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advancing, he heard a call for help from a wounded comrade. Although the area was still under heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly worked his way forward over thirty yards of open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to aid the wounded man. After he had administered first aid and helped evacuate the casualty to a comparatively safe area, Sergeant POTURITCA returned to the fire-swept area and assisted in directing mortar fire which silenced the enemy weapons. Home address: Mrs. Julia M. Juran, Mother, RFD #1, Mineral Ridge, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant THOMAS F. SLATER, 37050140, Infantry, United States Army. Near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 July 1945, Sergeant SLATER was leading his platoon in an assault against a strongly fortified hill held by the enemy. As the platoon moved up the hill, it was subjected to a terrific concentration of sniper, machine gun and mortar fire. The platoon pressed forward and one of the scouts succeeded in reaching the crest of the hill where he captured an enemy machine gun and commenced firing it. As he fired the gun, he was hit by enemy sniper fire. Sergeant SLATER, realizing that the platoon would have to withdraw, reorganized the platoon and directed the evacuation of the wounded. Once the platoon had reached a covered position at the foot of the hill, Sergeant SLATER crawled forward to the crest of the hill and out across the ridge to reach his scout. The Japanese saw him and swept the ridge with machine gun fire; nevertheless, Sergeant SLATER refused to abandon his mission of rescuing his scout. Although he found that his comrade was already dead, he succeeded in dragging the body with him across the ridge and rejoined his men. Home address: Mrs. Ella H. Slater, Mother, Rural Route #1, Clarence, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WELLS L. SOLEM, 37031177, (then Corporal), Infantry, United States Army. Near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 June 1945, Corporal SOLEM, a company instrument corporal, volunteered to help evacuate wounded from an area held by a forward rifle company. On returning from the front with the wounded, the carrying party of which he was a member received fire from an enemy automatic weapon. Corporal SOLEM immediately gave orders for the others to take cover. With disregard for his own safety, he crept through thick undergrowth to an advantageous position from which he silenced the enemy gun. He then reorganized the carrying party and the wounded were brought safely back to an aid station. Corporal SOLEM'S gallantry and devotion to duty saved the lives of his comrades and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Tvedt, Sister, Larimore, North Dakota.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant CARTER P. SEYMOUR, 01294203, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section II,

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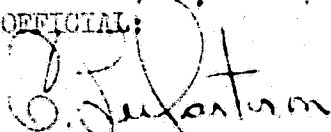
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General Orders No. 141, dated 20 July 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action against the enemy is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Ball 43 50 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant CARTER A. SEYMOUR, 01294203, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 August 1945, Lieutenant SEYMOUR led his company in three frontal assaults on a strongly defended enemy position and succeeded in killing a large number of Japanese soldiers and dislodging the remainder. On each assault Lieutenant SEYMOUR was at the head of his company, pressing the charge with furious determination. His skillful leadership was largely instrumental in taking the difficult objective and his courageous aggressiveness inspired all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Aulsy J. Seymour, Mother, Danithan, 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 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:

Sergeant WILBUR G. ALIEN, 37244187, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Omega F. Allen, Wife, Nev Bloomfield, Missouri.

Captain HENRY T. AUSDENMOORE 0517179, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred B. Ausdenmoore, Brother, 2529 Luna Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant EARL L. BANZHAF, 37019723, Infantry, United States Army. At Maffin Bay and Sansapor, New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 June 1944 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Verna L. Banzhaf, Mother, 1944 Troup, Kansas City, Kansas.

Major, WARNER P. BLAKE, 0338587, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 February 1945 to 10 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Blake, Wife, c/o Howard C. Blake, Route #2, Mound, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant ALBERT K. BOLCHALK, 35026075, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. In the Payawan-Kiangan sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 June 1945 to 14 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Bolchalk, Mother, 23 Henry Street, Hubbard, Ohio.

First Sergeant SAMUEL M. BURSTEIN, 37019411, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora Burstein, Mother, 1026 Logan Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class VAL E. CAMPBELL, 39201651, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alexander V. Campbell, Mother, 840 Cherry Street, Chico, California.

Staff Sergeant HOMER W. CHRISTOPHER, 37214773, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. George H. Christopher, Father, RFD #1, Amoret, Missouri.

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Second Lieutenant CLARENCE W. CLEMEN, 01326814, Infantry, United States Army. In vicinity of San Mariano, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 July 1945 to 23 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence C. Clemens, Wife, 3944 Greenview Avenue, Chicago 13, Illinois.

Private First Class STANLEY CZEJUSNIAK, 32340617, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie C. Sidorovicz, Mother, 73 Dupont Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Master Sergeant ELMER H. DAUER, 37059797, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen Dauer, Wife, 7129 Pennsylvania Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class ROBERT C. DAVIES, 31275657, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor Davies, Mother, General Delivery, Rome, New York.

Private First Class ROBERT DECOTEAU, 37028838, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lisa Davis, Sister, Belcourt, North Dakota.

Private First Class LEE S. DE GRANGE, 33067844, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. DeGragen, Mother 30 East 5th Street, Frederick, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant JOHN L. DICKINSON, 37008022, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eva L. Dickinson, Mother, Plattsburg, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN C. DOLL, 37059026, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Smith, Mother, Illmo, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES H. DOTEY, 33059150, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John D. Dotey, Father, Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant HAROLD K. EATON, 01294278, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 18 April 1945. Home address: Mr. G. C. Eaton, Father, 1830 F. Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class THOMAS A. ECKER, 39327842, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 21 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Grace Ecker, Mother, Brownsville, Oregon.

Captain ALVIN L. ENGER, 01533776, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Loraine Enger, Wife, 3949 Warwick, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade DENO FAZIO, 34078269, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Fazio, Mother, 1408 6th Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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Master Sergeant RICHARD E. FERREE, 36045335, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. William H. Ferree, Mother, 1618 E. Edwards Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD M. FOLTZ, 37042063, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 8 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Merle E. Foltz, Father, 515 Grove Street, Perry, Iowa.

Private First Class PAUL R. GEORGE, 36475735, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nancy M. George, Mother, Tamarca, Illinois.

Captain JOHN F. GRANT, 01756160, Medical Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. John F. Grant, Wife, 266 Harbor Street, Glencoe, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT D. GUERNSEY, 37038593, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth H. Guernsey, Wife, 315 East 24th Street, Kearney, Nebraska.

Sergeant JOHN J. KINCAID, 37059146, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Walter A. Kincaid, Father, Old Mines, Missouri.

Captain SEBE C. KNOX, 01109425, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Junye Knox, Mother, Route #4, Waxahatchie, Texas.

Private First Class ARTHUR J. LONG, 36149446, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clema Long, Wife, 18516, San Juan Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class OVA H. MOLLOHAN, 35749417, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 August 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Mollohan, Wife, Diana, West Virginia.

Private First Class MELROY V. NELSON, 37030476, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Nelson, Mother, 606 11th Street, St. James, Minnesota.

Sergeant JOHN H. NUGENT III, 33524230, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nell M. Nugent, Mother, 2902 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Sergeant JIM R. PAINTER, 38126933, Medical Department, United States Army. In Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 June 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Lee Painter, Wife, General Delivery, Stigler, Oklahoma.

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First Lieutenant JOHN L. PEDRICK, 01106392, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. W. H. Pedrick, Mother, 301 East Jefferson Street, Fairfield, Iowa.

Sergeant FRANK L. REINER, 37059253, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Reiner, Mother, Route #1, Box 24, Pevely, Missouri.

Captain HANNS C. SCHWYZER, 0368966, Medical Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hanns C. Schwyzer, Wife, 8 Crocus Hill, St. Paul, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant GEORGE C. SMITH 01575170, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 23 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles Smith, Father, 17407 Edinborough Road, Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant WILLIAM C. SMITH 17033029, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elma Smith, Mother, 200 East Washington Street, Fairfield, Iowa.

Captain CHARLES M. STAGNER, 0383654, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 July 1945 to 13 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Charlotte H. Stagner, Wife, 1341 Adam Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. THIFCE, 37029608, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joe Azure, Mother, Dunseith, North Dakota.

Private First Class CLARENCE P. THOMPSON, 37029226, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hannah G. Thompson, Mother, Hayfield, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR L. THORNTON, 0367135, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth B. Thorton, Wife, 315 South 9th Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD J. WALLECK, 37539681, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 June 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jeanette Walleck, Wife, 923 Homer Avenue, Kansas City 2, Kansas.

First Lieutenant WALTER B. WANNICK 01042980, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret M. Wannick, Wife, Viola Road, Monsey, New York.

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Private First Class MARVIN W. WEATHERMON, 37008545, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Leslie Randall Weathermon, Father, RFD #1, Guilford, Missouri.

Sergeant BENJAMIN J. WEINSTEIN, 42056151, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Harry Weinstein, Father, 1015 Boynton Avenue, New York, New York.

Private First Class BOB L. WILBURN 17023866, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 6 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lora Wilburn, Mother, Cabool, Missouri.

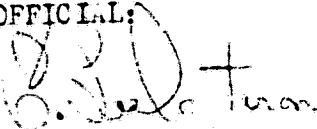
First Lieutenant ROBERT D. WILBURN, 0929045, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Wilburn, Wife, Hobbs, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant PAUL W. WIMMER, 37007222, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Aurleia Mary Wimmer, Mother, Marienthal, Kansas.

Sergeant JOSEPH F. WISNIEWSKI, 12080576, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie Z. Wisniewski, Mother, 354 Ideal Street, Buffalo 6, New York.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR  
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Section I - Awards of Silver Star

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 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:

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE E. ANDERSON, 32843494, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945, Sergeant ANDERSON'S company was pushing forward to gain a battalion objective. Intense machine gun and rifle fire from a well concealed enemy pillbox held up the advance. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant ANDERSON, armed with fragmentation and white phosphorous grenades, rushed the enemy position. He threw the grenades into the enemy strongpoint, reducing it and killing four of its occupants. The destruction of the pillbox paved the way for the attack to continue and his company resumed its advance. Sergeant ANDERSON'S gallant action was an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mother, Route #1, Box 35, Wilcox, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR C. BONNYCASTLE, 0302356, Infantry, United States Army. Near Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 June 1945, when the advance of the leading elements of his battalion was stopped by heavy machine gun and rifle fire, Colonel BONNYCASTLE went forward to the leading assault platoons and personally directed artillery and 4.2 inch mortar fire on a strongly defended enemy position. Since the target area proved difficult to hit with indirect fire, he called for a supporting tank to come forward. In full view of the enemy, Colonel BONNYCASTLE pointed out the enemy position to the tank gunner whose fire neutralized the area, permitting the leading elements of his battalion to mop up the resistance and resume the advance. Colonel BONNYCASTLE'S aggressive action and courageous leadership in the face of hostile fire inspired all the officers and men under his command. Home address: Mrs. Sally W. Bonnycastle, Wife, 3015 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant JACK HEDGEFETH, 02027323, Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre Mountains near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945, Lieutenant HEDGEFETH, weapons platoon leader, followed assault platoons as they attacked an enemy-held hill position. After placing

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his 60mm mortars in position on the reverse slope of the hill, he moved forward to join his company commander. The enemy were driven from the hill. When Japanese artillery observers saw that our troops had seized the hill, they directed devastating fire from both 105mm guns and 150mm mortars on the area. Blanketing the hill with such a large concentration of artillery and mortar fire produced a large number of casualties. Lieutenant HEDGEPEETH, with unconcern for the shells bursting around him, rushed to the aid of the wounded men and started dragging them to the relative safety of the reverse slope of the hill. Time and time again Lieutenant HEDGEPEETH went into the fire-covered area to evacuate the dead and wounded. The gallantry displayed by Lieutenant HEDGEPEETH merits the highest praise and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Hedgepeeth, Mother, 736 Charlotte Avenue, Davenport, Iowa.

Major WILLIAM D. MC DOWELL, 0993326, Infantry, United States Army. Near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 August 1945, Major MC DOWELL led a small reconnaissance patrol to a point two thousand yards to the west of his leading elements whose advance had been impeded by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. From this vantage point far in front of his leading elements, he directed artillery fire on Antipolo where about three hundred enemy troops were known to be bivouacking, killing and wounding many of the Japanese with the surprise concentrations. During the shelling, the patrol was fired upon by six enemy soldiers. Major MC DOWELL directed the ensuing fire fight, killing four and forcing the others to flee. His aggressiveness and courage in face of hostile fire and his competent leadership reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Janet E. McDowell, Wife, 1735 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant JOHN MINDEK, 35317647, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945, while his company was pinned down by intense machine gun and sniper fire, Sergeant MINDEK, disregarding his personal safety, led his machine gun section to an advantageous point from which effective fire was directed against the enemy. He then crawled closer to the enemy position and laid down a smoke screen with white phosphorous grenades, enabling his company to withdraw in an orderly manner. Sergeant MINDEK assisted in moving the wounded to a sheltered position. Ordering his machine gun section to join the company, he remained with the wounded until it was possible to evacuate them. His initiative and gallant performance of duty in the face of hostile fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. John Mindek, Wife, 4012 Sackett Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class GERALD H. SALLEE, 37007477, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 June 1945, a patrol from an infantry company had been ambushed some distance from our perimeter and suffered heavy casualties. Private SALLEE, a heavy machine gun ammunition bearer attached to the company, volunteered to go to the scene of the ambush and aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the heavy volume of fire laid over the area by the enemy to prevent aid from reaching the casualties, Private SALLEE went into the fire-swept area to remove the

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wounded. He moved in and out of the area again and again until he had succeeded in removing every casualty to a place of safety. Private SALLEE'S gallant conduct merits the highest praise. Home address: Mr. E. P. Sallee, Father, Linneus, Missouri.

Private First Class DOW E. SLAGLE, 34329879, Infantry, United States Army. At Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on June 1945, Private SLAGLE was serving as an assistant gunner in a 81mm mortar squad attached to an infantry company. The company was engaged in establishing defensive positions in an area surrounded by high, enemy-held hills. The personnel manning the defensive perimeter were subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire. Disregarding his own safety, Private SLAGLE left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, with the mortar gunner, brought accurate fire upon the enemy guns. During the course of the action, Private SLAGLE'S mortar was struck by enemy fire, destroying the gun sight and wounding Private SLAGLE. Despite his wounds, he remained at his mortar and rendered able assistance in keeping the gun in action until the enemy guns were silenced. Private SLAGLE'S intense and courageous devotion to duty merits high praise. Home address: Mrs. Dona Slagle, Mother, Route #5, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant JOY C. SMALL, 01329171, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Mount Puloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 August 1945, Lieutenant SMALL voluntarily exposed himself to heavy enemy fire as he led his platoon in an attack against a strongly fortified enemy position. When one of his men was wounded and fell in an open area within easy range of the enemy, Lieutenant SMALL crawled forward under the intense fire sweeping the area and managed to pull the man back to safety. He then renewed the advance, deploying his platoon in a double envelopment movement which succeeded in knocking out ten enemy positions. Lieutenant SMALL'S gallant action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillian C. Small, Wife, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT M. TELLEFSEN, 16153117, Infantry, United States Army. On 23 July 1945 while on patrol near Mount Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant TELLEFSEN and his men were suddenly fired upon by a Japanese ambush. One of his men fell seriously wounded. After ordering his patrol to take cover, Sergeant TELLEFSEN moved toward the ambush. Spotting two enemy riflemen, he threw a grenade and killed them both. Again moving forward, he discovered a machine gun nest. Opening up with his rifle and throwing two more grenades, he killed two additional Japanese and silenced their gun. Sergeant TELLEFSEN returned to pick up the wounded man. As he moved down a trail, carrying the wounded man on his shoulder, a Japanese sniper jumped out on the trail behind him. With his one free hand Sergeant TELLEFSEN fired his rifle at the sniper and caused him to take cover. He then continued down the trail, evacuating the wounded man to a place of safety. Home address: Mr. Albert Tellefsen, Father, 1218 S. 75th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin.

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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 date indicated is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant GEORGE R. BACON, 6295124, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Ilagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 26 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline D. Bacon, Wife, 400 Sansome Street, Out Transit Dept., 4th Floor, c/o Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, California.

Captain JAMES R. BENBOW, 0407932, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie L. Benbow, Wife, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Private First Class GEORGE P. BOLL, 37604657, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Home address: Mr. George D. Boll, Father, 4847 Goethe Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class HAROLD E. CHRISTENSEN, 39341267, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 26 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laura Christensen, Mother, Stayton, Oregon.

Corporal ELMO DALTON, 33090865, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Howard P. Dalton, Father, Route #1, Sycamore, Virginia.

Technician Third Grade GEORGE M. FONOS, 37030735, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. George Fonos, Father, 401 University Avenue, Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant DUANE T. GISH, 01304063, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. K. C. Gish, Father, 1543 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant JACK E. HARBOUR, 01294301, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jack E. Harbour, Wife, 1954 North 31st Street, Kansas City 2, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade STANLEY F. HART, 39143058, Infantry, United States Army. Near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Hart, Wife, Box 238, Point Richmond, California.

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Chief Warrant Officer JOSEPH W. HEVERLIN, W2118114, United States Army. In the Payawan-Kiangan sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 June 1945 to 14 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Heverlin, Wife, 417 Caltier Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant MALCOLM M. HODGES, 35160683, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maude E. Hodges, Mother, Oaktown, Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade LAWRENCE L. HOLMAN, 37029755, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Arthur L. Holman, Father, Farmarth, North Dakota.

First Lieutenant CHARLES E. HUBBS, 0328742, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna B. Hubbs, Mother, 442 Prospect Avenue, East Aurora, New York.

Major DONALD L. HUNT, 0342283, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Shirley Hunt, Wife, 731 Alderon Avenue, Billings, Montana.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT M. HUTTON, 02023665, Infantry, United States Army. In the Kiangan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. John A. Hutton, Mother, 5039 Linsdale Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Captain JAMES E. INGALLS, 0410600, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lyla O. Ingalls, Wife, Davis, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant MATHIAS V. JENNIGES, 37029346, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Daloris M. Jenniges, Wife, Wanda, Minnesota.

Private First Class FRED C. JONES, 39214409, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 July 1945 to 6 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. May N. Jones, Mother, 5943 45th Avenue, S.W., Seattle 6, Washington.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE H. KORFF, 37076789, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry F. Korff, Father, Owensville, Missouri.

Sergeant JAMES E. LINDSEY, 37057505, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Icayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 June 1945 to 5 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Lindsey, Mother, Box 204, Valley Park, Missouri.

Private First Class IRA A. MARRS, 34146707, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 June 1945 to 17 June 1945. Home address: Mr. A. T. Marrs, Father, Tigrett, Tennessee.

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Technical Sergeant JOHN H. MEYER, 55487843, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Meyer, Mother, 1618 Richmond Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.

First Sergeant JEROME G. MULVEHILL, 37019403, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen I. Mulvihill, Mother, 3204 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Corporal EDMOND J. NACHBAUER, 15117074, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise F. Nachbauer, Mother, 2737 Minot Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class THEODORE NYLAND, 37028744, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Levarn Nyland, Father, Watford City, North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR A. PAYNE, JR, 39564772 (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. A. G. Ehr Gott, Mother, 2812 Falling Leaf Avenue, Garvey, California.

Technical Sergeant NELSON C. PRICE, 39159871, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nelson C. Price, Wife, 1501 Mar Vista, Pasadena, California.

First Lieutenant LEON E. RICELLI, 01185432, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Thomas G. Bosco, Cousin, 3820 Second Boulevard, Detroit 2, Michigan.

First Sergeant LEONARD J. SCHMID, 37071274, Infantry, United States Army. In the Kiangar-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph B. Schmid, Father, Schuyler, Nebraska.

Chief Warrant Officer GEORGE W. TAYLOR, W2118125, United States Army. At Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 December 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise H. Taylor, Wife, 1106 West Fifth Street, North Platte, Nebraska.

Private First Class MICHAEL J. THOMAS, 37007042, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Mother, 1962 North 30th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

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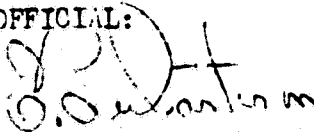
Private First Class TEDDY WALCZAK, 37029247, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Merta Walczak, Mother, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade HARVEY E. WILSON, 37242709, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Harry E. Wilson, Father, 714 North Main Street, Eureka, Kansas.

