood, he kept up with the patrol on the three thousand yard trip back to friendly lines. His display of courage and determination under enemy fire is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Goerish, Mother, Route #2, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade CECIL I. NELSEN, 37075057, 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:

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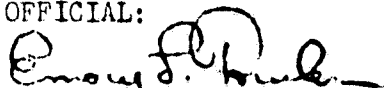
Technician Fourth Grade CECIL I. NELSEN, 37075057, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Nelsen, Mother, Route #1, Bird City, Kansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade EDWIN SHEAFFER, JR., 33504651; by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 96, dated 4 June 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 EDWIN SHEAFFER, JR., 33504651, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company attacked a strategic enemy position, the forward elements encountered murderous heavy mortar and machine gun fire from well concealed enemy positions. Two men in the lead position were severely wounded. Technician SHEAFFER, medical aid man, crawled forward and, while exposed to intense machine gun and sniper fire, administered first aid, saving the lives of the two men. Home address: Mrs. Bertha M. Sheaffer, Mother, Route #4, Lititz, Pennsylvania.

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

Section I - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9119, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Dull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the place and date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6 to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES B. APPLEBY, 20746460, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie L. Appleby, Mother, Route #2, Maryville, Missouri.

Sergeant PETER BECKER, 37006752, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Becker, Mother, Inman, Kansas.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. BELL, 01167740, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Bell, Wife, 1159 Grand View Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. BOIVIN, 36001219, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Boivin, Mother, 5929 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal JOHN A. BROSS, 35164283, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna E. Bross, Mother, Route #1, Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Corporal FLAVEL CHRISTENSEN, 37008019, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola T. Christensen, Mother, 1614 North 15th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class LAWRENCE A. COLLINS, JR., 19119449, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Lawrence A. Collins, Sr., Father, 4803 East Broadway, Long Beach, California.

First Lieutenant EUGENE R. DEAN, 01168218, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Dean, Mother, 383 Sexton Street, Struthers, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ELMER E. DUNLAP, 01106108, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

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Home address: Mrs. Isabel G. Dunlap, Wife, 524 Sycamore Street, Columbus, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. GOTWALD, 0443151, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mr. J. Andrew Gotwald, Father, 121 North Queen Street, York, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MIKE HIRKO, 36576044, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hirko, Wife, 17145 Hawthorn Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH JONES, 37007958, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Mack Jones, Father, Plattsburg, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant VICTOR J. KEATING, 37038368, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mildred H. Keating, Wife, 714 Missouri Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska.

Major JAMES D. LIERMAN, 0380106 (then Captain), Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Lierman, Wife, c/o A. J. Parks, Minonk, Illinois.

Private First Class LLOYD S. LINDEMAN, 37576975, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie M. Lindeman, Wife, 221 South 4th Street, LeSueur, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. LONG, 37059309 (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John A. Long, Father, Route #3, Baden Station, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT T. MARTIN, 37013174 (then Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert E. Martin, Father, Huntsville, Missouri

Major SEVERINO MARTINEZ, JR., 024811, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. S. Martinez, Mother, 4415 South Presa Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class EDGAR L. NOAKES, 37214454, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wannie Noakes, Mother, 3035 Flora Avenue, Lowry City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ELMER F. PHILLIPPE, 37119795, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Phillippe, Mother, 95 South Irvin Street, Fremont, Nebraska.

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Technician Fifth Grade HARRY B. SIMPSON, 37214652, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Harry S. Simpson, Father, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Broadway, Herington, Kansas.

First Sergeant ALEKSANDER J. WASIK, 6919907, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alyce H. Wasik, Wife, Walnut, Kansas.

Sergeant DONALD J. WEIS, 37086236, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joda E. Weis, Mother, 14 South Washington Street, Lodi, California.

Section II - 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 BERNARD T. CARLSON, 37032185, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 9, 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 BERNARD T. CARLSON, 37032185, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna A. Carlson, Mother, Winthrop, Minnesota.

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 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:

Sergeant BERT FERRARINI, 37085939, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 15 June 1945 as a patrol was crossing a stream, it was suddenly brought under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant FERRARINI, although wounded by the sudden burst of fire and suffering severe pain, crawled through heavy brush and waded across the stream in order to contact a friendly outpost one thousand yards away. Only after he had received assurance that all opposition had ceased and that his squad was safe, did he permit himself to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Ferrarini, Mother, General Delivery, Diamondville, Wyoming.