Corporal GERALD M. YOUNG, 35009788, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Samuel E. Young, Father, 132 Crane Avenue, Kent, Ohio.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR  
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Section I - Awards of Silver Star

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 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 enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant FRANK CARR, 34142333, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. Near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 June 1945, Sergeant CARR'S infantry squad encountered intense Japanese light arms fire as it was moving forward through a rocky draw covered with dense vegetation. Sergeant CARR placed the patrol in charge of one of his subordinates and he, alone, advanced under the intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire to scout the area. As he moved forward he spotted two enemy snipers and killed them. He discovered that a previously reported strongpoint was manned only by stragglers. Returning to his company command post, he made known the enemy dispositions. Then he led his squad forward and successfully destroyed the enemy remaining in the draw. Home address: Mrs. Belle Carr, Mother, Route #3, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant KIYOSHI FUJIMURA, 30106529, Language Detachment, United States Army. In the vicinity of Amduntog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18-19 August 1945, Sergeant FUJIMURA volunteered to go forward into enemy territory to act as an interpreter for American troops in an attempt to persuade Japanese troops to surrender. He went forward on his own volition despite the fact that such a mission involved great personal danger. Sergeant FUJIMURA displayed great courage and set a splendid example to his fellow soldiers in carrying out such a dangerous mission. Home address: Miss Masako Fujimura, Sister, Box 931, LiHoe, Kuaia, Territory of Hawaii.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT G. IRWIN, 37540463, Infantry, United States Army. On 7 July 1945, the platoon in which Sergeant IRWIN is a squad leader was given the mission of attacking, seizing and holding a ridge commanding Highway 4 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During an assault up the steep, rugged and rocky slope of the ridge, the platoon was caught in heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Two men in the platoon were seriously wounded and lay exposed to the enemy fire. Realizing that the men had to be evacuated at once, Sergeant IRWIN, voluntarily, ran through the hostile fire and managed to pull one of the wounded men to a covered position. Leaving the man in the care of an aid man, who had just come up, Sergeant IRWIN immediately ran back and carried the other wounded man to safety. Seconds later, another man in the platoon was struck by a sniper's bullet. Again, without regard for his own safety, Sergeant IRWIN dashed

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out into the fire-swept area and carried his wounded comrade out of range of the enemy weapons. Sergeant IRWIN'S gallantry was directly responsible for saving the lives of three of his fellow soldiers. Home address: Mr. Samuel A. Irwin, Father, 424 East Kansas Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE SPEARMAN, 38519007, Infantry, United States Army. During an advance against Kiangon, extremely heavy enemy opposition was encountered near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The strongly entrenched enemy had unobstructed observation of the activities of our troops from hill and ridge positions which dominated the terrain in this sector. On 28 June 1945, Sergeant SPEARMAN, a squad leader, received orders to take command of his rifle platoon in the absence of the platoon leader and the platoon sergeant. He was directed to relieve another platoon located on the crest of a hill overlooking an important highway. His platoon successfully accomplished the relief of the other platoon although it was subjected to heavy fire as it moved up the hill to do so. When his platoon was ordered to join in a general attack on a nearby enemy-held ridge, Sergeant SPEARMAN, acting as first scout, led his men forward about five hundred yards. Another rifle platoon on his left flank was suddenly pinned down by sustained enemy automatic weapons fire. Deploying his small force of seventeen men in an effort to flank the enemy positions and relieve the other platoon, Sergeant SPEARMAN again led his men forward. As lead scout he descended into a draw where he observed an enemy outpost containing two riflemen. He killed one of the enemy and his scout accounted for the second. As a result, his platoon was able to advance close to the enemy positions undetected. Ordering his platoon to remain covered, Sergeant SPEARMAN advanced alone to the crest of a ridge where he observed five enemy riflemen protecting machine gun positions. When one of the enemy discovered him, he withdrew from sight, crawled to the enemy's rear and crouched behind a tree only ten yards distant from the entrenched enemy. One of the Japanese riflemen ran toward him; Sergeant SPEARMAN killed him with a rifle shot when he was five yards from him. A second rose to fire, while two other enemy advanced toward him. He killed the three with quick shots from his rifle. The fifth Japanese fired at him and missed and then killed himself with his own grenade. Returning to his platoon, Sergeant SPEARMAN organized a successful assault on the enemy position which now lacked a protective screen of riflemen as a result of his lone action. The positions were taken and secured, thereby making possible a general advance in the area. Home address: Mrs. Oma Spearman, Mother, Box 419, Rodessa, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM K. WATTS, 37057841, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 August 1945, Sergeant WATTS' company supply train was attacked and pinned down by Japanese fire. Sergeant WATTS, voluntarily and alone, assaulted the enemy entrenchments from which the fire was laid on the supply train. With covering fire from his platoon, he crawled to within close range of the enemy. By his accurate fire he killed three of the enemy and dispersed the remainder.



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Upon clearing out the positions, Sergeant WATTS spotted several additional emplacements farther up the draw through which the supply train had to move. He returned to his company's command post and directed mortar fire on the enemy, killing three additional Japanese and wounding several others. Sergeant WATTS' gallantry secured the company supply trail and was instrumental in assuring the success of a battalion operation. Home address: Mrs. William K. Watts, Wife, 719 Dougherty Ferry Road, Kirkwood, 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 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:

First Lieutenant CARROL D. EEDS, 01304050, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 17 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carrol D. Eeds, Wife, Lockhart, Texas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM D. FERRELL, 35026130, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dortha M. Ferrell, Wife, 311 Carlisle Street, New Comerstown, Ohio.

Private First Class FREDERICK H. HAAKE, 32243552, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert Haake, 143 Summit Street, Norwood, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant RAYMOND E. HALE, 15107599, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 29 April 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. May K. Hale, Mother, 6148 Fairway Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio.

First Lieutenant RICHARD E. HARRINGTON, 01294834, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean S. Harrington, Wife, 174 West Allen Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant MARION D. HENRY, 17024014, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Henry, Mother, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, 37057392, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frank Steiner, Sister, 5309 N. Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM K. HUIATT, 01038683, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 August 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Melva Huiatt, Wife, 930 Vine Street, Canon City, Colorado.

First Lieutenant SHARON J. JOHNSON, 01305062, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 August 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson, Wife, 3822 E. 52d Street, Maywood, California.

Private First Class HARRY C. JONES, 33649007, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank C. Jones, Father, 1703 Gorsuch Avenue, Baltimore 18, Maryland.

Corporal CHARLES KATZSCO, 33067614, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Dobrodey, Mother, Marley Neck Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

First Lieutenant DONALD P. KILLEN, 01294142, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Killen, Wife, 163 Gifford Avenue, San Jose, California.

Technical Sergeant VICTOR H. KORFHAGE, 35105106, Infantry, United States Army. In the Kiangang area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Chester Korfhage, Father, Shively, Missouri.

Private First Class DAVID D. LOVELESS, 35412955, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Loveless, Mother, Stewartsville, Ohio.

Private First Class MARVIN H. MALER, 36779790, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 February 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Simon Maler, Father, 4928 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago 25, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant BOYD B. MERCER, 35105314, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Willie R. Mercer, Mother, White Plains, Kentucky.

Private First Class CHARLES MESHULAM, 36040997, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangang, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Louis Meshulam, Father, 4943 Monroe, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant NICHOLAS J. MILLER, 36116530, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 21 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kate Miller, Mother, 14615 Darwin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class PAUL E. MILLER, 17027228, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora Tillier, Mother, 212 South 2d Avenue, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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Staff Sergeant JOSEPH M. MONTAGNINO, 34078157, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 August 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Conget Montagnino, Mother, Route #1, Box 227-A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT M. MOORE, 36122236, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John L. McClure, Grandfather, 626 Prospect Street, Flint, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant FLOYD A. NIELSEN, 37033636, Infantry, United States Army. At Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 June 1945 to 23 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Niles Nielsen, Mother, Route #1, Moorhead, Iowa.

Private First Class PAUL A. OSADCHY, 37028996, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Osadchy, Wife, Route #1, Box 17, Max, North Dakota.

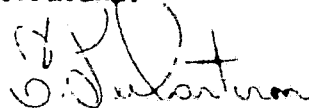
Technician Third Grade JOHN L. RAYMOND, 32190515, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 29 April 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Raymond, Mother, 202 Quincy Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant NATHAN J. SHAPIRO, 36035572, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hortense S. Shapiro, Wife, 1245 Carmen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant LEON SLOTIN, 0513217, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 21 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Morris Slotin, Father, 106 W. 36th Street, Savannah, Georgia.

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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 heroic 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, AFO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Corporal FRANK M. BAUMANN, 16085705, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On the night of 15 January 1945, Corporal BAUMANN, an acting squad leader, was manning a sector of his company perimeter in an area near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Shortly after midnight, three Japanese knee mortars commenced firing at the end position of the perimeter which was set upon a knoll on the crest of a ridge. The men defending that portion of the perimeter were forced to withdraw to the company command post. This left Corporal BAUMANN'S position at the base of the knoll as the anchor for the entire line. Under cover of the mortar fire the Japanese moved to the knoll and set up two machine guns less than sixty feet from Corporal BAUMANN and the three men with him. Unaware of our men lying at their feet, the Japanese fired across them into the company area. Corporal BAUMANN counted approximately twenty of the enemy on the knoll and, realizing that it would be suicide to open fire, whispered to his comrades to hold their fire. Shortly before dawn the Japanese prepared to advance across the hill. When one of his men picked out the Japanese commander in the enemy force, Corporal BAUMANN ordered him to fire and told the others to throw hand grenades. By so doing they killed the Japanese officer and three enlisted men. The Japanese, although disorganized by the loss of their leader, rallied sufficiently to sweep the area below them with machine gun fire and throw hand grenades. Two of Corporal BAUMANN'S men were wounded. Corporal BAUMANN remained with the wounded men and helped them back to the command post. Home address: Mrs. Meda D. Baumann, Mother, 107 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant RUFUS A. BRYANT, 37066008, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 23 January 1945 the company in which Sergeant BRYANT was mortar section leader was to push off in a night attack from Sison to Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands in order to secure ground for an assembly area for a battalion which was to attack the following morning. On moving forward they did not encounter anything except slight outpost resistance until they neared the outskirts of Cauringan. Here they met a Japanese force which was estimated to be a reinforced company. The battalion commander ordered Sergeant BRYANT to set up his mortars. Sergeant BRYANT, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward in front of our lines to a position

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which offered good observation but little cover. From this advantageous point, he was able to direct such accurate fire on the enemy that they had to withdraw from their positions. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Bryant, Mother, Route #1, Nashville, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant DOMENIC COLO, 36737142, Infantry, United States Army. During the period 17 June 1945 to 24 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant COLO, a mortar gunner, was advancing with a rifle company upon a strongly fortified enemy hill. During the attack, the 81mm mortar platoon positions were separated from the advancing rifle company by dense bamboo and jungle growths. Sergeant COLO constantly exposed himself to enemy rifle fire in order to keep check on the telephone lines which led forward to the 81mm mortar observers. Sergeant COLO'S constant devotion to duty helped bring quick and effective mortar fire on the enemy, thus enabling the rifle company to secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Maude Solo, Mother, 134 Highwood Avenue, Highwood, Illinois.

Private First Class SAMUEL A. CONRAD, 39193706, Infantry, United States Army. During the period from 6 August 1945 to 17 August 1945, the line company in which Private CONRAD served as a wireman was operating in rough, mountainous terrain near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The maintenance of wire communication was of the utmost importance because of the long distances separating our units. Despite adverse weather conditions and the rugged terrain, Private CONRAD maintained uninterrupted wire contact between his front line company and a battalion command post. Frequently, Private CONRAD performed his mission without aid. On many occasions he was fired upon by enemy snipers, but disregarding the enemy fire, Private CONRAD completed his missions. His heroic conduct was instrumental in coordinating the tactics between companies in this isolated sector. Home address: Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad, Mother, 405 5th Front Street, Stulton, Pennsylvania.

Corporal DALE L. FOX, 36871906, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. Corporal FOX, communications non-commissioned officer in a chemical mortar company, displayed heroism above and beyond the call of duty near Mount Macolod, Lipa, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 10 April 1945 Corporal FOX moved forward with a company of seventy-five guerrillas in order to obtain a more advantageous position from which to observe the activities of the enemy. Suddenly, in an ascent up the sparsely vegetated slopes of a mountain, intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire enveloped them. Two rounds of Japanese mortar fire burst within a few yards of Corporal FOX, and wounded his company commander. Corporal FOX, with the aid of his comrade, assumed charge of the company, directed the men in the removal of supplies and weapons to a protected position and then returned under fire to treat and evacuate the wounded commander. Corporal FOX'S intense devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Emily Janet Fox, Mother, 2537 Baker Road, Dexter, Michigan.

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Private First Class HENRY L. GEREAU, 36211021, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 July 1945 near Boloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private GEREAU, a 60mm mortar gunner, aided greatly in saving the lives of many riflemen of his company. Advancing up a steep hill, the leading platoon was pinned down by intense enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire coming from its front and flanks. Realizing the platoon's great danger, Private GEREAU, moved to an exposed position on the slope of a hill from which he could observe the Japanese emplacements. He then placed mortar fire upon the position from which the heaviest enemy fire was originating. As a result of his accurate fire, the enemy became disorganized; the platoon was able to evacuate its wounded and withdraw under the protective cover of the mortar fire. Home address: Mrs. Ann Gereau, Mother, Withec, Wisconsin.

Private First Class DAVID M. HAMILTON, 37771700, Medical Department, United States Army. At 1600 hours on 1 August 1945 near Miangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, an infantry company was located on a ridge below high ground occupied by the enemy. The company had just started to dig in when the enemy opened up with intense machine gun and small arms fire, severely wounding one man. An entire platoon was pinned down. Private HAMILTON, with disregard for his personal safety, crawled under the intense fire for a distance of fifty yards and administered first aid to the wounded man. He stayed with the casualty until the enemy was neutralized by our artillery. Home address: Mrs. James S. Luhn, Sister, 1319 East 3d Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class GEORGE P. HARRIS, 33160600, Infantry, United States Army. On the morning of 15 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a force of the enemy made a large scale counterattack, using heavy machine guns, grenades, and rifles, on the defensive perimeter of the rifle company to which Private HARRIS' machine gun platoon was attached. An enemy double-barrel machine gun poured intense fire on our riflemen, pinning them down in their foxholes. When two assistant gunners of his section were wounded, Private HARRIS manned their gun and, with heavy bursts of fire, knocked out the enemy gun, killed three of the attacking Japanese and caused the remainder to flee. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Harris, Mother, 1040 Franklin Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD A. HOFFMAN, 39149991, Medical Department, United States Army. At 1930 hours on 1 August 1945 in the vicinity of Miangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private HOFFMAN'S infantry company sent a security patrol outside of its perimeter prior to setting up for the night. The lead scout was wounded severely. The patrol had to withdraw because of hostile heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Private HOFFMAN crawled about thirty yards to give first aid to the wounded man and remained with him until he could be returned to the perimeter under cover of darkness. Home address: Mrs. Ione B. Hoffman, Wife, Route #2, Box 363-B, Tulare, California.

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Corporal DREXAL C. JONES, 34147739, Infantry, United States Army. On 19 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Corporal JONES, an 81mm mortar gunner, volunteered to help evacuate the wounded from a forward rifle company to which he was attached. On the return trip, the carrying party of which he was a member was fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon. He immediately gave orders to take cover, and with disregard for his personal safety, crept through thick undergrowth to an advantageous position from which he silenced the enemy gun. He then reorganized the carrying party and proceeded safely back to an aid station with the wounded. Corporal JONES' heroism and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Roxie P. Jones, Mother, Route #6, Greeneville, Tennessee.

Sergeant HORST W. KLUSSMANN, 42020522, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. As a flamethrower expert in a chemical service platoon Sergeant KLUSSMANN aided materially in burning out the town of Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1944. With disregard for dangers involved, Sergeant KLUSSMANN voluntarily accompanied an infantry flamethrower team engaged in burning out enemy installations which were disrupting supply lines. Under constant sniper fire, Sergeant KLUSSMANN provided on-the-spot maintenance of the flamethrowers. In addition, he also operated a flamethrower, assisting in the destruction of every enemy installation in the town. Home address: Mrs. Alma A. Klussmann, Mother, 345 Winslow Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade BRULIE J. LADNER, 34134011, Infantry, United States Army. On 28 March 1945 near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician Fifth Grade LADNER was serving as a radio operator in his rifle company which was then subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. With disregard for his personal safety, he voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to join his company commander at a vantage point from which they directed friendly artillery and mortar fire on the enemy guns until they were destroyed. Technician Fifth Grade LADNER'S calm and efficient radio operation was an important factor in placing friendly fire on the enemy positions, thereby securing the safety of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Ruby Ladner, Wife, Route B, Box 110, Poplowill, Mississippi.

Technical Sergeant CLARENCE O. LUND, 37630472, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 June 1945, Sergeant LUND, while leading a patrol, observed a Japanese soldier who was on outpost duty. Halting the patrol, Sergeant LUND sneaked around the sentry to analyze the situation. There he found a well armed Japanese patrol resting. Returning to his own patrol, he led them into a skirmish line and moved aggressively forward before being fired upon. The enemy patrol set up a knee mortar. Immediately Sergeant LUND attacked and knocked out the gun crew with grenades. His heroic action gave our patrol the opportunity to kill four more Japanese and put the remainder to rout. Home address: Mr. Hans Lund, Father, Roosevelt, Minnesota.

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Captain FREDERICK M. MC INNIS, 01291150, Infantry, United States Army. During the period 5 August 1945 to 14 August 1945 an infantry battalion was engaged in combat against the enemy in the Macantog-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 12 August 1945, Captain MC INNIS was in command of a rifle company occupying defensive positions along a high ridge in a series of strongpoints. During a heavy downpour of rain the enemy attacked one of the company's forward strongpoints, one thousand yards from the company command post. During this attack a man was seriously wounded and was in need of blood plasma. Captain MC INNIS, with disregard for his personal safety, accompanied by an aid man, started forward with plasma for the wounded man. It was necessary for him to pass through two friendly strongpoints which could have mistaken him for the enemy. He also risked running into enemy groups which were attacking our positions. He reached the wounded man safely and assisted in administering aid throughout the night. Home address: Mr. Maurice A. McInnis, Father, 16 Prospect Street, Millinocket, Maine.

Private First Class LEONARD C. MOEHLIG, 36514775, Infantry, United States Army. On the morning of 15 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a force of the enemy made a large scale counterattack, using heavy machine guns, grenades and rifles, on the defensive perimeter of the rifle company to which Private MOEHLIG'S machine gun platoon was attached. An enemy double-barrel machine gun poured intense fire on our riflemen, pinning them down in their foxholes. When two assistant gunners of his section were wounded, Private MOEHLIG, without hesitation, manned their machine gun and, with heavy bursts of fire, knocked out the enemy machine gun nest, killing three of the attacking Japanese and causing the remainder to flee. Private MOEHLIG'S heroic action while under fire contributed immeasurably to the successful defense of the rifle company position. Home address: Mrs. Conception Santos Moehlig, Wife, Box 946, Yuma, Arizona.

Sergeant CHARLES O. NELSON, Jr., 37240865, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 19 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private NELSON, a messenger, volunteered to help evacuate the wounded from a forward rifle company to which he was attached. On the return trip, the carrying party of which he was a member was fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon. He immediately gave orders to take cover, and with disregard for his personal safety, crept through thick undergrowth to an advantageous position from which he silenced the enemy gun. He then reorganized the carrying party and proceeded safely back to an aid station with the wounded men. Private NELSON'S display of courage and unselfish devotion to duty was directly responsible for saving several lives. Home address: Mr. Charles O. Nelson, Sr., 3440 Wabash Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN C. OIEN, JR., 39206927, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of the Ibulac River crossing, Luzon, Philippine Islands on the night of 14 August 1945 at 2300 hours, an urgent message was received from a portable surgical hospital requesting blood plasma. Because of heavy rains streams were swollen and roads and bridges were washed out,



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making it impossible to use vehicles as transportation. Private OIEN, scout in an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, volunteered to go across rugged and unoccupied country for a distance of more than a mile to secure the plasma. By running almost continuously, the trip was completed within fifty minutes despite rainfall, precipitous terrain and complete darkness. Private OIEN'S heroic accomplishment materially aided in saving the life of a wounded soldier and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John C. Oien, Father, Wildrose, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant MIKE SAVIO, 37076059, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 7 July 1945 near Payson, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant SAVIO, 81mm mortar platoon sergeant, was attached to a rifle company as a forward observer for the mortars. His mission was to support the rifle company in an assault on a strongly fortified enemy ridge. While moving into position to assault the ridge, one platoon from the rifle company was pinned down by heavy automatic fire. Sergeant SAVIO, realizing the seriousness of the situation, voluntarily crawled forward, using obstacles of the terrain for natural protection. His purpose was to adjust the 81mm mortar fire on the enemy positions whose fire was pinning down the platoon. Sergeant SAVIO directed the mortar fire with great accuracy. He materially aided in destroying the hostile positions and dispersing the enemy troops. Home address: Mr. Louis Savio, Father, 2117 Lily, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JESSE E. SHAFER, 35208039, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 June 1945, Sergeant SHAFER volunteered to act as mortar observer for a combat patrol. After the patrol had advanced about fifteen hundred yards it was pinned down by fire from enemy machine guns. Sergeant SHAFER crossed over open terrain, exposing himself to enemy observation and fire, to a position from which he directed mortar fire, knocking out the enemy guns and enabling the patrol to continue on its mission. Home address: Mrs. Opal Lorena Shafer, Mother, Rural Route #2, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Private First Class JOSEPH B. SHUPINK, 33893985, Infantry, United States Army. During an advance over rugged terrain near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 July 1945, the platoon of which Private SHUPINK, automatic rifleman, is a member was cut off and pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from an enemy ambush which caused several casualties. Fire from a concealed enemy machine gun position covered a narrow road which offered the only possible route of evacuation and the rugged embankments bordering the road were held by enemy snipers. Realizing the wounded were in urgent need of medical attention, Private SHUPINK, disregarding all dangers, crawled to a point of vantage and, despite constant sniper fire, succeeded in delivering a volume of neutralizing fire into the enemy machine gun position. Under the protective cover of his fire, the wounded were safely evacuated. The unselfish devotion to duty of Private SHUPINK was instrumental in saving many lives. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Shupink, Wife, Spring Street, Coal Center, Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant EMIL O. SYVERSON, 37061180, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 19 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private SYVERSON, acting machine gun squad leader in a machine gun section, was protecting the rear and right flank of an advancing rifle company. Suddenly, from well concealed positions behind thick bamboo and undergrowth, a squad of enemy soldiers began an attack on the rifle company. Private SYVERSON, without hesitation, immediately notified the rifle company commander, then deployed his men into positions from which they brought a heavy concentration of fire upon the advancing enemy. Private SYVERSON'S quick thinking and courage under fire routed the enemy force, killing three, without loss of life to our troops. Home address: Mr. Carl O. Syverson, Father, Box 244, Newfalden, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND TOMCZAK, 36120324, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 19 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private TOMCZAK, a machine gunner, volunteered to help evacuate the wounded of a forward rifle company to which he was attached. On the return trip, the carrying party of which he was a member was fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon. He immediately ordered the carrying party to take cover, and, with disregard for his personal safety, he, alone, crept through thick undergrowth to an advantageous position from which he silenced the enemy gun. He then reorganized the carrying party and proceeded safely back to an aid station with the wounded. Private TOMCZAK'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving several lives. Home address: Mrs. Veronica A. Tomczak, Wife, 5773 Odgen Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JAMES E. VANCE, 35487751, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. During an advance through rugged terrain near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 July 1945, the platoon of which Private VANCE, rifleman, is a member was cut off and pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from an enemy ambush. The sudden enemy fire caused several casualties. Realizing the impossibility of evacuating the wounded down a narrow road, the only possible route of evacuation, which was covered by direct enemy fire, Private VANCE, took up an automatic rifle and ample ammunition from a fallen comrade, and crawled to a point of vantage in the open. Despite constant sniper fire he maintained this position and delivered neutralizing fire upon the enemy positions until the wounded had been safely evacuated. The heroic action of Private VANCE was instrumental in saving many lives. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy E. Vance, Wife, Route #1, Park City, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade BERT F. WATTS, 17014811, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medic 1 Department, United States Army. Near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 June 1945 during an attack of a rifle company on an enemy strong point, several men were seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position. Technician WATTS, company aid man, crawled forward across open terrain under intense enemy small arms and mortar fire to administer immediate first aid. He succeeded in dragging a wounded man to a place of safety from

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which evacuation could be made without danger to litter bearers. The prompt action of Technician WATTS in administering first aid saved the life of his comrade and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ester E. Morrison, Mother, Route #1, Nettleton, Arkansas.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 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:

Private First Class **ARMIE F. ANDERSON**, 37030594, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sena Anderson, Mother, Lakefield, Minnesota.

Private First Class **THOMAS A. BATEMAN**, 35206708, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Bateman, Mother, St. Albans, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant **HAROLD J. BATTLES**, 01300749, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 30 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rena B. Battles, Wife, Box 233, Moorpark, California.

Corporal **WAYNE L. BEESON**, 37030208, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laude I. Beeson, Mother, Elgin, Nebraska.

Private **VERGLE T. BENNETT**, 38346288, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn H. Bennett, Wife, Mickey Road, Lockney, Texas.

Sergeant **ORVILLE L. BERNU**, 37030501, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John E. Bernu, Father, New York Mills, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant **JAMES B. BLOUNT**, 37059151, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Thomas M. Blount, Father, Belgrade, Missouri.

Private First Class **RICHARD R. BLUMH**, 36644879, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward J. Bluhm, Father, 3327 North Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Lieutenant Colonel **HARRY L. BOLEN**, 0185986, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise B. Bolen, Wife, 410 Walnut Street, Cairo, Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant MELVIN R. BOWERS, 37007972, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Moses Bowers, Mother, Iathrop, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD D. BRAY, 33101523, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ellen F. Bray, Mother, Tullytown Roads, Fallsington, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD G. BRINLEY, 37038298, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 July 1945 to 8 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Brinley, Mother, Tekamah, Nebraska.

First Sergeant WILLARD H. BRUNS, 37059758, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Herman Bruns, Father, RFD #1, Cutler, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade FRED H. BUNGER, 35162585, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Bunger, Mother, 226 Clinton Street, Hammond, Indiana.

Private First Class MARCUS H. CRAWFORD, 38689102, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Orbin F. Crawford, Mother, Route #3, Garrison, Texas.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade ARTHUR D. DAWES, W2127628, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Morton Dawes, Wife, 1930 1st Avenue, Northeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD E. DEAL, 39160959, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola V. Deal, Mother, c/o N. E. Chrisman, Box 775, Port Hueneme, California.

Private First Class CHARLES H. ESLINGER, 37603893, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Amy G. Eslinger, Wife, Masola, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade HERBERT E. FISHER, 37059674, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella Ferrell Klinkman, Mother, 2929 Barrett Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade LESLIE J. FREYER, JR, 37008800, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Adine Freyer, Mother, Laddiona, Missouri.

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First Sergeant GORDON G. FRIEDMAN, 36869706, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gordon G. Friedman, Wife, 20308 Washtenaw, Detroit 24, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant HARRY GARRETT, 37008579, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Miss Polly Ann Lambert, Half-sister, 1103 North Main Street, Kirksville, Missouri.

Private First Class DANIEL GASA, 36919908, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice A. Gasa, Wife, Channel Lake, RFD #2, Antioch, Illinois.

Sergeant EDWARD H. GEVERMUEHLE, 37059572, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 August 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mr. William Gevermuehle, Father, 4020 Mount Olive Street, Loma, Missouri.

First Sergeant HAROLD J. GILCHRIST, 32260259, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eula Gilchrist, Wife, 1256 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class SHELDON E. GLENN, 37536910, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. S. H. Glenn, Mother, Dadevukke, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade LEE H. GRABNER, 39328038, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ada M. Grabner, Mother, Lafayette, Oregon.

Private First Class EDWARD J. HAHN, 36877484, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vivian Hahn, Wife, 3275 Rochester, Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JUSTIN F. HANNEKEN, 37076658, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Ben H. Hanneken, Father, Route 2, Robertsville, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. HARDIN, 35465172, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. E. J. Hardin, Wife, Route #4, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Private First Class MARCUS HARRISON, 35207731, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marcella Harrison, Mother, Liberty, West Virginia.

Captain WADE O. HEMPHILL, 01303338, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna S. Hemphill, Wife, 1900 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fourth Grade WILLIE R. MORE, 37008023, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Della Horn, Mother, Plattsburg, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMES L. HUGHES, 38625663, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel L. Hughes, Wife, 608 South 6th Street, Garland, Texas.

Corporal WILLIS A. HAYES, 36107228, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lelia Hayes, Evergreen, Alabama.

First Lieutenant LEONARD J. JANICKI, 0182153, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 July 1945 to 7 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy A. Janicki, Wife, 4227 E. 110th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant GILBERT W. KNERNSCHIED, 37009073, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry Knernschiold, Father, Route 1, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade NATHAN H. LESHINSKY, 37038647, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 August 1945 to 13 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Leshinsky, Mother 1826 N. 21st Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant AUGUST J. PASEK, 02037088, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 June 1945 to 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sarah V. Pasek, Wife, 1920 Englewood Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Technician Third Grade EDWARD E. PRICE, 38062454, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. W. B. Price, Brother, 537 1/2 East Cedar Avenue, Burbank, California.

Staff Sergeant ISAAC W. V. ROARK, 37075493, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Mansur, Mother, 322 Adams Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM E. SCHLENDER, 35555777, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie Schlender, Mother, Sawyer, Michigan.

First Lieutenant RALPH R. SORBER, 01174716, Field Artillery, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irene C. Sorber, 130 Pearl Street, Endwell, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR G. STUCK, 36215331, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Wilbur Stuck, Father, Dallas, Wisconsin.

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Corporal LLOYD O. TALLEY, 39057546, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beth K. Talley, Wife, Ajo, Arizona.

Technician Fifth Grade JUNIOR E. WADE, 35125635, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma Wade, Mother, Arcanum, Ohio.

Private First Class EDWIN E. WALTON, 39702749, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Walton, Wife, 345 Clay Street, Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL I. WINOGRADOFF, 42038675, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Eugene Vinogradov, Brother, 2859 Barker Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND L. YOUNG, 37058902, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Young, Wife, Bryan Street, Flatriver, Missouri.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY  
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Section I - Awards of Silver Star - Posthumously

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918) a Silver Star 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 officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class YANDELL G. CAMBRON, 38634574, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 August 1945, when his platoon was ordered to attack a high commanding hill while the rest of his company followed, Private CAMBRON was serving as leading scout. While slowly advancing along a trail, he was fired upon by four enemy who were in well emplaced positions. With disregard for his own safety, Private CAMBRON jumped off the trail into a small hole and fired upon the enemy with his automatic rifle. He killed all four of the enemy, thus enabling his platoon to proceed on its mission. As he continued to advance at the head of his platoon through a heavily wooded area, Private CAMBRON was killed by an enemy sniper. Next of kin: Mrs. Henry O. Cambron, Mother, Dennison, Texas.

First Lieutenant MILTON I. FINEBERG, 01304056, Infantry, United States Army. At Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 June 1945, Lieutenant FINEBERG led a patrol around the right flank of the enemy in an attempt to smash stubbornly defended emplacements holding up the leading elements of his battalion. Knowing that the patrol would encounter machine gun and rifle fire, he took the lead with the scouts. When two of his scouts were instantly killed by machine gun fire, Lieutenant FINEBERG crawled forward to a position from which he could place fire on the enemy gun. In the course of his lone effort to wipe out the enemy position, he was killed. His courageous spirit and aggressiveness inspired his men with renewed determination to accomplish their mission. They pressed on and knocked out the strongpoint, enabling the battalion to continue its advance. Next of kin: Mrs. Bernice Kay Fineberg, Wife, 245 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

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

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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:

Captain ASHTON H. BOYER, 012914074, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945, Captain BOYER, commanding an infantry company, was a member of an observation post group. When a forward company was threatened with attacks on two points of its perimeter, Captain BOYER, ignoring the heavy volume of enemy 150mm mortar and small arms fire directed at his own perimeter, left his slit trench and moved over open terrain to a position from which he could direct the fire of his heavy machine guns and supporting riflemen on one of the attacking forces. When the gunner and assistant gunner on one of the heavy machine guns were wounded, he personally manned the gun until a member of the squad could take over. His quick action and accurate fire direction contributed in large measure to the repulse of the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Mary H. Boyer, Mother, 534 North Broadway, Fresno, California.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM T. DAILEY, 37037132, Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the night of 27 February 1945 at approximately 2000 hours, the company to which Sergeant DAILEY and his heavy machine gun section were attached was subjected to a furious enemy attack. The forward gun of the section, the only gun able to meet the attack, threatened to expend all its ammunition before the attack could be stopped. Sergeant DAILEY left his slit trench and, disregarding the small arms, grenade and knee mortar fire, made his way to his inactive gun and brought forward two boxes of ammunition. Noting that the riflemen at the front of the perimeter were also low in ammunition, he returned to his rear gun and brought to the front line troops two more boxes of ammunition which he quickly stripped from the belts, loaded into clips and distributed, under heavy fire, to the riflemen. His prompt and courageous action contributed greatly to the repulse of the attack. Home address: Mrs. Maria Achatz, Grandmother, 6809 Mayberry Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Private First Class PAUL F. FLEHENEWALD, 37057257, Infantry, United States Army. In the Kiangnan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 August 1945, after Private FLEHENEWALD'S platoon secured a hill, it came under heavy machine gun fire from a higher knoll. Private FLEHENEWALD worked his way over open terrain to a point behind the enemy's line. With hand grenades and rifle fire he killed three Japanese and forced the four remaining ones to run into the point blank fire of his platoon. Private FLEHENEWALD'S gallantry in this action contributed much toward insuring the ultimate success of the attack. Home address: Mr. John Fennewald, Father, Route #1, Mortonburg, Missouri.

Private First Class EDWARD GOLDA, 32869361, Infantry, United States Army. At Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 June 1944, Private GOLDA'S infantry regiment was under fire from a well concealed Japanese 75mm field piece. The gun was embedded in coral rock along the coastline and had inflicted heavy casualties on our troops. Private GOLDA volunteered to board an amphibious

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tractor and move down the eastline in an attempt to destroy the field piece. Although under direct enemy fire, both from the artillery piece and from small arms, Private GOLDA managed to get near enough to the gun to fire his bazooka. With three well aimed shots he completely destroyed the gun. Private GOLDA'S gallant action averted many casualties and was instrumental in securing the regimental objective. Home address: Mr. Stanley Golda, Father, 205-014 8th Avenue, Bayside, New York.

Technical Sergeant ROY P. HANSON, 37007218, Infantry, United States Army. Near Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 June 1945, Sergeant HANSON volunteered to lead a patrol forward to remove an enemy road block which had halted the advance of our self-propelled artillery. Finding the road block heavily defended, Sergeant HANSON deployed his men under cover and alone, moved forward under intense machine gun and rifle fire to the road block. He located and sawed in half the key log in the obstruction and twice returned to the road block with a heavy chain which he attached to the key logs, enabling the self-propelled mounts to collapse the road block and continue the advance. Sergeant HANSON then led and directed his men in the destruction and dispersion of the enemy force defending the road block. His heroism permitted the continued advance of the self-propelled artillery and contributed greatly to the successful completion of a mission. Home address: Mr. Philip Hanson, Father, 1954 Troup Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

First Lieutenant LEO W. HUSCIA, 02037062, Infantry, United States Army. Near Dibulan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 July 1945, Lieutenant HUSCIA'S patrol was crossing a long narrow bridge when it came under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Lieutenant HUSCIA crossed the bridge and had his men find the best possible cover. He then tried to contact his company by radio to enlist the aid of supporting weapons. His radio would not work and his only means of communication was to send a runner back across the fire-swept bridge. Realizing the danger involved, he volunteered to go himself rather than assign the mission to anyone else. Lieutenant HUSCIA successfully crossed the bridge, gave his findings to the company commander, and again crossed the bridge and joined his patrol. By his courageous action he made it possible to neutralize the enemy position and successfully accomplish his mission. Home address: Mrs. Rose Huscia, Mother, 2229 South 19th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant LEON B. JOHNSON, 34078187, Infantry, United States Army. In the Andungtog area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 August 1945, Sergeant JOHNSON, a supply sergeant, organized and led a carrying party over difficult and dangerous terrain in order to provide front line troops with badly needed supplies. In the course of this action, he risked his life to locate and destroy an enemy sniper who had wounded one of his carriers. He prevented panic among the native bearers, arranged for the evacuation of the wounded man, and succeeded, without loss of time, in delivering the vital supplies. Home address: Mrs. Evie Johnson, Mother, Beaver, Louisiana.

Private First Class DAVID J. KIRKLAND, 38474579, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 June 1945 while attacking in the Barat area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the point of an advance party of an infantry company was fired upon by an enemy machine gun housed in a pillbox. Private KIRKLAND, a member of the point, voluntarily crawled along the ditch in the road toward the emplacement armed with a bazooka and eight rounds of ammunition. Upon reaching a position twenty yards from the pillbox, he fired four rounds from his bazooka. Then he crawled up to the pillbox and discovered that he had destroyed a machine gun and the two Japanese occupants. His gallant action in the face of the enemy reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Irene Kirkland, Mother, Route #1, Douglasville, Texas.

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 heroic 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:

Staff Sergeant DOMINIC J. AQUILINO, 33077881, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 13 July 1945 near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant AQUILINO was sent out with a combat patrol for the purpose of observing and adjusting 60mm mortar, 81mm mortar, and heavy artillery fire on enemy positions. The patrol had advanced approximately fifteen hundred yards when Sergeant AQUILINO observed a platoon of enemy on an opposite hill. He immediately made contact with the artillery liaison and with two rounds adjusted fire and then placed a heavy barrage upon the enemy, killing seventy-five percent and seriously wounding the others. While returning to the company perimeter, the patrol was fired on by an enemy machine gun which had allowed the patrol to pass through on its forward mission. Immediately Sergeant AQUILINO called for 81mm mortar fire and quickly adjusted it on the position. The accurate mortar fire destroyed the machine gun and killed the two enemy gunners. Home address: Mrs. Emmy Aquilino, Wife, 7040 Van Dyke Street Philadelphia 35, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant LUTHER W. BOSCH, 02027402, Infantry, United States Army. On 30 July 1945 at Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant BOSCH commanded a heavy machine gun platoon which was supporting an attack against a strongly defended mountain ridge. When about one third of the ridge was occupied, heavy small arms and machine gun fire forced the attacking troops to withdraw below the crest of the ridge. Lieutenant BOSCH, heedless of the danger to himself, climbed back on the barren, fire-swept ridge and down the opposite slope which had not yet been secured in order to locate firing positions for his guns. Replacing his guns in partial defilade, Lieutenant BOSCH then returned to the ridge. While exposed to continuous enemy fire, he directed the fire of his machine guns against the enemy emplacements, silencing them. The rifle troops were then able to secure the ridge. Home address: Mr. William Bosch, Father, Route #1, Lincoln, Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant WESLEY BROWN, 37057136, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 August 1945, Sergeant BROWN led his squad on a reconnaissance patrol to pin-point enemy positions on a high knoll which was his company's objective for the following day. Obtaining tactical surprise and taking advantage of the situation, he was able to capture the entire knoll, killing eight Japanese in the process. He quickly organized a defensive perimeter. The Japanese immediately counter-attacked but were repulsed. On this encounter the Japanese lost three killed and several wounded. Sergeant BROWN notified the command that he would be able to hold the knoll until the balance of the company closed in. Sergeant BROWN'S display of initiative reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. W. M. Brown, Father, Route #3, Richland, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant CLAY CARRELL, 35125262, Infantry, United States Army. On 7 August 1945 near Mount Puloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands when the rifle company to which Sergeant CARRELL'S platoon was attached came under direct fire from a 70mm enemy field piece, he left the security of his foxhole and reconnoitered positions from which his machine guns could fire on the enemy weapon. He then moved his machine guns into position and remained in an exposed position, directing their fire against the enemy artillery piece until it was silenced. By silencing the enemy weapon, Sergeant CARRELL prevented numerous casualties among our troops. Home address: Mrs. Nora Carrell, Mother, Cahir, Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant W. C. CAUGHRON, 35023195, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. In the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945, Sergeant CAUGHRON served as an 81mm mortar section sergeant attached to a rifle company. Using information obtained from an observer returned from patrol activities, Sergeant CAUGHRON directed accurate saturating mortar fire on an enemy-held ravine to the rear of the company defensive perimeter. He then volunteered to lead a patrol into the area to observe the results and direct any further fire necessary for complete destruction of the enemy force. The patrol discovered ample evidence of the effectiveness of the fire, including a destroyed machine gun and several enemy dead. When the patrol encountered additional fire, Sergeant CAUGHRON, using radio communication, quickly and accurately directed fire which eliminated the remaining enemy resistance. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Pearl Caughron, Mother, 606 Marlan Avenue, Lakemore, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT W. CHILDS, 36576254, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 August 1945 the scouts of Sergeant CHILDS' squad on patrol at the base of a hill were pinned down by sniper fire from the top of the hill. Sergeant CHILDS swung around to the rear of the hill and, approaching quietly, came upon two enemy from the rear. He killed two enemy snipers with a hand grenade, chalking the patrol to continue on its mission. Home address: Mrs. Lester P. Childs, Mother, Fostoria, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHNNIE P. RICHTSMELER, 37046573, Infantry, United States Army. On 7 August 1945 in the Hapao-Danaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private RICHTSMELER was a member of a patrol which had to fill in the gaps between and maintain contact with an adjoining unit. As it moved over open terrain, the patrol was pinned down by a cleverly concealed ambush. Private RICHTSMELER, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to remain behind as a rear guard. He delivered intense fire on the enemy ambush and thereby frustrated their attempt to cut off the patrol. His heroic action and courageous aggressiveness were a source of inspiration to the men with whom he served. Home address: Mr. John C. Richtsmeier, Father, Bradford, Louisiana.

Sergeant LLEWELLYN ROGERS, 34088447, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant ROGERS, acting platoon leader, was in charge of a section of a defensive perimeter which was set up on a mountain one thousand yards south of Hapao. At 0300 hours a heavy Japanese counterattack threatened a break through which would have endangered the entire battalion defense. Sergeant ROGERS, disregarding his own safety, moved from his position to organize and lead additional rifle-men in positions on the perimeter. He also displaced a machine gun into a more advantageous position. While reorganizing the perimeter, he acquired additional ammunition from the rear and personally moved among the positions distributing grenades and ammunition in spite of darkness, enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. Home address: Mr. John Rogers, Father, Bonoville, Georgia.

Private First Class EARL R. SCHROEDER, 36116106, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 August 1945, a rifle company stormed enemy positions and encountered devastating enemy machine gun fire from a high ridge emplacement. Casualties resulted and the problem of evacuation became critical. Private SCHROEDER secured a position in an exposed area from which he brought relentless fire with his automatic rifle upon the enemy heavy machine gun emplacement. His accurate and rapid fire protected the wounded personnel from enemy snipers. By keeping constantly on the alert, he made possible the evacuation of all the casualties. Private SCHROEDER'S heroic action and intense devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. William Schroeder, Father, 5835 Cornell Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant LUVERNE C. SELLE, 37030438, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 May 1945, Sergeant SELLE, a rifle platoon squad leader, while scouting the way for his squad, suddenly discovered an enemy patrol estimated at twenty men. Quickly and coolly deploying his squad, he led them in an attack on the enemy. The enemy took cover. Realizing that the enemy must not be permitted time to reorganize, Sergeant SELLE boldly and aggressively led his squad in a further charge against the enemy killing eleven and completely routing the others. His aggressive action, daring initiative and courageous leadership reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Selle, Wife, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

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Private First Class **MOE A. SMITH**, 34398134, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945, Private SMITH encountered small arms fire from an enemy ambush. On his own initiative, Private SMITH crawled under the hostile fire to an advantageous position. He tossed hand grenades into the ambush area, killed the occupants of a machine gun emplacement. His heroic action enabled a patrol to advance and annihilate the remaining Japanese. Home address: Mr. James Smith, Father, Route #3, Fayette, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant **FLOYD P. STEPHENS**, 37030388, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945, Sergeant STEPHENS encountered small arms fire from an enemy ambush. On his own initiative, Sergeant STEPHENS directed a patrol to an advantageous position. He then advanced and annihilated the occupants of the ambush. Reorganizing the patrol, Sergeant STEPHENS proceeded to an enemy bivouac where he succeeded in surprising the enemy. All the enemy in the bivouac area were killed and mortars, automatic weapons and valuable documents were captured. Home address: Mrs. Rudolph Stephens, Mother, Route #2, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant **JOHN J. STIKA**, 37056168, (then Corporal), Medical Department, United States Army. In the vicinity of Banauw, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 August 1945, strong enemy forces attacked our troops causing several casualties which needed immediate evacuation. Sergeant STIKA directed carrying parties to forward positions where the casualties lay exposed to further enemy action. He and his men carried the wounded over hazardous terrain to a battalion air station. His aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anthony Susin, Sister, 1214 Ann Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant **ELVIN M. WEEMS**, 38521101, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 July 1945, the company of which Sergeant WEEMS is a member was moving down Highway 4 near the Ibulao River. When suspicious noises were heard in a native village, Sergeant WEEMS, acting squad leader, took his squad in to investigate. As Sergeant WEEMS entered one house, two Japanese rushed the squad with sabers. Sergeant WEEMS seized an automatic rifle and fired it from the hip, killing both the Japanese instantly. Home address: Mrs. Frances Weems, Mother, Route #1, West Monroe, Louisiana.


Private First Class **CHARLES H. WITCHER**, 38731155, Infantry, United States Army. On 30 July 1945 in the Hapao-Banauw sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during a determined and furious counter-attack, an automatic rifleman became a casualty. Private WITCHER courageously took over the position of the wounded automatic rifleman, although it was under intense enemy fire. He skillfully and coolly delivered withering automatic fire on the enemy. By his courageous aggressiveness, Private WITCHER helped repulse the attack.

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His heroic action and untiring devotion to duty won the respect of all members of his company and merit high praise. Home address: Mr. George W. Witcher, Father, Cabot, Arkansas.

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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 1916 (Pub. 43 WD 1916) 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:

Captain LEO F. LEWIS, 01303357, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. As commander of a rifle company Lieutenant LEWIS led his men through unexplored and unmapped territory to reach Ambaca, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 July 1945. The journey was made under extremely difficult conditions. While leading his company, Lieutenant LEWIS drove out numerous groups of the enemy. During the entire mission his company was in constant danger of being encircled by the enemy with no possibility of receiving outside support. Lieutenant LEWIS' courage, initiative, leadership and professional skill were largely responsible for the successful completion of the hazardous mission. Home address: Mrs. Annette Lewis, Mother, 407 S. State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana.

Private First Class LOYAL MOLLOHAN, 35743412, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 July 1945, Private MOLLOHAN and his platoon were attacking the enemy defending a bridge line. The platoon was suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Private MOLLOHAN moved in to close with the enemy, firing his automatic rifle as he advanced. He located the enemy gun emplacement and threw a hand grenade at the enemy manning the gun. Two Japanese were wounded by the burst of the grenade. Before they could resist farther, he killed them with fire from his automatic rifle. Private MOLLOHAN'S gallant action removed the threat to the men of his platoon and merits high praise. Home address: Mrs. Josie B. Mollohan, Mother, Birch River, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant MATTHEWS NITSCHKE, 37029409, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. The infantry company of which Sergeant NITSCHKE is a member was engaged in combat with the enemy employing tanks at Luoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Sergeant NITSCHKE, an assistant squad leader, led his squad in an attack against an enemy tank which was giving his company considerable trouble. As he and his squad moved forward, the tank placed an intense volume of machine gun fire upon them and pinned them down. Sergeant NITSCHKE, while under this intense machine gun fire, crawled over open terrain to within ten yards of the enemy tank. He fired rifle grenades at the tank until it was set afire. He remained at his position and killed three of the enemy as they emerged from the burning tank. Sergeant NITSCHKE'S courageous action was of great importance in the subsequent elimination of an enemy strongpoint. Home address: Mr. Edward Nitschke, Father, Route #2, Fredonia, North Dakota.

Private First Class JOHN F. PONTES, JR., 39137272, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 June 1945, Private PONTES, an ammunition bearer in an 81mm mortar squad, was attached to a rifle company occupying a forward position. During an enemy attack on the defensive perimeter of the rifle company, machine gun fire struck our mortar emplacement and wounded the assistant mortar gunner. Unhesitatingly, Private PONTES moved forward to replace the wounded man. Despite the continuance of the hostile machine gun fire directed at his position, Private PONTES and the gunner kept placing mortar fire on the enemy, destroying two enemy machine guns and killing their crews. Private PONTES' heroic action was instrumental in preventing the enemy from inflicting serious casualties upon our troops and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mary Pontes, Mother, 707 So. Elmhurst Avenue, Oakland, California.

Second Lieutenant GLEN E. RUBLE, 02027276, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945, Lieutenant RUBLE led his platoon forward in an attack to secure an important hill which the enemy was using as an observation post. As the platoon moved forward enemy machine gunners and snipers on top of the hill opened fire and inflicted several casualties on our troops. Lieutenant RUBLE withdrew his platoon to a defiladed area and assigned each squad a sector of fire. He then crawled forward approximately one hundred and fifty yards under heavy machine gun and sniper fire to reach a vantage point from which he could observe the enemy. He killed three snipers from this position before he drew enemy knee-mortar fire. Despite the mortar shells exploding about him, he refused to leave his position from which he radioed for mortar support. Lieutenant RUBLE'S adjustments of mortar fire from his advance position were so accurate and the volume of fire so heavy that the enemy defense was completely disorganized. The platoon was able to resume its advance and secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Ellen G. Ruble, Wife, Box 334, Sullivan, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM L. RUF, 37057798, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 August 1945, Sergeant RUF'S infantry company was making an attack upon 1st heavily defended hill positions in the vicinity of Kiangun, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The platoon of which Sergeant RUF is a member came under intense machine gun fire from a well concealed enemy emplacement and was pinned down. Sergeant RUF worked his way toward the enemy emplacement. He crawled forward under intense fire to within ten yards of the Japanese position. Taking careful aim Sergeant RUF threw a grenade through the gun slit of the emplacement. The resulting explosion killed two of the occupants. The one surviving Japanese attempted to extricate himself and escape. He threw a grenade at Sergeant RUF. Sergeant RUF was not injured by the burst and he took advantage of the concealment afforded by the smoke from the explosion to rush the position. He found but one live Japanese remained and he killed him with rifle fire. Sergeant RUF'S heroic action enabled his company to take its objective without suffering a single casualty. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Madigan, Mother, 533 Adams Avenue, Elizabeth 4, New Jersey.

Corporal LAURENCE J. SAVOIE, 34077909, Infantry, United States Army. In the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945,

Corporal SAVOIE, a gunner in an 81mm mortar squad, was attached to a battalion observation post in a forward area. At approximately 2230 hours the perimeter was subjected to heavy rocket and artillery fire by the Japanese in preparation for a counterattack. Corporal SAVOIE left his slit trench which was some distance from his mortar and, disregarding the danger from artillery, rocket and small arms fire, made his way to his gun. Continuing to expose himself, Corporal SAVOIE brought accurate and devastating fire on the rear of the rocket launchers and succeeded in silencing two of them. Then, lifting his fire to 2000 in the midst of the enemy forming attack elements, he, almost single-handedly, was responsible for breaking the enemy attack before the Japanese could approach our defensive perimeter. Home address: Mrs. James Savoie, Mother, Millville Post Office, Louisiana.

Private First Class CLARENCE D. SCHRECKINGOST, 33925671, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Santa Fe, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 June 1945, the company of which Private SCHRECKINGOST is a member was bivouacked along an important supply road. A Filipino scout informed Private SCHRECKINGOST that several Japanese were located about one hundred yards from the outpost position which Private SCHRECKINGOST was occupying. Private SCHRECKINGOST carefully approached the spot where the Japanese were said to be and he discovered eight Japanese concealed in a cave along the bank of a stream. He worked his way to the edge of the bank and tossed a hand grenade into the cave, killing three enemy soldiers and wounding two others. Private SCHRECKINGOST killed the remaining three with rifle fire as they attempted to escape. The two wounded Japanese tried to crawl away but died of their wounds in the nearby brush. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Schreckingost, Mother, 2566 7th Street Road, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LESTER E. SUNDLACKER, 36651378, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945, the infantry company of which Private SUNDLACKER is a member was held up in its advance on Munoz by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox. Private SUNDLACKER voluntarily crawled to within twenty yards of the emplacement and fired two rounds of rocket launcher ammunition into the pillbox. Both rounds failed to explode. Just as he was about to fire the third round, the machine gun crew turned their fire on him. The rocket launcher was knocked from his hands and he was forced to take cover. Fifteen minutes later he crawled back to his original position with another rocket launcher and fired a third round which hit the pillbox and exploded, destroying the position and killing its occupants. His gallant achievement made it possible for his company to take and secure its objective with one less hazard in its path of advance. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Sundlacker, Mother, Metropolis, Illinois.

Private First Class HENRY A. TURLINGTON, JR., 44012540, Medical Department, United States Army. At Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945, Private TURLINGTON, with complete disregard for his own safety, carried out his duties as company aid man in the face of intense enemy small arms fire. On one occasion, while giving aid to a casualty, Private TURLINGTON was wounded as a result of an enemy satchel charge thrown near the spot where he was administering treatment. In spite of his wound, he remained with the casualty until it was possible to effect his evacuation to a place of safety. Private TURLINGTON refused to be evacuated until his company had reached its objective. His indomitable courage and devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Mary Layton Turlington, Mother, Dunn, North Carolina.

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 heroic 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 Third Grade SUSHIRO P. BABA, 18184295, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Amduntog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 August 1945, Sergeant BABA volunteered to go into enemy-held territory to act as an interpreter for American troops in an attempt to persuade the Japanese to surrender. Sergeant BABA fearlessly went forward of our front lines, although he fully realized the hostile attitude the Japanese had toward American soldiers of Japanese ancestry. In so risking his life above and beyond the call of duty, Sergeant BABA displayed soldierly qualities that reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Toki Baba, Mother, 3521 Northern Fremont, Chicago 13, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant PETER BORGHIERO, 39009734, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands at 0030 hours on 9 August 1945, a strong Japanese counterattack threatened to break through our positions and endanger the entire defensive system of Sergeant BORGHIERO'S battalion. Sergeant BORGHIERO, seeing that it was necessary to strengthen the line in order to repulse further enemy advances, moved from his position as section leader of a 60mm mortar section and helped reorganize and lead riflemen to positions on the perimeter. He carried out such reorganization and reinforcement of the perimeter under enemy machine gun and mortar fire. After the defensive perimeter was strengthened, Sergeant BORGHIERO returned to his original position and skillfully directed mortar fire which aided immeasurably in breaking up the enemy attack. Home address: Mr. John Borghiero, Father, 1205 19th Street, Oakland, California.

Private First Class FRANK M. CONFORTI, 37076114, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 July 1945 the rifle company in which Private CONFORTI served as a machine gunner was assaulting a strongly fortified hill position near Lolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. As the leading platoon neared the crest of the hill, it received intense machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. The platoon was pinned down and unable to withdraw because a Japanese machine gun kept placing a stream of grazing fire across the only route of withdrawal. Private CONFORTI, realizing the seriousness of the situation and unmindful of his personal safety, took up his machine gun and carried it to an exposed position on the slope of the hill. From his new point of vantage he was able to fire upon the enemy gun which was pinning down the men of his platoon. Although he drew enemy fire as he put his gun into action, he fearlessly maintained his position and placed such accurate fire on the enemy gunners that he forced them to take cover in their hole. His platoon was then able to evacuate the wounded and withdraw under the protective cover of fire furnished by Private CONFORTI. His heroic action reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Christina Conforti, Mother, 2850 St. Louis Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Technical Sergeant CARROLL D. CONRAD, 37030904, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 20 June 1945 while his company was making an advance on an enemy-held hill position near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the leading squad came under intense machine gun fire. One man was seriously wounded. Sergeant CONRAD, a squad leader, hearing the cries of the wounded man, voluntarily left his position which afforded him cover and crawled forward to aid the wounded soldier. Despite the enemy fire directed at him, Sergeant CONRAD dragged the wounded man to a nearby place of safety and administered first aid. He then placed the wounded man over his shoulder and made a quick dash to the rear of our line where the evacuation of the soldier to an aid station was accomplished. Sergeant CONRAD'S unselfish and courageous act in the face of enemy fire was responsible for saving the life of a wounded soldier. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn Conrad Mother, State Road, Montevideo, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant RUDOLPH F. DOLINCHECK, 02007724, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945, Lieutenant DOLINCHECK was serving as forward observer for 81mm mortars attached to an attacking rifle company. The company was moving forward against stiff enemy opposition. Suddenly it ran into cross-fire of Japanese machine guns and could not continue its advance. Lieutenant DOLINCHECK, in face of intense enemy fire, worked his way to a place of good observation from which he was able to bring effective mortar fire on the Japanese positions. The supporting mortar fire enabled the company to resume its advance. During this action Lieutenant DOLINCHECK was wounded, but, in spite of his wounds, he remained and continued to direct mortar fire until the company seized its objective. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant DOLINCHECK merit high praise, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine A. Dolincheck, Wife, 15 25th Street South West, Barberton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade VERNE E. EMERT, 36476025, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Technician EMERT, a radioman, was stationed at his company command post, maintaining communication between the command post and his battalion. The forward elements of his company which had just succeeded on 6 April 1945 in seizing a strongly defended hill near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands sent a message back to the command post that its radio had broken down. The message pointed out that it was imperative that the company have communication with a supporting mortar section in order to direct fire against Japanese mortars and artillery pieces which had commenced shelling the company's position. Technician EMERT volunteered to provide the necessary communication. He left the command post and made his way across three hundred yards of hilly terrain under an incessant barrage of enemy artillery fire. Upon reaching the forward elements on the crest of the hill, he immediately established communication with the mortar section and directed mortar fire so skillfully that the Japanese guns were silenced. Technician EMERT'S courage and devotion to duty displayed an important part in the company's successful defense of its newly-won position. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Happ, Mother, 3108 West 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class SAM GHELBER, 38008326, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 August 1945, the enemy staged a fierce counterattack, employing automatic weapons, grenades and supporting

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mortar fire. Our defensive perimeter extended about two hundred and fifty yards over terrain which had certain positions highly vulnerable to the attack. Private (HOLDEN), sensing where the main effort of the attack was being made, unhesitatingly crawled forward under intense enemy fire to an exposed vantage point from which he was able to throw grenades upon a ledge where the enemy were firing knee mortars. His courageous aggressiveness aided materially in the complete defeat of the enemy force. Home address: Mrs. Clara Gholber, Mother, 3025 W. Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant EDGAR A. HOWELL, 37008999, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 July 1945, the rifle company in which Sergeant HOWELL serves as a squad leader assaulted a strongly fortified hill position near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. As the company moved up the hill it was met with an intense concentration of fire from Japanese machine guns, snipers and mortars. The company, unable to advance in face of such withering fire, was forced to withdraw. Sergeant HOWELL organized a small group of men into a rear guard to protect the company as it fell back. He dispersed his men so successfully on the slope of the hill that they were able to pin down the Japanese with rifle fire and hand grenades. Sergeant HOWELL held his men in position and prevented the enemy from making a counterattack on the company. He did not withdraw his men until the company had reached a covered position at the base of the hill. Sergeant HOWELL'S courage and initiative in volunteering to cover the withdrawal of the company and his skillful leadership in providing protective fire undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers. His heroic action is a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Dr. Elbert Howell, Father, 10105 Kentucky Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH A. HURD JR., 01298543, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands 8 August 1945, the rifle company to which Lieutenant HURD was attached was given the mission of holding a ridge, a key position. At 0430 hours the enemy launched a heavy counter-attack, using grenades, mortars, demolition charges and small arms fire. During the ensuing action, a number of Filipino soldiers began to withdraw in the face of the enemy charge, leaving a large gap in our lines. Upon observing the disorganization and threatened break through, Lieutenant HURD immediately left his position in an heroic attempt to reorganize the line of defense. His courage and aggressiveness bolstered the morale of the Filipino soldiers and they were encouraged to return to their positions. The enemy attack was frustrated largely as a result of Lieutenant HURD'S initiative and courageous devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Joseph A. Hurd, Wife, 22 Park Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

Private First Class CLINTON C. KEENER, 38294255, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Lamut, Philippine Islands on 3 July 1945, a platoon of an attacking rifle company was temporarily halted by withering machine gun and rifle fire delivered at close range from expertly camouflaged positions. Serious casualties were inflicted as a result of the sudden burst of intense fire. Private KEENER, a scout, voluntarily crept and crawled forward in the face of the devastating fire to a position from which he could partially neutralize the enemy fire. He then remained in this position under direct enemy fire and provided protective fire while his fellow squad members crawled forward and rescued the

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casualties. His courage, aggressiveness and initiative were instrumental in saving the lives of several men and served as a source of inspiration to his unit. Home address: Mrs. Nellie E. Keener, Mother, Onyx, Arkansas.

Private First Class LEO NERENBERG, 37572142, Medical Department, United States Army. In the vicinity of Hapao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 August 1945, the company to which Private NERENBERG was attached as a medical aid man attacked and captured a high ground position. During the attack the enemy inflicted numerous casualties on our forces with mortar and small arms fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private NERENBERG coolly and courageously performed his duties, repeatedly exposing himself to the concentrated fire in order to render much needed medical care to four wounded men. He dragged them to positions of safety. His fearless aggressiveness and devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions materially aided in saving the lives of the wounded men. His heroic conduct merits high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mary Nerent, Mother, 590 Canada Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant SELMER L. ODEGARD, 37003971, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 August 1945, Sergeant ODEGARD, acting platoon sergeant of a leading platoon, led his men in an attack on a ridge position from which the enemy had previously harassed our troops. The ridge was protected by machine guns and supporting sniper fire. Sergeant ODEGARD sent one squad forward toward the objective ridge, and, with complete disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself several times in order to have snipers fire on him and give away their positions. After he had drawn their fire and located their positions, he crawled around to their rear and threw a grenade, wiping them out. His courageous efforts enabled the other squads to advance without incurring any casualties. Home address: Mrs. Tom Odegard, Mother, Hoople, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS T. PRZYBYLSKI, 37007971, Infantry, United States Army. On 3 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant PRZYBYLSKI volunteered to help evacuate wounded men who were pinned down under heavy enemy fire. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant PRZYBYLSKI crawled forty yards to the edge of a draw under heavy sniper fire. He threw a white smoke grenade in front of the wounded men in order to screen them from view of the enemy. Under the cover of the protective smoke screen, Sergeant PRZYBYLSKI crawled to the wounded men and dragged them outside of the range of the enemy sniper fire. After the casualties had been evacuated, Sergeant PRZYBYLSKI volunteered to go and exterminate the Japanese who were occupying cave positions in a draw. His initiative and unflinching courage were a constant source of inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. L. Przybyski, Mother, 825 South 23rd Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant GHOVER L. SHAW, 37031026, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 June 1945 as his company battled fiercely up Highway 4 toward a regimental objective in face of stubborn enemy resistance, a strong enemy force was encountered in well established defensive positions dug in rugged mountainous terrain. The positions provided excellent observation of our troop movements. Sergeant SHAW voluntarily moved forward with a patrol across the rough terrain to determine the exact location of the enemy dispositions. The patrol and the enemy discovered one another at the same time and immediately opened fire. One member of Sergeant SHAW'S patrol was wounded.

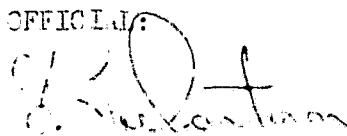
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Sergeant SHAW crawled forward under fire to give first aid to the wounded man and then carried him to the rear where further treatment could be given. Home address: Mrs. Edith M. Shaw, Mother, Route #1, Richville, Minnesota.

Private First Class CLAUDE A. ZIMMER, 27066076, Infantry, United States Army. Near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 June 1945, Private ZIMMER, a rifleman, observed a number of the enemy creeping through a bamboo thicket toward our positions. Without regard for his own safety, Private ZIMMER moved to forward positions and alerted the rest of his squad. Two of the enemy noticed him and attacked him. At close range he killed the enemy with his rifle. He then continued to arouse the remainder of the squad. A penetration of the perimeter by the enemy force was prevented. Private ZIMMER accounted for several more enemy dead in the course of the action. His initiative and courageous aggressiveness proved an inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Eula Mae Kincannon, Sister, 4058 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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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 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:

First Lieutenant JOHN H. ALLAN, 0467435, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Mayoyao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 August 1945, Lieutenant ALLAN'S platoon received an early morning banzai attack from an enemy force estimated at one hundred riflemen supported by knee mortars. Lieutenant ALLAN, platoon leader, immediately alerted his troops and personally directed counter mortar and rifle fire upon the attacking enemy. Fearlessly moving from one position to another while exposed to heavy enemy fire, he encouraged his men to resist. The attack was repelled largely as a result of his courageous and skillful leadership with fifty-two of the enemy killed. Lieutenant ALLAN'S heroism served as an inspiring example to his men and merits high praise. Home address: Mrs. Olive B. Allan, Wife, 113 West 6th Street, North Fulton, New York.

Sergeant HENRY BOOTHE, 35206495, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 3 July 1945, Sergeant BOOTHE, an automatic rifleman, was patrolling with his platoon in enemy-held territory near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The platoon was forced to move directly along a narrow road winding around a mountain; one side of the road dropped abruptly away into a valley below and the other side was bordered by dense bamboo thickets. Fully realizing the possibility of a Japanese ambush, Sergeant BOOTHE stepped out in the lead to guard against surprise. Rounding a bend in the road, he came upon a Japanese who charged him with his bayonet. Sergeant BOOTHE shot the Japanese and then turned in time to kill another Japanese who was crawling up the road toward him. Moving on up the road a short distance, he discovered six Japanese trying to put a machine gun into action. He emptied a full magazine into their midst, killing five and the remaining one fled. Backing against the cliff at the edge of the road to reload his rifle, Sergeant BOOTHE swung around just in time to see five more Japanese coming up a draw adjacent to the road. He succeeded in killing two of them; the rest took cover in dense brush. As he moved forward, he heard a noise behind him. He turned and saw two Japanese charging his platoon sergeant. He instantly fired from the hip, killing both of them. Sergeant BOOTHE'S destruction of the Japanese before they could man their machine gun and establish ambushes along the road made it possible for his platoon to accomplish its mission without the likelihood of suffering heavy casualties. Sergeant BOOTHE'S heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Boothe, Mother, White House, Kentucky.

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Staff Sergeant FRANK A. JONES, 38479487, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 4 July 1945, the rifle company in which Sergeant JONES was a squad leader moved forward in an attack against a strongly fortified hill position near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. As the company neared the summit, it was met with devastating machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. The company was forced to seek covered positions. One of the men of the company succeeded in reaching the crest of the hill. He was wounded and was unable to withdraw with the company. When Sergeant JONES noticed that the wounded man was not able to move back, he voluntarily climbed the hill in face of the enemy fire. He then crawled along a ridge swept by enemy fire until he reached his wounded comrade. Sergeant JONES carried the wounded man across the ridge and down the hill to a relatively safe place where first aid could be administered. Sergeant JONES' daring action saved the life of his fellow soldier and brings credit to both Sergeant JONES and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bossie Jones, Mother, Box 110, Huntsville, Texas.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD J. KALUZA, 37032864, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 3 July 1945, Sergeant KALUZA'S squad spearheaded a reinforced patrol on a regimental mission near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The platoon was reconnoitering the terrain around Highway 4 in order to ascertain the proximity of the enemy, its dispositions and strength. Because of impenetrable brush on one side of the road and a steep slope leading to a valley below on the other side of the road, the patrol had to move directly along the highway. Sergeant KALUZA, realizing the possibility of walking into an ambush, kept well forward in order to direct any necessary action and guard against surprise. As he rounded a bend in the road, he came upon six Japanese soldiers about to put a machine gun into action. Two of them charged him, but he killed them before they could reach him with their bayonets. At the same time the men of his squad killed the remainder of the Japanese. The patrol continued moving on down the road and wiped out numerous other Japanese before they could get into position to do any harm. In all the patrol killed fifteen other Japanese without suffering a single casualty. Sergeant KALUZA'S brilliant leadership and skill contributed in large part to the successful advance of his patrol. Home address: Mr. Jacob Kalusa, Father, 46 Meyers Location, Chisholm, Minnesota.

Sergeant ROBERT H. WILMOTT, 38466213, Infantry, United States Army. On 6 July 1945, the rifle company in which Sergeant WILMOTT served as a rifle squad leader was engaged in assaulting a strongly fortified ridge near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Sergeant WILMOTT'S squad was leading the attack. Cross-fire from enemy machine guns suddenly struck the squad from its flanks, wounding several men and pinning down his squad. Sergeant WILMOTT, with no thought of his personal safety, voluntarily crawled to his right flank directly into the path of the enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in knocking out the machine gun crew with hand grenades. This heroic act on his part enabled the men of his squad to withdraw, taking their casualties with them. Although Sergeant WILMOTT was wounded while knocking out the enemy position, he, nevertheless, reorganized his squad and continued the attack until he accomplished his assigned mission. Sergeant WILMOTT'S courage and intense devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the men of his squad. Home address: Mrs. Zelma F. Wilmott, Mother, 1136 Mines Avenue, Montebello, California.

Section II - Awards of Soldier's Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8 WD 1926) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and paragraph 3g, USAFME Regulation: 10-50, dated 17 August 1943, Subject: "Awards of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD E. DEAL, 39160957, Infantry, United States Army. Technician DEAL, an acting battalion motor sergeant engaged in transporting several one-quarter ton vehicles across the Bolog River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 August 1945, saw three American soldiers attempting to ford the raging, constantly rising stream. Although he shouted a warning from his position at the end of a washed-out bridge, all three soldiers continued to advance into the swift current of the river. They were helplessly swept off their feet by the force of the current. Technician DEAL rushed fifty yards to a position opposite one of the drowning men. He dove toward the spot where the drowning man was swept beneath the water. He caught up with the victim ten yards farther down the stream and raised him to the surface. Then, battling the swift current, he succeeded in reaching the bank of the river with the drowning man about fifty yards farther downstream. Technician DEAL'S timely and heroic action in risking his life for another resulted in saving the life of a fellow soldier and is worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Nora E. Chrisman, Grandmother, PO 775, Port Huencne, California.

Captain CHARLES L. GILBREATH, 01295011, Infantry, United States Army. On 17 August 1945, heavy and continual rains had swollen the Sapao River, Luzon, Philippine Islands into a deep, rushing torrent. Captain GILBREATH was supervising the crossing of the river by the men of his company. The crossing was being made by using a rope stretched across the stream. One of his men lost his footing in midstream, but he managed to retain a grip on the rope with one hand as water swept over his head and his entire body was submerged in the swift current. Captain GILBREATH, with utter disregard for his own safety, hastily battled the current and reached the drowning man. By grabbing the man's combat pack, Captain GILBREATH succeeded in keeping the victim's head above water. He then fought his way to the opposite shore where waiting riflemen of his company assisted both Captain GILBREATH and the rescued man from the water. Captain GILBREATH'S heroism is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Lewis H. Gilbreath, Father, Box 94, Utica, Ohio.

Private First Class WALTER P. GREYDA, 32481094, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Napao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 August 1945, the infantry company of which Private GREYDA is a member was ordered to ford the raging Bolog River. The river was constantly rising as the result of torrential rains which had washed out all bridges. Volunteer Ifugao spearmen had succeeded in carrying a rope across the stream. Four men wearing full field packs and carrying their weapons successfully crossed to the opposite bank. The fifth American soldier was swept off his feet in the middle of the stream. He managed to hold on to the rope, but he could not keep above the surface of the water. Realizing the soldier could not hold on much longer or make his way to shallow water, Private GREYDA, one of the riflemen who had already crossed the river, rushed back into

the river intent on rescuing the drowning man. By holding the rope high overhead, he aided the panic-stricken soldier in keeping his head above water. His platoon leader meanwhile also fearlessly battled his way twenty yards to the soldier's side, but then he too was swept off his feet by the swift current. By wrapping his body around the exhausted soldier, the platoon leader avoided being swept downstream. Private GRENDA reached both men. He clamped one arm around the soldier and then helped the platoon leader to grasp the rope. By gripping the rope with his teeth and slowly pulling the exhausted soldier with one arm he made slow progress toward the river bank and effected the rescue even though the man became unconscious as he neared the river's edge. Immediately Private GRENDA returned to go to the aid of his platoon leader, now completely exhausted and barely able to hold on to the rope. By similar means Private GRENDA saved the second man. As the balance of the company crossed, two other soldiers were likewise swept off their feet and "froze" to the rope. Unable to break their nervous reaction by shouting instructions, Private GRENDA again fought his way to their position. By words of encouragement and by downward pressure on the third soldier's legs, he brought him to safety. The fourth soldier had locked one arm over a large knot in the rope and his fright prevented him from relaxing his hold. Private GRENDA was at first unable to force the man to move. By taking up a position on the opposite side of the victim and clamping his legs about the man's lower body and applying pressure on his elbow, Private GRENDA finally broke the man's hold on the rope. He then forced the man toward shore by helping him along the rope, supporting him and pushing him forward. Private GRENDA, at the constant risk to his own life, was responsible for saving the lives of four men within a period of one hour. His conspicuous heroism reflects the highest credit upon himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn Grenda, Mother, 1191 Jackson Street, Camden, New Jersey.

First Sergeant ROBERT A. KESTING, JR., 39160355, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Anagadanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 July 1945, Sergeant KESTING, while swimming in the Cagayan River, noticed that a member of his company was struggling to keep his head above water. The man, who could not swim, had been swept off his feet by the swift current of the rain-swollen river. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant KESTING swam thirty yards to reach the drowning man. He supported him above the water and towed him toward shore, battling his way against the swift current. Once on shore he immediately administered artificial respiration. After ten minutes Sergeant KESTING had revived his fellow soldier. His heroic action at the risk of his own life resulted in saving a life and merits the highest praise. Home address: Mr. Robert Kesting, Father, 611 Deader, Oxnard, California.

Technical Sergeant CHESTER R. NIEDRUEGGE, 37052213, Infantry, United States Army. Upon arriving at the Sapao River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 August 1945 while in charge of a carrying party of one hundred and twenty-five Filipino laborers and Philippine Army troops, Sergeant NIEDRUEGGE discovered the stream to be unfordable as the result of torrential rain. Two Philippine Army soldiers had drowned earlier in the day while attempting to cross the river. Sergeant NIEDRUEGGE learned that three Filipino children were on the verge of death from starvation on the opposite bank of the river. Their father had been killed by Japanese soldiers and their mother, who died several days later, lay unburied in the shack where the children also lay, too weak to move from the lack of food. Native spearmen refused to attempt a crossing of the flooded river.

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Sergeant NIEBRUEGGE, after requesting help and meeting with no success, plunged into the raging stream and fought his way across to the opposite shore. He brought the children to the river bank. Realizing that the children would not survive without immediate medical attention, he fashioned a carrier from a poncho and lashing one of the children in it, he again braved the crossing. He continued fighting his way back and forth across the stream until he had brought all three children across the river. He then saw them on their way to a medical installation. Sergeant NIEBRUEGGE'S conspicuous heroism in risking his own life to save the lives of the three helpless children merits the highest praise. Home address: Mr. Henry J. Niebruegge, Father, Route #2, Bland, 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 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 soldiers and enlisted men:

Private First Class EMMETT M. KEYSER, 37059437, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joan E. Keyser, Wife, 3619 Hillcrest Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant VICTOR E. KIEFFER, 37059437, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Victor Kieffer, Father, 7 Elm Avenue, Glendale, Missouri.

Private First Class DALE R. KNUTSON, 37038454, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alfred Knutson, Mother, Currie, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant VINCENT E. KRUEGER, 37059645, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Herman A. Krueger, Father, 1959 Alice Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. LANDER, 37026641, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anne Lander, Mother, Coleraine, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant CHARLES J. LARSEN, 01305072, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. L. A. Larson, Mother, 147 Cleoland Street, Deer Park, L.I., New York.

Staff Sergeant ALVIN L. LARSON, 37033473, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara Larson, Mother, Box 545, Slayton, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT A. LEHMANN, 02024300, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ronney M. Lehmann, Wife, 1865 La Crosse Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class CARL H. LOWE, 39284868, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Augusta Lowe, Mother, Breedsville, Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant ALBERT C. LUETKEMEYER, 37059864, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Luetkemeyer, Mother, Route #1, Meta, Missouri.

Sergeant JESSE P. MADDUX, 35505811, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie G. Maddux, Mother, Salem, Kentucky.

Private First Class NORMAN L. McCURE, 17019794, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Burnett D. McClure, Father, Breckinridge, Missouri.

Private First Class HOWARD D. MILNER, 35595080, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Delpha B. Milner, Wife, 446 North Webb Avenue, Alliance, Ohio.

Private First Class ANTHONY HILLS, 37008865, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. John Clevenger, Sister, Orrick, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE E. MYER, 37007984, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane D. Myer, Wife, 5615 South First Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant GERALD W. NAPPIER, 37059357, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion W. Nappier, Wife, Box 131, Pacific, Missouri.

Private First Class HENRY C. OSTRAND, 36024102, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Olga Ostrand, Mother, RR #1, Moline, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOHN H. QUALLS, 38416561, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola Qualls, Wife, 8036 Lenore Drive, Houston, Texas.

First Lieutenant EDWARD T. RICHE, 02037023, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna L. Riche, Wife, 18 Wainwright Street, Newark 8, New Jersey.

Private First Class ALBERT H. RIFFLE, 37059117, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Daisy Bell Riffle, Mother, Market Street, Madison, Illinois.

Private First Class AARON ROBERTS, 34087907, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Mae Roberts, Wife, Box 105, Blairsville, Georgia.

Private First Class HERSCHEL H. ROUTIER, 35569422, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward Routier, Father, Martinsville, Indiana.

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First Lieutenant FREDERICK H. RUTLEDGE, 01591117, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Guy Rutledge, Father, 203 College Avenue, Fresno, California.

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH H. SANDER, 37059177, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert H. Sander, Father, 319 North 5th Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD J. SCHAEFERMEIER, 37059554, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Bernard H. Schaefermeier, Father, 1516 Valley Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C. SCHREIBER, 36035268, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Charles Schreiber, Mother, 4938 N. Kolmar Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. SCOTT, 37059730, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna M. Scott, Wife, 2216 A Herbert Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JACK L. SIEFERT, 01130714, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ada Siefert, Mother, 2968 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class LEONARD STRUCHTEMEYER, 37008954, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Oscar Struchtemeyer, Mother, Route 1, Mayview, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES D. STUMP, 34147731, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Stump, Mother, R.R. #2, Morristown, Tennessee.

Private First Class LYLE STUTZMAN, 37086015, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean Stutzman, Wife, 1304 10th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. SWESKY, 35440355, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Robert E. Swesoy, Wife, 2329 Murdoch Avenue, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Private First Class FELIX TARVID, 37058816, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Felix Tarvid, Father, Corridon, Missouri.

Sergeant EUGENE E. TESREAU, 37059471, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Olga Ostrand, Mother, RR #1, Moline, Illinois.



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Technician Fifth Grade DONALD E. THOMPSON, 35019311, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. L. J. Thompson, Mother, 601 West Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio.

Sergeant PHILIP O. THOMPSON, 37059092, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. William R. Thompson, Mother, Arcadia, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant FRANK TRAPP, 37059336, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie Trapp, Mother, 5537 Helen Avenue, Jennings, Missouri.

Private First Class KENNETH TURNER, 39862922, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Ernest Turner, Father, 101 West Penn Street, Tucson, Arizona.

Private First Class JAMES T. VERCHER, 38522930, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mae Elizabeth Vercher, Wife, 104-50-121st Street, Richmond Hill, New York.

Private First Class JOHN B. WATT, 32842552, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence H. Watt, Mother, 327 Norwalk Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM E. WALTZ, 01313938, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martha E. Waltz, Mother, 321 Louisa Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES T. WASHBURN, 39466459, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Violet Washburn, Mother, Copeland, Idaho.

First Lieutenant FENN B. WEAVER, 01309455, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Onalee Ann Weaver, Wife, 432 West 5th Avenue, Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class RAYBURN G. WEDDLE, 37059698, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Aubrey W. Donald, Sister, Route 1, Corning, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant CARROLL L. WILSON, 37059372, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Ross Wilson, Father, Route 1, Eolia, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JAMES R. WILSON, 01291205, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 2 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Mother, Route 2, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant PAUL E. WINKLER, 37008807, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Winkler, Wife, 338 Geneva Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

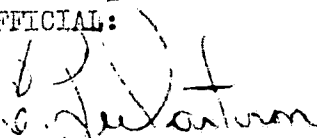
Private First Class GEORGE J. WIRTH, 32962397, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Wirth, Mother, 712 Evergreen Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant RAYMOND E. WOFFORD, 37059436, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John G. Wofford, Father, 440 Queen Avenue, Webster Grove, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT ZISKIN, 33138974, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Island from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Celia Ziskin, Mother, 2509 Quantico Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Private First Class DALE L. ICKES, 35910371, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie L. Ickes, Wife, 637 Lehmeyer Street, Huntington, Indiana.

Private First Class SHELTON J. INCHET, 35934342, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Jean Inchet, Wife, Box 324, Preston, Idaho.

Private First Class FREDERICK V. JONES, 35206766, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Jones, Wife, 1014 Ross Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant HENRY R. JUST, 32136111, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Henry R. Just, Wife, 570 Center Street, Lackawanna, New York.

Private First Class EMMETT L. KINES, 34106542, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry L. Kines, Father, Route #1, Centre, Alabama.

Corporal CHARLIE C. KIRBY, 35105117, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annie Kirby, Mother, RFD #3, Auburn, Kentucky.

Private First Class AUGUST E. KRAFT, 35105964, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma Kraft, 1822 Date Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class GABRIEL S. KRAFT, 37025529, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francis Kraft, Mother, Strasburg, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED R. LAMB, 37030075, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara G. Lamb, Mother, Route #4, Lake City, Minnesota.

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Private First Class DEAN J. LEHMAN, 37038538, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John U. Lehman, Jr., Brother, Rushville, Nebraska.

Private First Class RONALD J. LEWIS, 36294748, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Addie Lewis, Mother, 904 Randall Avenue, Rhineland, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant MILO MALLY, 37046630, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Stanley Mally, Brother, Wahoo, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant MELVIN E. MATTHEWS, 6290228, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Archie H. Matthews, Father, Box 293, Otis, Colorado.

Technical Sergeant HAROLD N. MCCALL, 37011101, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 June 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Newton J. McCall, Father, RFD #2, Salina, Kansas.

Private First Class CLARENCE L. MORRIS, 35652618, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith Morris, Mother, South Webster, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. NURSKI, 37008000, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Frances Nurski, Mother, 6409 Sherman Street, St. Joseph 27, Missouri.

Sergeant WILLIAM M. OLIVER, 34105249, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eunice Oliver, Mother, Star Route, Princeton, Kentucky.

Private First Class HARVEY E. PAGE, 36688268, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertie L. Page, Mother Route #1, Cora, Missouri.

Private First Class OLIVER H. PENLAND, 34088027, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Oliver H. Penland, Father, Route 1, La Fayette, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED M. PRICE, 36644917, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Price, Mother, Route #1, Hickley, Minnesota.

Private First Class WILBUR N. PUCKETT, 37059737, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph N. Puckett, Father, 1116 S. 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technican Fourth Grade MARTIN L. PURCELL, 34088476, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Purcell, Wife, Route #1, Demorest, Georgia.

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Captain RAY B. QUINN, 01293314, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen E. Quinn, Wife, 418 East 7th Street, Wellington, Kansas.

Private First Class JOSE REYES, 38366964, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francesca Cuellar Reyes, Mother, 2422 Chihuahua Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class ROBERT G. REYNOLDS, 39921133, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leich Reynolds, Mother, 250 South 6th Street, South Lake, Utah.

Private First Class EMMETT W. RIGGS, 37008416, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Riggs, Wife, 2304 Walrond Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Captain EDWARD T. ROBBINS, 0430721, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Robbins, Mother, 1403 Highland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD J. ROLD, 37045074, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Avis Rold, Wife, Hooper, Nebraska.

Private First Class STEVE M. ROSOL, 36121290, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Rosol, Mother, 3898 Doroty, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class CHARLIE L. ROSS, 38347682, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Josephine M. Ross, Mother, General Delivery, Wileon, Texas.

Private First Class MARVIN ROWE, 34161612, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Grace Rowe, Mother, Route 1, Centre, Alabama.

Private First Class FRANK J. RUPAR, 38008359, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Rupar, Mother, 1102 South Santa Fe Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Private First Class BILLY B. RUSSELL, 34814200, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude P. Russell, Mother, Route #2, Section, Alabama.

Private First Class ERNEST W. RYNNING, 37030022, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sigurd Rynning, Mother, Kennedy, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant LINOS M. SANCHEZ, 38068413, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cleotilde I. Sanchez, Wife, General Delivery, Eagle Pass, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK X. SEISSIGER, 35467449, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frank X. Seissiger, Wife, 2122 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES D. SHACKLETT, 37008242, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles F. Shacklett, Father, 4040 Flora Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIE T. SHELL, 37058952, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beulah K. Shell, Mother, Vanduser, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOHN E. SHUFELT, 36215330, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert Konobeck, Brother, 401 Watson Street, Antigo, Wisconsin.

Sergeant PAUL F. SIGRIST, 37008010, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Merle H. Sigrist, Wife, 682 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant NATHAN M. SNADER, 01171370, Field Artillery, United States Army. Near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Estelle L. Snader, Wife, 271 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant JOSEPH M. STARRITT, 36117156, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean C. Starritt, Wife, Route 2, Fenton, Michigan.

Sergeant EUGENE A. STAUFFER, 37038316, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Harold J. Stauffer, Father, Cozad, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade BENJAMIN D. STEWART, 36514480, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 June 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. John A. Stewart, Mother, Route 1, Box 130, Inlay City, Michigan.

First Lieutenant ROBERT A. STEWART, 01295102, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Ottis Bates, Half-Brother, 211 Carolina Avenue, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Private First Class BERNARD A. STRAKA, 37038396, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry Straka, Father, General Delivery, Stuart, Nebraska

First Sergeant JACK A. STYRON, 34175061, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Flossie J. Styron, Mother, 2317 Waterbury Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant ROLAND V. SUND, 02037738, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Constance Mae Sund, Wife, 3712 Johnson Avenue, Davenport, Iowa.

Private First Class LUMIR SVETC, 37038413, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna B. Svetc, Mother, RFD #4, Box 19, West Point, Nebraska.

Private First Class JAMES A. SWIFT, 37009263, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. James F. Swift, Father, Route 1, Willard, Missouri.

Private First Class ROBERT SZYMANKA, 36040703, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean S. Kanis, Sister, 4846 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ANGELO P. TORRILLO, 37059594, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Torrillo, Father, 3014a Penn Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Sergeant JOHN T. TRIPLETT, 37007774, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 16 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. William Ayers, Sister, 212 East Thirteenth Street, Joplin, Missouri.

Sergeant L. J. TURLEY, 38342244, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John Turley Father, 1106 Van Buren Street, Amarillo, Texas.

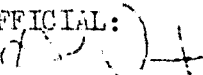
Private First Class ROBERT F. WILKERSON, 35413782, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jacob F. Wilkerson, Mother, Belle Center, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant EVERETT R. WILSON, JR., 39395048, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carl F. Wilson, Wife, Route #1, Box 1940, Sacramento, California.

Second Lieutenant HERBERT E. WOLFF, 02023632, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. A. F. Wolff, Mother, 102 West 75th Street, New York City, New York.

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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 AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and paragraph 3g USAFFE Regulations 10-50, dated 17 August 1943, Subject: "Awards of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RAYMOND E. BAUER, 37059200, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 July 1945 in the vicinity of Uja, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private BAUER distinguished himself by going to the aid of one of his comrades who was having extreme difficulty in crossing a treacherous mountain stream. During the crossing of the stream, one of the men from his rifle squad was suddenly carried down stream by the treacherous current. Realizing his comrade's plight and with utter disregard for his own safety, Private BAUER plunged into the raging stream, with his combat equipment on, and recovered the stricken soldier from the stream and aided him to a place of safety on the bank. His heroic act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. George J. Bauer, Father, Weingarten, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade ELLER A. BIPPEN, 37059769, Infantry, United States Army. While driving his one-quarter ton vehicle in an attempt to cross the Bolog River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 August 1945, Technician BIPPEN noted three American soldiers attempting to ford the raging river. All three were caught in the swift current and were swept off their feet. Realizing the immediate danger and with utter disregard for his own safety, he ran forty yards slightly forward of the farthest victim and dived toward the middle of the river. Although the drowning man was twice submerged, Technician BIPPEN caught him in six feet of water and, by battling the current, succeeded in reaching the bank approximately sixty yards downstream. The timely action and heroism displayed by Technician BIPPEN in saving the life of his comrade reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Anthony H. Bippen, Father, 4525-A South Grand, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade MERTON D. REMLEY, 37712241, Finance Department, United States Army. On 5 September 1945, north of San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands near the mouth of the Baroro River, while swimming in the ocean near shore, Technician REMLEY, upon hearing a call for help from a soldier who was drowning approximately one-quarter of a mile away, braved the current of the river sweeping out to sea to effect the man's rescue. Although unable to bring the man back to shore because of the extremely strong current, Technician REMLEY managed to keep the man's head above water for almost ten minutes until a group of five men towed



a raft over for the ultimate rescue. To the efforts of Technician REMLEY, the rescued man owes his life, since he was completely exhausted, numb in the arms and legs, and had given up hope. Technician REMLEY'S heroism in saving the life of a drowning soldier merits high praise and is in-keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Remley, Wife, 4074 Quitman Street, Denver, Colorado.

Technician Fourth Grade HERMAN J. SIEMANTEL, 35130468. (then Corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army. At Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 August 1945; when an enlisted man was paralyzed in contact with a 220 volt electrical line, Technician SIEMANTEL, with great presence of mind and without thought of his own safety, seized the wire and pulled it from the man's hands. Technician SIEMANTEL'S quick thinking and heroic action 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. Katherine Brockmeyer, Mother, 308 E. 14th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant HAROLD A. HORN, 01061135, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 134, dated 13 July 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 HAROLD A. HORN, 01061135, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the Kiangar area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 August 1945. Lieutenant HORN was commanding a section of heavy machine guns attached to an infantry company. This company arrived in its position near dusk and the perimeter had to be forded and dug-in without loss of time. Lieutenant HORN repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to direct the formation of his sector of the perimeter. When an enemy machine gun brought heavy fire on the partially dug-in perimeter, Lieutenant HORN risked his life to move one of his guns to a strategic position. He returned the fire of the enemy gun and destroyed it and its crew. Home address: Mrs. Harold A. Horn, Wife, Paradise, Pennsylvania.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant DUIL LANE, 02027011, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 70, 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:

Second Lieutenant DUIL LANE, 02027011, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kiangar, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 July 1945. Lieutenant LANE was given the mission of leading a patrol of twenty riflemen and an attached light machine gun section to secure a section of a road leading to Kiangar and occupying a ridge overlooking the road. Lieutenant LANE personally led the attack

on the occupied enemy positions, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. When his unit was forced by murderous enemy machine gun and mortar fire to withdraw, Lieutenant LAWE went to the back slope of the ridge to lead to safety a small body of men who had been guarding the left flank. The only route for Lieutenant LAWE to take was constantly swept by enemy machine gun fire. Lieutenant LAWE directed his light machine gun section to cover him, making it possible to reach the small body of men and lead them back to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant LAWE reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Will W. Lane, Father, Box 423, Hughes, Arkansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class HERBERT H. MARX, 37030886, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APC 6, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 113, dated 18 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 HERBERT N. MARX, 37030886, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 14 June 1945, a strong force of enemy attacked Sergeant MARX'S company, inflicting a number of casualties. Sergeant MARX, during the heat of action, heard a cry of a wounded soldier who was not far from his position. As no aid men were available, Sergeant MARX, without regard to the danger involved, crawled forward under heavy enemy small arms fire and a grenade barrage. Reaching the wounded man, he administered first aid while still under enemy fire. After applying first aid he proceeded to operate a light machine gun, delivering heavy fire upon the enemy and repulsed a heavy enemy counter-attack. Home address: Mr. Frank Marx, Father, Albertville, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant RICHARD J. SHROSBREE, 01303045, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in 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:

First Lieutenant RICHARD J. SHROSBREE, 01303045, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Lieutenant SHROSBREE'S rifle company was ordered to attack a ridge known to be heavily defended. After a long and bitter struggle, the company was forced to withdraw so that an artillery concentration could be placed on the objective. Later the attack was postponed and the company ordered to set up a defense for the night. It was nearing darkness when Lieutenant SHROSBREE learned that a first scout from a rifle platoon was missing. He immediately set out with two volunteers to look for the missing man. After traveling about four hundred yards into enemy-held territory through sporadic sniper fire, the missing

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man was found dead, having been killed by enemy mortar fire. After dark, Lieutenant SIROSBREE assisted the two men in carrying the body of their dead comrade back to the company position. His concern for his men and the self-sacrificing spirit with which he went to the aid of one of them at the risk of his own life gained the utmost confidence and highest respect of every man in his command. Home address: Mrs. Gloria M. Strosbee, Wife, 105 Willow Road, Elmhurst, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J. WEBB, 02023706, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II Bull 3 WD 1244). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J. WEBB, 02023706, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 7 August 1945 near Riangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. When the rifle company which Lieutenant WEBB'S 81mm mortar section was supporting came under heavy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire while attacking a hill, Lieutenant WEBB worked his way forward to a position from which he could observe the enemy emplacements. He then directed rear fire against the enemy, knocking out a machine gun and forcing the remainder of the enemy to withdraw. The riflemen were then able to advance and secure the hill. Lieutenant WEBB'S actions in the face of great personal danger were largely responsible for the success of the attack. Home address: Mrs. T. H. Webb, Mother, 504 Hill Street, Santa Monica, California.

#### Section III - Awards of Air Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9156, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25 WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49 WD 1942) an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers:

Second Lieutenant JAMES T. MATTSO, 02027654, Air Corps. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 30 June 1945 to 13 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. James T. Mattson, Mother, Government Way, Route #2, Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

First Lieutenant ROGER S. OMPHANT, 0582894, Air Corps. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 June 1945 to 30 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Roger S. Ompfant, Mother, 1833 Powell Place, Jacksonville, Florida.

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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:

Second Lieutenant KENNETH H. ANDREAS, 02037030, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 July 1945 to 2 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ed M. Andreas, Mother, RFD #1, Montivideo, Minnesota. ✓

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE J. ARMBRUSTER, 37059212, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Max J. Armbruster, Father, 750 Market Street, Saint Genevieve, Missouri. ✓

Private First Class GLEN H. BAKER, 39358226, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Ben Franklin Baker, Uncle, Route 1, Genry, Arkansas. ✓

Staff Sergeant HERBERT H. BALDWIN, 37006352, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Baldwin, Wife, 3915 East 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. ✓

Private First Class MICHAEL T. BARNAS, 36040651, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Harriett Barnas, Wife, 3010 West 41st Place, Chicago, Illinois. ✓

Staff Sergeant HERBERT H. BARNHILL, 37030656, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Genovieve W. Barthel, Wife, 2215 Upton Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota. ✓

First Lieutenant WILSON H. BELL, 01061053, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John D. Bell, Sr., Father, 408 Main Street, Franklin, Missouri. ✓

Sergeant RICHARD W. BLACK, 37406379, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie W. Black, Wife, 1009 2d Avenue, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. ✓

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Technical Sergeant HENRY H. BOETTGER, 37019649, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline T. Boettger, Mother, Route #4, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Private First Class CHARLES R. BROWN, 37059042, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles A. Brown, Father, 4024 Russell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JOHN S. BUCZEK, 02076630, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Buczek, Mother, 419 Kentucky Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class DURAND E. BUDDECKE, 37052497, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara Buddecke, Mother, Box 433, Sutton, Nebraska.

Private First Class DONALD E. CAIRNS, 36475935, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Velma Cairns, Mother, 628 Johnson Street, Carlinville, Illinois.

First Lieutenant THOMAS E. CALLEHAN, 01178728, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Callehan, Mother, 1202 Callingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH A. CARMACK, 37059072, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucy A. Carmack, Mother, Leoma, Missouri.

First Lieutenant MARVEL K. CARNAHAN, 01294079, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 July 1945 to 20 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Carnahan, Wife, Box 71, Sedgwick, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant HORATIO B. CAUTHORN, 37009322, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances F. Cauthorn, Wife, 1514 South Cole, Mexico, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade LONIE R. CHARLSON, 37549751, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. George L. Charlson, Father, 37 California Road, Tacoma, Washington.

Private First Class TROY R. CHESTLBY, 35206627, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. W. D. Christian, Mother, Berwind, West Virginia.

Private First Class JAMES R. COLE, 37604161, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Lona Lock, Mother, 4329 Delmar Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM H. COMTE, JR., 02037044, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. William H. Comte Sr., Father, 655 Collins Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Sergeant CECIL R. COFF, 37059224, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Blanche Cope, Mother, New Truxton, Missouri.

First Lieutenant CHRIS E. COX, 01310409, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles Leigh Cox, Brother, Route 3, Kinksville, Missouri.

Private First Class GOREVILLE E. DAVIS, 37313333, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. George Davis, Father, Route #1, Box 22, Gully, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES E. DAVIS, 38509024, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eula M. Davis, Wife, Brewer, Arkansas.

Corporal MAX H. DAVIS, 37525895, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elaine Davis, Wife, 541 North Topeka Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

Private First Class WILFRED E. DAVIS, 35365494, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lulu E. Davis, Mother, Route #1, Fortville, Indiana.

Private First Class NORMAN F. DENNIS, 37059141, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. James Pete Dennis, Father, Belgrade, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH E. DUGAN, 37008806, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Roxie Dugan, Mother, RFD #2, Orrick, Missouri.

Private First Class REFLECT C. EDWARDS, 37007783, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Keene, Mother, Route #4, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD E. FALCONER, 35026086, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. H. A. Falconer, Mother, 148 West Cedar Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

First Sergeant CHARLES J. FANK, 37059580, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frank Fank, 5217 Vermont Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant BERNARD D. FERDEN, 37045533, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella Ferden, Mother, Rolfe, Iowa.

Private First Class JAMES J. FINAZZO JR., 36769418, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose F. Finazzo, Mother, 524 South Denver Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant ANDREW FORBES, 01284314, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 August 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes B. Forbes, Wife, 3555 N.E. Bryce Street, Portland, Oregon.

Sergeant WALTER A. GODFREDSON, 37662208, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Godfredson, Mother, Bancroft, Iowa.

Corporal IVAN L. GREEN, 37008723, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Zack Green, Father, 6512 Brown Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class ORLAND J. HABERER, 37030755, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alma L. Haberer, Mother, 803 Broadway, Alexandria, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH J. HAFNER, 37030559, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Hafner, Mother, 1225 Washington Street, N.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant JAMES E. HALE, 02026878, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 August 1945 to 7 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. James E. Hale, Wife, Grove, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CLIFFORD W. HATCHER, 37059886, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Irwin, Mother, 5043 Durant Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WALTER R. HATFIELD, 37037993, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Mae Hatfield, Wife, Route #1, Massena, Iowa.

First Lieutenant JULIAN A. HAWKINS, 01304074, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Julian A. Hawkins, Father, 422 W. 12th Street, Newton, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant PERRY E. HENRY, 36119353, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Perry C. Henry, Father, Woodsberd, Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant WILLIAM B. HOOKER, 38068448, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edgar Crenwelge, Sister, Route #1, San Angelo, Texas.

Private First Class JOHN E. HOWARD, 37045368, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Howard, Mother, 601 East 6th Street, West Liberty, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM JEYS, 37008813, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Benjamin V. Jey, Father, R.R. #2, Keytesville, Missouri.

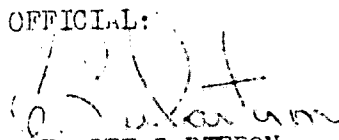
Technical Sergeant ARTHUR C. JONES, 37120125, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 May 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rachel Jones, Mother, Garden Street, Beardstown, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant GARCIA L. JONES, 37058953, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ora B. Jones, Mother, Bernie, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant MILTON R. VAN FRANK, 37060390, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Miss C. E. Van Frank, Sister, 221 East 25th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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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 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 man:

Private First Class JOHN T. TAYLOR, 39419413, Infantry, United States Army. In the Napao-Banaue area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 August 1945, Private TAYLOR, a light machine gunner, was fatally wounded while defending his position during an enemy attack directed against his sector of our defensive perimeter. At 0030 hours at the start of the enemy assault, Private TAYLOR was wounded and his two comrades killed. Disregarding his wounds, Private TAYLOR continued to man his machine gun. He poured such a heavy volume of machine gun fire into the advancing enemy that their first thrust was repelled. As the attack was resumed by the enemy, an overwhelming force of Japanese overran his position. Later that morning after our forces had retaken the position, his body was found at his gun among the enemy dead. Private TAYLOR'S courageous action made it possible to withdraw the wounded and build a secondary line of defense. Private TAYLOR'S gallant defense of his position at the cost of his own life spared the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Allie H. Taylor, Wife, Box 513, Winters, California.

## 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:

First Lieutenant LYNN G. BALBACH, 01293130, Infantry, United States Army. On 10 August 1945, Lieutenant LYNN G. BALBACH, a rifle platoon leader, was leading an attack against a strongly fortified position on Mount Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands. As he pushed forward with two of his squads abreast and one in support, his troops received enemy machine gun and sniper fire from the front and right flank. The lead scout of the one squad was wounded by an enemy sniper and the remainder of the squad was partially pinned down. After making several attempts to reach his objective, Lieutenant BALBACH directed his squads to take up covered positions. Then, with utter disregard for his own safety, he crawled forward to a vantage point affording good observation of the enemy positions. He contacted supporting 81mm mortars by radio and called for smoke shells to cover the withdrawal of one of his squads. He then directed mortar fire on the enemy who were holding up the advance. After the preparatory mortar fire, Lieutenant BALBACH again led his men forward and succeeded in taking his objective. Twelve enemy dead were counted and one light and one heavy machine gun were destroyed. Lieutenant

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BALBACH'S courageous leadership was an inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Balbach, Mother, Springfield, Minnesota.

Private First Class CECIL DEPEW, 36024212, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private DEPEW occupied a machine gun position on commanding ground which enabled the gun crew to protect the left flank of our defensive perimeter with plunging fire. At about 0030 hours the enemy made a strong and persistent counterattack. The action that followed was centered around Private DEPEW'S position. During the first phase of the attack three of Private DEPEW'S comrades were killed by assault demolition charges. Despite the loss of his three comrades, Private DEPEW refused to leave his position. He courageously exposed himself to the enemy fire and kept his machine gun in action until the last round of ammunition was expended. The heavy volume of fire he placed on the enemy prevented them from breaking through the left flank of the perimeter and forced them to withdraw after suffering heavy casualties. Private DEPEW then moved his machine gun from its vulnerable position to a new location on a newly-formed perimeter. After securing additional ammunition, he continued to counter the enemy attack with machine gun fire until the enemy were completely routed. Private DEPEW'S gallant devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida Durbin, Sister, 420 North 1st Street, Vandalia, Illinois.

Private First Class PARK F. ESBENSHADE, JR., 33515205, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 July 1945, the defensive position along a ridge occupied by Private ESBENSHADE'S company was busily engaged in repulsing a fierce Japanese counter-attack. Early in the morning the enemy advanced by fire and movement behind a heavy concentration of grenade and mortar fire. They pushed to within ten feet of the ridge position in one of six attempts to overrun the position. Private ESBENSHADE prevented some of the enemy grenades from landing in the dug-in position by stopping them with his hands and turning them against the nearby enemy. When a rifleman on his left was wounded, Private ESBENSHADE brought into his position an automatic rifleman from an adjacent position. After holding a determined enemy at bay for more than an hour and a half, the ammunition in Private ESBENSHADE'S position was almost exhausted. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled back under intense machine gun fire to another part of the defensive zone and brought forward a machine gun and additional ammunition. With calm efficiency he then put the machine gun in action, directing a withering volume of fire at the enemy. His gallant aggressiveness prevented many casualties among our forces and greatly aided in the total defeat of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Dean Esbenshade, Mother, Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania.

Corporal EUGENE W. GRANT, 37059091, Infantry, United States Army. The attack of an assault company against a particularly difficult objective hill position held by the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945 was progressing with excellent results. As the company continued its advance against well defended mutually supporting pillboxes and fortified positions, it suddenly received intense machine gun and rifle fire. The attack was completely halted by the withering fire and severe casualties were sustained. Corporal GRANT, a messenger with a heavy machine gun platoon, went forward three times to evacuate

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wounded men in the face of the deadly cross-fire from the enemy machine guns and supporting sniper fire. Corporal GRANT'S gallant action in protecting the lives of his comrades at a most critical moment at the risk of his own life reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Edmund W. Parpley, Grandfather, Essex, Missouri.

Major JACK E. LYMAN, 0338909, Infantry, United States Army. Elements of an infantry battalion commanded by Major LYMAN pushed forward in an attack on 30 July 1945 against the enemy near Hapao, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The battalion was dispersed over several miles of wild, mountainous and heavily foliated terrain. The enemy, strongly entrenched regular infantry troops, were well armed and in good physical condition and they put up a bitter defense of a strategic, long narrow back ridge overlooking the barrio of Hapao and commanding a mountain trail leading south to Mangahan. The enemy had repeatedly attacked friendly supply lines which extended eight miles, winding over rugged mountains, through almost impassible ravines and crossing wide and swift streams. Supply and evacuation were accomplished through arduous hand carry by Filipinos. Water was at a premium. Despite the hardships, enemy opposition and tortuous terrain, a reinforced rifle company pressed forward under the personal supervision of Major LYMAN and seized key positions commanding the Hapao area. The positions were held against numerous strong enemy counterattacks. Constantly maintaining his battalion command post among the foremost elements, Major LYMAN repeatedly disregarded enemy sniper and mortar fire in order to tour his front lines and gain first-hand knowledge of the tactical situation. His personal leadership and display of coolness under fire, coupled with his determination and resourcefulness, were an inspiring example to his officers and men. Major LYMAN'S outstanding performance in combat and his intense devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lucille J. Lyman, Wife, Gering, Nebraska.

Captain ERNEST D. MC DONALD, 0409118, Infantry, United States Army. On 8th August 1945 in action against the enemy in the Hapao-Banaue sector, a rifle company with Captain MC DONALD in command had the mission of seizing and securing high ground necessary to the defense of his battalion. As his men moved forward, the lead platoon of his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Captain MC DONALD immediately moved to the front in an effort to direct the movement of the forward platoon. Displaying courage and cool efficiency, he deployed his men with such skill that they were able to resume the advance and destroy a machine gun position and kill a number of the enemy. The Japanese then moved up two more machine guns and approximately one platoon of riflemen. Captain MC DONALD was wounded during the Japanese new effort to break up the attack. Despite his wounds, he remained in position and directed the withdrawal of his platoon, the safety of which was jeopardized by the reinforced enemy defense. To expedite the removal of our casualties, he personally dragged two wounded men to a place of safety. Captain MC DONALD'S gallant action in face of intense enemy fire undoubtedly aided in saving the lives of many men of his company and proved an inspiration to all the men of his command. Home address: Mr. E. W. McDonald, Father, 118 North Dakota Street, Vermillion, South Dakota.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT L. MILLER, 35365631, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 31 June 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands the battalion of which Sergeant MILLER is a member was

assigned the mission of clearing out all Japanese resistance and advancing over mountainous terrain against the enemy. In moving over hazardous and precipitous terrain, the leading rifle company came under severe machine gun and sniper fire and suffered several casualties. Sergeant MILLER voluntarily exposed himself three times in order to evacuate casualties in the face of intense enemy fire. His heroic action materially aided in saving the lives of three of his comrades. With cool efficiency he maintained control of his troops, organized litter parties and directed the evacuation of the wounded. Sergeant MILLER'S gallant conduct reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Miller, Mother, 3612 Pennsylvania Street, Cary, Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN L. NEAL, 37757402, Infantry, United States Army. On 3 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private NEAL demonstrated extraordinary aggressiveness in leading a reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy-held territory in order to determine enemy strength and positions located in extremely hazardous terrain. Suddenly spotting a strategically placed enemy ambush, he cautiously crept through dense brush toward the enemy. Upon reaching the parapet of the enemy position, Private NEAL jumped into the enemy trench and opened fire. He killed three of the enemy and wounded several others. Private NEAL later returned with a combat patrol and destroyed the remainder of the enemy. His gallant action insured the safety of subsequent patrols scouting the area. Private NEAL'S soldierly qualities merit the highest praise. Home address: Mr. Edwin Neal, Father, 1717 Harris Street, Independence, Missouri.

Sergeant RICHARD H. TROWER, 37059364, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 August 1945, Sergeant TROWER, a squad leader of a light machine gun squad, was in charge of a position covering a wooded area to his front. At 0030 hours the enemy staged a strong counterattack which threatened a break-through that would endanger the entire battalion defense. During the first phase of the attack, the enemy succeeded in inflicting several casualties on our troops which weakened the perimeter defense. Upon learning of the situation, Sergeant TROWER commanded his squad to intensify their fire so as to keep the enemy pinned down and thus permit the evacuation of the wounded. His squad also received some casualties; but he, manning a machine gun, stayed and kept pouring fire into the charging enemy until his position was overrun. He then withdrew his weapon to an alternate position and continued to resist the enemy. His aggressiveness and initiative were important factors in breaking up the fierce counterattack and forcing the enemy to withdraw with heavy losses. Sergeant TROWER'S gallant action and skillful leadership in the face of intense enemy fire merit high praise. Home address: Mr. Arch L. Trower, Father, Middletown, 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, Para 3, EO 1944) a Bronze Star Medal for heroic 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:

Sergeant CLIFTON R. CLASPILL, 37007630, Infantry, United States Army. Sergeant CLASPILL was serving as squad leader in a heavy machine gun platoon attached to a rifle company. The rifle company was attempting to hold Ifugao Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 August 1945, after having taken a part of the rocky, wooded, Jap-infested ridge but only after having sustained heavy casualties. The Japanese immediately upon being forced from part of the ridge threw counterattack after counterattack at our troops under cover of darkness and a driving rain. Sergeant CLASPILL directed withering machine gun fire against the attacking enemy troops, supplied ammunition for his gun and took over the gun and kept pouring a heavy volume of fire into the foe when his gunner became exhausted. His coolness under fire and his efficiency as a machine gun squad leader contributed materially to the repulse of the fierce counterattacks. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Thomson, Mother, Route #2, Long Lake, Missouri.

Private First Class HENRY C. FREE, 35124257, Infantry, United States Army. On the night of 31 July 1945 in the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private FREE, a heavy machine gunner, was manning his gun on a defense perimeter. He heard a sound outside the perimeter and a moment later, by the faint light of a setting moon, he saw an enemy soldier moving stealthily toward his position, carrying heavy explosive charges. Realizing that firing his machine gun would reveal its location to other enemy who might be in the vicinity, Private FREE deliberately held his fire. He waited until the enemy was dangerously close and was preparing to throw his charges. He then killed the enemy at point blank range with a carbine shot, preventing him from exploding his demolition charges. Private FREE'S alertness and courage in dealing with the enemy spared our forces serious casualties and merit high praise. Home address: Mrs. Eva Free, Mother, Xenia, Ohio.

Private First Class ARTHUR C. HANSON, 37029502, Infantry, United States Army. On 5 August 1945 near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private HANSON was engaged in patrol activity. As the patrol passed by a bend in a stream, it received fire from a well concealed enemy ambush. The hostile fire pinned down the patrol. Private HANSON, who was acting as scout, advanced in face of the enemy fire across an open stream to within fifteen feet of the enemy. In the fire fight that followed, he killed four of the enemy. When his ammunition was used up, he moved back, taking an exposed position so as to draw the enemy fire upon himself and thereby permit the patrol to take up new positions. Private HANSON'S courage and aggressiveness reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. George H. Hinger, Mother, Route #1, Bottineau, North Dakota.

Second Lieutenant WILLIS E. JOHNSON, 02024311, Infantry, United States Army. When the rifle company which Lieutenant JOHNSON'S 61mm mortar section was supporting near Mount Puloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 August 1945 came under direct enemy 70mm artillery fire, Lieutenant JOHNSON, without regard for his own safety, worked his way forward through a rain of shell fragments to an exposed position from which he could determine the enemy gun positions. He spotted the location of the enemy emplacement and directed mortar fire against it. His accurate direction of the mortar fire resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy position. Lieutenant JOHNSON'S courageous action is worthy of the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Ella Terry, Mother, Holstein, Iowa.

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Technician Fifth Grade PAUL P. KAUZLARICH, 37040105, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 January 1945, Technician KAUZLARICH, a well known soldier, was that heavy casualties had depleted the ranks of a heavy machine gun platoon in his company then engaged in bitter fighting with the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, volunteered to accompany the platoon as an ammunition bearer. During an attack on the company perimeter, both gunner and assistant gunner of the squad he was attached to while voluntarily serving with the platoon were wounded. Unhesitatingly, Technician KAUZLARICH left his rifle and, disregarding the rifle and grenade fire striking about him, ran his way to the idle machine gun and again put it in action against the enemy. His skillful handling of the gun contributed greatly to the eventual failure of the enemy attack. Technician KAUZLARICH'S initiative and courage reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Vance Kaulzarich, father, 1704 Forest Avenue, Des Moines 14, Iowa.

Private First Class WALTER A. MANDZAK, 35124127, Infantry, United States Army. In the Novaliches Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945, a man was reported missing in an area exposed to heavy enemy artillery fire. Private MANDZAK volunteered to go into the area and search for the missing soldier. Private MANDZAK moved some five hundred yards beyond the defensive perimeter, disregarding the artillery fire which menaced him all the way, before he located the missing soldier, who was wounded. Private MANDZAK returned across the exposed area and led a squad back to the place where the wounded man lay. He helped carry the casualty to a position of safety from which he could be evacuated. Private MANDZAK'S willingness to risk his life to undertake a hazardous search for a missing comrade was responsible for saving the man's life and brings great credit to Private MANDZAK and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Mandzak, Mother, 2900 Central Avenue, Middletown, Ohio.

Sergeant ROLAND E. MAYSE, 37007220, Infantry, United States Army. A heavy artillery barrage on a battalion defensive perimeter in the Cabaruan Hills area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945 caused a state of general confusion as it was feared that an attack by ground troops would follow before gaps in the perimeter could be manned. The personnel of the command post had been making final preparations to move forward just as the sudden artillery shelling was launched. Sergeant MAYSE, a reconnaissance sergeant then stationed at the command post, realizing the seriousness of the situation, voluntarily moved forward without regard for the artillery shells bursting about him as he advanced. He organized the men in his section and filled in the gaps in the perimeter. His courageous action prevented a possible enemy breakthrough. Home address: Mrs. Vivian Mayse, Wife, 4029 Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JACK W. MELCHIOR, 01304554, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 Jan. 1945, Lieutenant MELCHIOR'S company commander was injured and had to be evacuated immediately. Lieutenant MELCHIOR immediately assumed command and moved the company toward its objective. Upon reaching high ground overlooking the town of Kayapa, he observed a large body of Japanese troops, approximately two hundred and fifty in number, enter Kayapa from the opposite side of the town. The company dug in for the night and on the following morning observed the enemy were moving out of town. Despite a low supply of ammunition, Lieutenant MELCHIOR decided to engage the enemy. He

boldly ordered his mortars and machine guns to open fire. Caught by surprise the enemy fled in disorder, leaving behind approximately fifty dead. The company was then able to move into Kayapa without suffering a single casualty. Home address: Mrs. Deirdre P. Melchior, Wife, 1716 North Highland Avenue, Glendale, California.

First Lieutenant WALTER L. MORPHEW, C1043739, Infantry, United States Army. On 5 August 1945 in the vicinity of Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant MORPHEW and his platoon manned an important outpost on a strategic hill. During a patrol deep into enemy-held territory, he discovered a Japanese mortar gun position and completely destroyed it. In the course of the patrolling, Lieutenant MORPHEW observed approximately forty Japanese soldiers approaching our positions. He called for mortar fire and directed machine gun fire against the advancing enemy. Twenty-seven Japanese were found dead as a result of the action under the skilled and courageous leadership of Lieutenant MORPHEW. Home address: Mr. Virgil R. Morphew Father, 2107 Maple Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND J. PAAL, 37038084, Infantry, United States Army. When the rifle company which Sergeant PAAL'S heavy machine gun section was supporting came under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire while attacking a steep mountain ridge strongly-held by the enemy near Ifugao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 August 1945, Sergeant PAAL immediately worked his way forward under enemy fire and selected positions from which his machine guns could bring effective fire on the enemy. The machine gun fire which he directed was so accurate and intense that the enemy were forced to withdraw. The rifle company was able to advance and secure the ridge with a minimum amount of difficulty. Home address: Mrs. Clara A. Paal, Wife, 1447 Marsh Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

Sergeant ROBERT E. POOLE, 37060486, Infantry, United States Army. On 17 June 1945 near Bambang, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant POOLE accompanied several officers of a Philippine Army unit on a patrol to investigate an enemy ammunition dump. Though the area was not secured by our troops, Sergeant POOLE encouraged the officers to accompany him and show him the dump. Nearing the site of the dump, Sergeant POOLE was leading a reconnaissance party when a Japanese soldier was seen. Sergeant POOLE immediately opened fire and the enemy fire was returned from several points. An enemy machine gun which covered the area with fire was knocked out by Sergeant POOLE and its crew killed. Being expended all of his ammunition and realizing that other members of his party had nearly exhausted their supply of ammunition, he attempted to group the force for a withdrawal. Seeing that this could not be done in time, since the enemy was rapidly making an encircling movement and one of the patrol members had been seriously wounded and could not be evacuated because the route of evacuation lay in the path of the enemy fire, Sergeant POOLE ran a half mile to contact Philippine Army troops. He hastily organized them and sent them forward to save the patrol. As a result of the prompt action of Sergeant POOLE the enemy was beaten off and the patrol was rescued. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Rose Poole, Wife, Calion, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant BENTLY SHEPHERD, 35470291, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945, Sergeant

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SHEPHERD voluntarily led a small patrol through intense enemy sniper and mortar fire to rescue a wounded comrade. In order to reach the casualty he crawled sixty yards, alone, over exposed terrain through heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire. Upon reaching the wounded man he administered first aid and then laid down a smoke screen with white phosphorous grenades. Sergeant SHEPHERD signaled to the remainder of his patrol to come forward and help him carry out the wounded man under the protective cover of the smoke screen. Sergeant SHEPHERD'S courageous action in saving the life of a comrade in the face of intense hostile fire was an inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Ella Shepherd, Mother, Delphia, Kentucky.

Sergeant FLOYD G. STITH, 37057625, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 June 1945, Sergeant STITH, gunner of a 60mm mortar acting as his own observer, was instrumental in repulsing four banzai attacks against his company's perimeter. His close-in mortar support was directly responsible for the enemy's failure to infiltrate our defensive positions. Although the enemy repeatedly attempted to knock out his mortar, Sergeant STITH stuck to his post and succeeded in destroying two enemy mortars as well as an undetermined number of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Stith, Mother, Koshkonong, Missouri.

Sergeant WAYNE W. SUNDERLAND, 36065210, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Dulit, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 August 1945, while Sergeant SUNDERLAND and his squad were on patrol, they were forced to take cover from sniper fire coming from a nearby cave. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant SUNDERLAND worked his way up to the mouth of the cave and forced one enemy out of the cave by hurling a hand grenade. He killed the Japanese with a rifle shot as he came running out of the cave. Subsequent investigation showed that his grenade had fatally wounded another occupant of the cave. Home address: Mrs. L. W. Sunderland, Mother, Blue Mount, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant DON J. E. WATSON, 36040416, Infantry, United States Army. While being fired upon by enemy mortars and machine guns in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 January 1945, Sergeant WATSON brought his badly disorganized squad under control and set up a 37mm gun in a well concealed position. He then countered the enemy fire with devastating fire from his 37mm gun. As the enemy mortar and machine gun fire subsided, he evacuated a seriously wounded comrade in the face of intense sniper fire. The heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy by his heroic action greatly aided the advance of his company and assured the final success of an important mission. Home address: Mrs. T. E. Watson, Mother, Neodesha, Kansas.

Sergeant GEORGE S. ZUBCIC, 37057921, Infantry, United States Army. On 24 June 1945 in the Kiangin area, Luzon, Philippine Islands his company were bivouacked for the night in a heavily wooded area. The enemy staged four successive banzai attacks during the night. Sergeant ZUBCIC was manning a 60mm mortar covering the approach of the enemy. With each attack Sergeant ZUBCIC was subjected to intense knee mortar fire and grenades thrown at his gun position. Without thought of his own safety, he continued laying heavy mortar fire into the

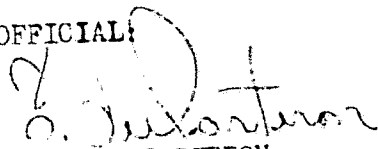


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enemy ranks. The fire from his mortar was largely responsible for the repulse of the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Hilda Hugnick, Mother, 7100 Drug Lane, Maplewood, Missouri.

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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 AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and paragraph 3g, USAFIE Regulation 10-50, 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 enlisted men for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy:

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE H. DUDLEY, 15117140, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Sergeant DUDLEY was a member of a combat patrol which was required to cross the swift and swollen Magat River to accomplish its mission. When crossing the river, one of the men of the patrol lost his footing and, because he was weighted down with ammunition, was quickly swept downstream. Sergeant DUDLEY, who had reached the opposite bank, saw the plight of his comrade and immediately shed his equipment and swam out to his rescue. He started his swim at a point downstream from the drowning man and by the time he reached mid-stream the soldier had been swept past him. Sergeant DUDLEY, although rapidly becoming exhausted from his effort, swam in pursuit of his drowning comrade but was unable to reach him. Sergeant DUDLEY at the point of exhaustion was in grave danger of drowning. The river narrowed and he was able to reach the bank where the members of the patrol were able to pull him ashore. Although Sergeant DUDLEY'S efforts were unsuccessful, his complete disregard for his own safety in going to the aid of a drowning comrade under extremely hazardous conditions reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Zettie L. Dudley, Mother, 114 1/2 West Washington Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES L. JUNKINS, 34706815, Infantry, United States Army. On 22 July 1945, while swimming in the Lamut River, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a swift moving stream some seventy-five feet wide, a soldier was seized with cramps and carried beneath the surface of the water. Technician JUNKINS, with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped into the deep water and braved the treacherous current to rescue the stricken man. Despite the handicaps, Technician JUNKINS succeeded in bringing the stricken man to shore. He then assisted in giving artificial respiration to the soldier. The heroism and quick thinking on the part of Technician JUNKINS saved the man's life and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva Lee Junkins, 1427 Sloan Avenue, Tarrant, Alabama.

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

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meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against a of the United States, at the place and date indicated is awarded by the General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, the following named officers and men:

Private First Class WELDON H. ANDERSON, 37680593, Infantry, United States Army. At Munoz and in the Cagayan Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 February 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Erma L. Anderson, Wife, Center Point, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD F. BERKEL, 37059493, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence J. Berkel, Wife, 5482 Flover Avenue, Saint Louis 20, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LEO G. BONFADINI, 38006909, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosa Bonfadini, Mother, 601 San Juan Avenue, Trinidad, Colorado.

Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR C. BONNYCASTLE, 0302356, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 June 1945 to 19 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sally W. Bonnycastle, Wife, 3015 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. CRANE, 31131041, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laura C. Crane, Wife, 114 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Sergeant DON C. EHINGER, 36448781, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 June 1945 to 20 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Ehinger, Mother, 1437 Commercial Street, Belleville, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD D. ERICKSON, 17025680, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 22 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward L. Erickson, Father, 3715 South Grand Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM G. HEALY, 01053634, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 16 June 1945 to 24 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eileen M. Healy, Wife, 3524 78th Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

Technician Third Grade EUGENE C. JONES, 35153820, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Wife, 733 Thirty-Fourth Street, South Bend, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant FRANK N. KETCHELL, 34078305, Infantry, United States Army. In the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 March 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Hendrix, Mother, Route #1, Box 11 A, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Private First Class GEORGE V. KOBLER, 36040798, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jeanne Kobler, Wife, 1027 N. Massasoit Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade FERGUS C. LOGE, 37029441, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Inga Loge, Mother, Hannaford, North Dakota.

Private First Class RAYMOND S. McDONALD, 35877187, Infantry, United States Army. In the Novaliches Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Mother, 949 Lincoln Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN MEGYESI, JR., 35023692, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora E. Megyesi, Wife, 352 West Main Street, Geneva, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade HERMAN NORRIS, 34379 80, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie Norris, Mother, Banner Springs, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant EDWIN C. OLSON, 37026610, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Stulen, Mother, Bovey, Minnesota.

Technician Third Grade VERNAL N. POTTER, 37296519, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Percy Potter, Father, Park Rapids, Minnesota.

First Sergeant GEORGE H. STAHL, 37057251, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Stahl, Wife, Brunswick, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade MIFE SUTYAK, 35440415, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Sutyak, Mother, Tams, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFONZO A. TOLERICO, 33172894, Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 May 1945 to 21 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Tolerico, Mother, 22 Apple Avenue, Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class HARRY M. COCHRAN, 19132001, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section III, General Orders No. 26, dated 23 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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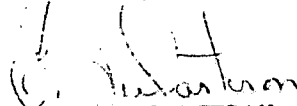
Private First Class HARRY M. COCHRAN, 19132001, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leland W. Cochran, Mother, 10528 Rountree Road, Los Angeles 34, California.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class JOHN L. EHLERT, 36116079, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 27, dated 24 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JOHN L. EHLERT, 36116079, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 July 1945 to 7 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Max Ehlert, Mother, 3600 Courville Road, Detroit, Michigan.

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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 for heroic 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 man:

Private First Class CARL BONAVENTURE, 38854338, Infantry, United States Army. On 19 June 1945 in the Salinas area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private BONAVENTURE volunteered to lead an evacuation party several hundred yards into enemy held territory to remove a wounded comrade. With disregard for his own safety, he went forward through enemy mortar fire. Upon reaching the wounded man, Private BONAVENTURE administered first aid and started back over a route which was under enemy observation and fire. Private BONAVENTURE protected the carrying party from attack while proceeding to friendly lines. His initiative and courage reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Garoy Bonaventure, Wife, c/o Mrs. E.P. Lakatert, Box 211, New Roads, Louisiana.

Sergeant NICK J. CHIRCALLO, 35320775, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 August 1945 in the Carabelle Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant CHIRCALLO, then a lineman in his company, volunteered to lay wire between his company position and an outpost three hundred yards distant. He crossed a large open rice paddy which was under enemy observation and fire to establish the vital communication. As he was returning to the company, he came upon a wounded man who was drawing enemy fire. Sergeant CHIRCALLO moved him to nearby cover and called for an aid man. After first aid was administered to the man, he assisted in evacuating him to the company position. Sergeant CHIRCALLO'S courageous action and intense devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Chircallo, Mother, 10806 Shale Avenue, Cleveland 4, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant LAURENCE L. CHRASTIL, 17018739, Infantry, United States Army. At Ibanez, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 February 1945, Sergeant CHRASTIL, a heavy machine gun platoon sergeant, was preparing a defensive perimeter when the rifle company to which his section was attached was attacked by enemy tanks. With a bazooka and several rounds of ammunition, Sergeant CHRASTIL moved into the open in the face of the advancing tanks, held his fire until the lead tank was within fifty yards of him, then with three well placed rounds he stopped the tank. He forced the enemy crew to abandon the disabled tank. The destruction of the lead tank held up the remainder of the tank column until he could reassemble his men to form an organized defense. When the remaining tanks finally succeeded in passing the wrecked tank, they were met by such a volume of fire that they were forced to withdraw. Home address: Mr. Lunear H. Chrastil, Father, Hallam, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS P. BOYLE, 3707247, Infantry, United States Army. Near Poltan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 August 1945, when subjected to intense small arms and machine gun fire while attacking a steep ridge, stubbornly defended by the enemy, Sergeant BOYLE worked his way forward to locate positions from which he could bring effective fire on the enemy positions. He infiltrated his men through the enemy fire, set up machine guns and neutralized the enemy fire, thereby enabling riflemen to advance and secure the ridge. Sergeant BOYLE's conduct under extremely hazardous conditions was largely responsible for the securing of the important position. Home address: Mr. James J. Doyle, Father, Route 66, Junction City, Kansas.

*Approved by the Army for the Medal of Honor*  
First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. BILLY, 01297694, Infantry, United States Army. At Amintog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 August 1945, Lieutenant BILLY led his platoon far into enemy held territory to negotiate for surrender of Japanese troops. In doing so he was the first to penetrate the enemy lines causing the trip of thirty or more of his men were carrying out a Filipino soldier who had just been killed. Lieutenant BILLY continued on his mission, reached the town of Amintog and contacted several groups of the enemy. While negotiating with the enemy, a large fire-fight broke out to his rear that alerted the enemy forces and caused a disturbance among the members of his patrol. Lieutenant BILLY's soldiers remained at his position for four hours awaiting the arrival of a group of enemies who had promised to capitulate. In his course, he gave an outstanding example of leadership both to the enemy and his own troops. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy S. Dyer, Wife, 3125 E. Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

First Sergeant TRULY GASCH, 17023079, Infantry, United States Army. While on patrol near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, between 9 August 1945 and 15 August 1945, Sergeant GASCH'S patrol was pinned down by enemy fire from concealed enemy positions. Sergeant GASCH advanced across an open stream to within fifteen feet of the enemy and, during the fire-fight which followed, killed four of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Later, while withdrawing because of lack of ammunition, he drew the fire of the enemy by taking exposed positions, thereby permitting members of his patrol to withdraw safely. Home address: Mrs. Miley Gasche, Mother, Pierce City, Missouri.

Sergeant ALTON L. GRILLIE, 3701276, Infantry, United States Army. During an advance over rugged and mountainous terrain near Pagobag, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 June 1945, the company of which Sergeant GRILLIE, mortar gunner, is a member, was pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire directed from concealed enemy positions. Aware that many members of his company, who were exposed on an open slope, were being subjected to fierce enemy fire, Sergeant GRILLIE moved from cover to make observation of enemy emplacements. Due to constant enemy fire, he moved his 60mm mortar into the open, and with direct observation laid down such a rapid and accurate barrage of mortar fire that the enemy machine guns were silenced and his company was permitted to advance and rapidly secured an important objective. Home address: Mr. James Grillie, Father, Route 11, Astoria, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT B. HELLM, 34088526, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on the afternoon of 30 June 1945, the rifle platoon of which Sergeant HELLM is a member was made the point of an advance up Highway 4. The platoon encountered and killed two Japanese while passing through a very densely wooded section of country. The platoon sergeant, feeling that the chances of the company being ambushed were too great to advance further without first scouting the area, sent out several small patrols and set outposts. The outposts to the front were soon subjected to intense Japanese machine gun fire which pinned them down in a shallow ditch. Sergeant HELLM immediately went forward to observe the situation and spotted the Japanese machine gun position. He then led a rifle squad around the flank to a position from which the squad laid accurate fire on the enemy position, silencing its guns. Home address: Mrs. Yula Hyman, Mother, Route #1, Sparta, Georgia.

Private First Class JOHN S. KOCIOLKO, 37009707, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a convoy of ration trucks was returning from the front along the narrow Highway 5 of the Cagayan Valley. An enemy force had infiltrated our lines the previous night and had established machine guns along the side of the road. As the first truck of the convoy approached the area of the ambush, the enemy fired heavy concentrations of fire into the convoy. The first truck burst into flames at once, killing the driver and wounding the assistant driver. Private KOCIOLKO, a truck driver, leaped from his vehicle and went to the aid of the wounded assistant driver, and carried him to a depression at the side of the road. The quick action and courage on the part of Private KOCIOLKO were instrumental in saving the wounded man's life. Home address: Mr. Steve Kociollo, Father, 1720 Rockwell Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN A. LINDQUIST, 37031170, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 July 1945 near Imaad, Luzon Philippine Islands, Private LINDQUIST, an 81mm mortar gunner, volunteered to help evacuate the wounded from a forward rifle company to which he was attached. On the return trip, the carrying party of which he was a member was fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon. He immediately gave orders to take cover, and with disregard for his own safety, crept through thick undergrowth to an advantageous position from which he silenced the enemy gun. He then reorganized the carrying party and proceeded safely back to the aid station. Private LINDQUIST'S display of heroism and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Beulah Lindquist, Wife, Bovey, Minnesota.

Sergeant ADAM A. LENZ, 37031010, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 July 1945 near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, as his platoon advanced through a thick bamboo grove, Sergeant LENZ and two of his men were designated outguards for the platoon. As the advance continued, Sergeant LENZ heard activity not far from his right. Upon investigating, he discovered a squad of enemy mortar men attempting to bring fire upon his platoon. He acted instantly, attacked the enemy position, destroyed the mortar, and killed the entire enemy squad. The quick thinking and courage displayed by Sergeant LENZ were largely responsible for the safety of his platoon and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank Lenz, Father, Box 253, Perham, Minnesota.



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Private First Class CURTIS H. MOSELY, 33518678, Infantry, United States Army. On 15 June 1945 near Lumb, Luzon, Philippine Islands during a concentrated enemy attack on the left flank of his company's perimeter, Private MOSELY, a rifleman, observed an enemy convoy about four miles to his front. Knowing the importance of this information to his company commander, he crawled forward under the intense machine gun, grenade and rifle fire and informed the artillery observer of the position of the enemy convoy. He then forwarded the information to his company commander. A short time later an intense barrage was laid down which completely demolished the enemy convoy. The following day it was discovered that seven enemy vehicles, ammunition, one field piece and a great number of small arms were destroyed as well as heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. Private MOSELY'S initiative and courage merit high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mamie Mosely, Wife, Lawrenceville, Virginia.

Private First Class LOUIS B. NICHOLS, 37075541, Infantry, United States Army. During a drive over rugged terrain near Bagabag, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 June 1945, the company of which Private NICHOLS, mortar gunner, is a member was pinned down by fierce machine gun and sniper fire directed from enemy held high ground. The enemy, supported by automatic fire, was staging a counter-attack. Realizing the urgent need of rapid and accurate mortar fire, Private NICHOLS, unhesitatingly, rushed his gun to a position from which, by direct observation, he was able to concentrate a volume of effective mortar fire upon the advancing and supporting elements of the enemy. Though under constant enemy machine gun fire, he maintained this position and continued to deliver accurate fire upon the enemy until the counter-attack had been broken and the enemy put to rout. Home address: Mr. Dave A. Nichols, Father, Route 3, Dixon, Missouri.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. PEARCE, 34084583, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Sergeant PEARCE, a rifleman, was instrumental in repulsing an enemy counter-attack launched against the defensive perimeter of his company in the early morning hours of 15 January 1945 near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the thick of the enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant PEARCE left his position to obtain additional hand grenades in an effort to repulse the enemy who threatened to break through. Crawling a distance of twenty yards through the enemy machine gun fire and knee mortar explosions, he secured ammunition and hand grenades from his squad leader. He returned to his position through the same heavy fire over terrain illuminated by small enemy flares which completely exposed him to the view of the enemy. He threw several of the hand grenades, but the enemy machine gun continued firing only a short distance from the perimeter. He then threw a white phosphorous grenade which silenced the enemy machine gun. Home address: Mrs. Rosie L. Pearce, Mother, Route #1, Surrency, Georgia.

Private First Class ALVIN DISCIUMERI, 39598027, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 June 1945, while his company moved along the narrow passes of the Cagayan Valley, Private DISCIUMERI was acting first scout on a combat patrol. His squad was fired upon by three enemy riflemen. He immediately killed the three enemy with his M-1 rifle. As he crawled down a steep incline, he observed a woman and two children near a cave.

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As he moved forward to help them, a desperate enemy soldier ran toward the cave carrying a hand grenade. He killed the Japanese and transported the woman safely back to his squad. Private PISCIONE'S heroic action is a credit to the military service and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Constanta Piscione, Mother, 722 East Long Avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RICHARD C. RUSSELL, 37009367, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 1 July 1945 the rifle company in which Sergeant RUSSELL was an automatic rifleman was engaged in assaulting a high ridge occupied by the enemy in great numbers near Bolog, Luzon, Philippine Islands. As the company moved up the hill, it was met with withering machine gun and small arms fire coming from high ground. The company commander realized that his men were pocketed by a force of Japanese in greater strength than had been expected. The company had no alternative but to withdraw. Sergeant RUSSELL'S platoon was given the mission of covering the withdrawal. The platoon moved out on the company's flanks where it had little cover from the enemy fire, but, at the same time could lay fire upon the enemy positions and pin the Japanese down. Sergeant RUSSELL'S squad leader was wounded and Sergeant RUSSELL took command of the squad. He immediately set about evacuating the wounded man as there were no aid men available. Crawling forward, he roped his squad leader and dragged him back to a cover position. He then had two of his men carry him to safety while he returned to the scene of action. There he resumed his position, firing on the enemy and pinning them down until given the order to withdraw. Home address: Mr. Louis E. Russell, Father, Billings, Missouri.

Private First Class LEO SHARP, 37066074, Infantry, United States Army. On 16 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a convoy of ration trucks was returning from the front along a narrow highway in the Cagayan Valley. During the night the enemy had infiltrated through our lines and established well concealed machine gun positions along the side of the road. As the convoy approached the ambush, the enemy opened fire. The lead truck of the convoy burst into flames. The truck driver was killed and his assistant driver seriously wounded. Private SHARP immediately brought his vehicle into position to bring fire upon the enemy. He fired heavy concentrations of bullets into the surrounding area, killing all the enemy and successfully eliminating the enemy ambush. Seeing a wounded soldier ahead, he immediately went to his aid and then transported the wounded man back to a rear area. Home address: Mrs. Vera Sharp, Mother, Route #1, Nevada, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. ZODY, 36344340, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 15 July 1945 near Kiangna, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant ZODY and two other members of his squad were stationed as outposts for his platoon. Advancing through a bamboo thicket, Sergeant ZODY heard activity not far to his front. He moved forward to investigate. Upon discovering an enemy mortar squad of five men attempting to bring fire on his platoon, Sergeant ZODY and his two squad members attacked them. Armed only with hand grenades Sergeant ZODY and his two companions destroyed the enemy mortar and killed the entire enemy squad. Sergeant ZODY'S destruction of the enemy mortar squad was directly responsible for the safety of his platoon. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant ZODY are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. Bert Zody, Father, 5691 Northwest Highway, Chicago, Illinois.

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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 Bill 3 70 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:

Sergeant WILLIAM E. ALLEMANG, JR., 33669145, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. At Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945, Sergeant ALLEMANG'S platoon was pinned down for several hours by mortar and enfilading small arms fire. Sergeant ALLEMANG, voluntarily and alone, worked his way forward under heavy sniper fire. By his excellent scouting and accurate estimation of the enemy situation, he contributed much to the taking of objective. Later he initiated mopping-up operations and with his automatic rifle team destroyed enemy sniper positions which were delaying the advance of an adjacent company. His aggressive action in the face of enemy fire enabled his company and the adjacent company to effect a junction which materially improved the tactical situation and at the same time relieved a serious supply problem. Sergeant ALLEMANG'S courage and loyal devotion to duty merit high praise. Home address: Mrs. Pauline Allemang, Mother, 2941 Willet Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CARL B. BELL, 39284929, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cagayan Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 June 1945, a rifle platoon was assigned the mission of holding an important position recently taken from the enemy. During a determined enemy counterattack, the platoon found itself desperately short of ammunition and grenades. The platoon leader asked for a volunteer to return to the company command post and return with ammunition. Private BELL volunteered to do so. He crawled under intense enemy machine gun fire until he reached a partly covered route over which he could move faster with only snipers shooting at him. He succeeded in reaching the command post and secured the much needed ammunition. He then led a carrying party back to the platoon. It was largely through Private BELL'S courageous action that the platoon was able to beat off the enemy counterattack and hold its position. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, Mother, 776 West 25th Street, San Pedro, California.

*Amended to read "Silver Star" by Lt 223-4/10/45*  
First Lieutenant JULES F. BILLARD, 01011799, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Amantog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 August 1945, Lieutenant BILLARD accompanied by two squads went far into enemy territory to negotiate with Japanese forces for their surrender. The Japanese had previously

refused to surrender to Filipino troops. During the trip considerable firing broke out in the vicinity, posing grave doubts concerning Japanese intentions. The group was halted several times and threatened near the outskirts of Amduntog; however, Lieutenant BILLARD fearlessly continued on his mission and entered the town which was full of armed enemy troops. Lieutenant BILLARD remained for three hours in the town, negotiating with the Japanese forces. The negotiations broke down because of the hostility and obstinacy of the Japanese. Despite the fact that at any time after the group entered enemy-occupied territory, the entire group could have been annihilated by vastly superior enemy forces, Lieutenant BILLARD fearlessly led his troops to the enemy stronghold and refused to leave until the unwillingness of the Japanese to capitulate made further negotiation hopeless. Lieutenant BILLARD'S courage and devotion to duty in the face of great hazards reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie B. Billard, Wife, 3119 Sequoia Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY D. HALPEL, 35125622, Infantry, United States Army. In the Santa Cruz Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 June 1945, Sergeant HALPEL, an 81mm mortar squad leader attached to a rifle company, occupied a dug-in position in the center of the company defensive perimeter. When the perimeter position came under heavy machine gun fire supporting an enemy assault, Sergeant HALPEL moved over open terrain to an exposed position from which he could direct mortar fire. Ignoring the danger to himself, Sergeant HALPEL quickly and accurately directed mortar fire on the enemy machine guns, obtaining direct hits on two gun positions. Deprived of their support fire, the enemy assault forces were unwilling to continue the attack and were quickly repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor Hampel, Mother, 2415 Central Avenue, Middletown, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant NORMAN HANEY, 35125297, Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madres Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945, Sergeant HANEY, an observer for an 81mm mortar section, was with a forward rifle company. At approximately 2000 hours the enemy launched a vicious attack on the perimeter defended by the company. As the enemy moved forward in attack, Sergeant HANEY exposed himself to enemy small arms, mortar and grenade fire in order to direct mortar fire on the hostile troops. He continued to hold his precarious position, bringing friendly mortar fire to within twenty-five yards of his own position as the attack advanced. After laying the mortar fire, he left his position, continuing to expose himself without thought of his own safety, in order to load clips with ammunition taken from machine gun belts and distribute them to the riflemen defending the perimeter. Sergeant HANEY'S initiative and courage under fire contributed much to the repulse of the strong enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Lulu Haney, Mother, Payton, Kentucky.

Private First Class RAY B. HEILMAN, 33944198, Infantry, United States Army. In the Caraballo Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 August 1945, as a member of a reserve company, Private HEILMAN volunteered to lead a carrying party to a forward company with badly needed mortar ammunition. Before it had reached the front lines, the party was pinned down by machine gun fire. Private HEILMAN, despite intense machine gun fire, crawled forward to deliver his

ammunition which was promptly used to knock out the enemy gun. The remainder of the carrying party were then able to proceed forward with their ammunition. Private HELLMAN'S courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men he led and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Hellman, Wife, RFD #1, Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

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\* First Lieutenant FRANK E. HURAY, 01291122, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Andantog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 August 1945, Lieutenant HURAY led a platoon deep into enemy-occupied territory to contact Japanese forces and demand their surrender. Despite the fact that the platoon was entering hostile territory, infested by large groups of the enemy who might have, due to ignorance of cessation of hostilities or obstinate hatred, surrounded and destroyed Lieutenant HURAY'S platoon, Lieutenant HURAY unhesitatingly led his troops forward. He ignored small groups of enemy troops, some openly hostile, and contacted enemy headquarters. Although threatened by some groups of Japanese and ordered to leave Andantog, Lieutenant HURAY refused to do so and remained to complete his mission. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Susan Huray, Mother, 419 2d Street, Blakely, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant ROBERT A. KESTING, JR., 39160855 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. At Dayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 March 1945, the company of which Sergeant KESTING is a member was subjected to a suicidal banzai attack while it was preparing defensive positions for the night. Sergeant KESTING, with complete disregard for his personal safety, repeatedly exposed himself to devastating enemy fire in order to redistribute ammunition which he had stripped from extra machine gun belts and loaded in ammunition clips. Casualties sustained by our troops during the fierce counterattack would undoubtedly have been more severe had not Sergeant KESTING risked his life and worked tirelessly to keep the troops adequately supplied with ammunition. His courageous action played an important part in the repulse of the enemy and was an inspiration to all the men of his company. Home address: Mr. Robert A. Kesting, Father, Oxnard, California.

First Lieutenant FRANK C. MERKLER, 01293293, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945, Lieutenant MERKLER led his platoon across open terrain offering very little cover in an attack on an enemy position about four hundred yards to his front. Before several of his men were wounded by devastating machine gun fire in the course of the advance, Lieutenant MERKLER moved to each man to administer first aid. After caring for the wounded, he led elements of his platoon in a flanking attack on the enemy position. By neutralizing the enemy machine gun fire, it was possible to continue the advance. Just as the enemy objective was reached, Lieutenant MERKLER fell wounded with both legs broken by machine gun fire. Despite the gravity of his wounds, he continued to direct his platoon for two hours after being wounded, up to the moment he was evacuated. His courageous leadership and calm performance of duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ann Merkler, Wife, East Frarie, Missouri.

Private First Class JOSEPH S. PALERMO, 38197149, Infantry, United States Army. In the Caraballo Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 August 1945, Private PALERMO'S company had been given the mission of knocking out a well fortified enemy position in the path of a battalion advance. As his company moved forward against the enemy, hostile machine gun and rifle fire pinned down the members of his mortar squad. During the action when the supply of mortar ammunition was running low, Private PALERMO volunteered to fetch more ammunition. He crawled down a slope exposed to enemy fire and returned with a new supply of ammunition. His squad was then able to place a heavy volume of fire on the enemy, making it possible for his company to maneuver to a more favorable position. Private PALERMO'S courageous action was largely responsible for the success of his company's mission with a minimum loss of men and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Louise Palermo, Mother, 2629 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD F. ROGERS, 01328524, Infantry, United States Army. In the Kiangang area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 August 1945, Lieutenant ROGERS was serving as mortar observer for a section of 81mm mortars that were attached to a rifle company. An assault platoon of the rifle company was held up by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire as it moved forward against enemy positions. Lieutenant ROGERS voluntarily went forward with the leading scouts of the assault platoon to reach an advantageous position of observation from which he directed mortar fire against the enemy. He immediately became a target for the enemy. Although he was warned to take cover, with utter disregard for his own safety, he continued to expose himself to the enemy fire in order to continue to direct mortar fire. His accurate fire direction enabled the mortar section to destroy the enemy positions and the rifle company was able to take its objective with the minimum amount of delay and casualties. The heroic action of Lieutenant ROGERS inspired all the men with whom he served and is a distinct credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edward Rogers, Wife, 4631 Richardson Avenue, Bronx 66, New York.

Private First Class JAMES PERRY ROSE, 35743358, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 August 1945, Private ROSE'S platoon came under heavy machine gun fire while engaged in an attack of a strong enemy hill position. Two men were wounded by the machine gun fire and were cut off from the rest of the platoon by the intense hostile fire. Private ROSE, despite the danger from the enemy fire, voluntarily crawled forward to reach the two wounded men. He pulled them back, one at a time, over more than twenty yards of exposed ground to a covered position. He then administered first aid to the wounded and later helped evacuate them over a route that was under sniper fire. Private ROSE'S courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mittie W. Rose, Mother, Route #3, Box 75, Fairview, West Virginia.

Private First Class EDWARD J. SWINDERMAN, 35617094, Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Kiangang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 August 1945 during an attack on an enemy position, Private SWINDERMAN'S squad leader was wounded and had to be evacuated. Private SWINDERMAN immediately assumed command

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and led his squad in a flanking movement against the enemy. Leaving his squad in a covering position, Private SWINDERMANN, alone, rushed an enemy emplacement and killed two Japanese and knocked out their automatic weapon. This heroic action on his part enabled his platoon to move forward and reach its objective. Private SWINDERMANN'S courageous leadership was an inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Mercedes Swinderman, Wife, 270 Virginia Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class VERNON F. TULLOCK, 37047619, Infantry, United States Army. Near Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945, the rifle company of which Private TULLOCK was a member was digging-in for the night after making a long advance during the day which cost a large number of men and expended most of its ammunition. When the enemy staged a fierce counter-attack against the defensive perimeter of the company, Private TULLOCK, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily moved through intense mortar and machine gun fire to a position on the company's flank. By firing point-blank at the enemy until his ammunition was gone and then continuing the defense with hand grenades, he killed seven of the enemy. His courage was in large part responsible for the successful defense of his sector of the perimeter. Home address: Mr. Samuel E. Tullock, Father, Box 16, Bergrado, Missouri.

Private First Class ELMOR J. VIGIL, 37035859, Infantry, United States Army. Private VIGIL was serving as a member of a heavy machine gun squad defending a road block near Santiago, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 June 1945. During the night under the cover of a heavy rain, a patrol of twenty Japanese attacked the road block. The enemy were able to approach within a few yards of Private VIGIL'S machine gun because the noise made by their approach was smothered by the heavy rainfall. Upon detecting the Japanese just as they were about to overrun his gun, Private VIGIL immediately cut loose with his machine gun and killed several of the enemy. As soon as he opened fire, the enemy concentrated their fire on him and also threw grenades at his position. Despite the enemy fire, he remained at his gun and placed a continuous stream of fire on the enemy force until all had been killed or driven off. The next day fourteen enemy dead were counted directly in front of his gun. Private VIGIL'S alertness and great courage prevented any casualties amongst our troops, and at the same time, enabled a small friendly force to hold an important road block. Home address: Mrs. Polley Martinez, Mother, Box 282, Mora, New Mexico.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant FRANCIS H. ASHFORD, 37035559, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO C, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 91, dated 30 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:

Technical Sergeant FRANCIS H. ASHFORD, 37035559, Infantry, United States Army. Near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 August 1945,



the rifle platoon of which Sergeant ASHFORD is platoon sergeant was engaged in an assault against a steep and well fortified enemy hill position. Because of the enemy's superior position, it was essential that any further movement be covered by a smoke screen. Earlier, the platoon's radio had been knocked out by enemy fire which prevented Sergeant ASHFORD calling for smoke by radio. Ordering his platoon to remain in covered positions, Sergeant ASHFORD, under heavy machine gun and sniper fire, collected all available smoke grenades from his platoon. Crawling forward he threw the smoke grenades and formed a sufficient screen for the platoon to advance under cover of the smoke. Before the smoke screen had lifted, another radio was brought up and was used to direct artillery fire. A short time later the platoon successfully took the enemy-held ridge without incurring any casualties. The courageous action of Sergeant ASHFORD was an important factor in the successful attack and reflects distinct credit upon him and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ellen McClain, Sister, Leon, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major THOMAS A. BARR, 0386092, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 101, dated 9 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:

Major THOMAS A. BARR, 0386092, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Lamat, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 August 1945 to 31 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther H. Barr, Mother, 1546 Parker, Wichita, Kansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT F. GARRETTSON, JR., 0293316, by the Commanding General, 5th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section III, General Orders No. 41, dated 30 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT F. GARRETTSON, JR., 0293316, 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 13 June 1945 to 1 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Garrettson, Wife, 209 Chicago Boulevard, Sea Girt, New Jersey.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Sergeant LEONARD J. LODICO, 32835241, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 18, dated 5 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 LEONARD J. LODICO, 32835246, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Hucab, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 July 1945. Sergeant LODICO, acting platoon leader, led his platoon in an attack against a strongly-held enemy position, defended by an estimated twenty-five Japanese armed with rifles, light machine guns and knee mortars. During the peak of the action, one man was seriously wounded and the platoon became disorganized. Quickly reorganizing his platoon, Sergeant LODICO then moved under the intense enemy fire and carried the wounded man to a position where first aid could be administered. He then led his platoon in a resumption of the assault which was materially important in the subsequent taking of his company's objective. Sergeant LODICO'S courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Home address: Mr. Peter Lodico, Father, 39 Rohr Street, Rochester, New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CLARENCE J. REBOULET, 35123983, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 35, dated 26 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:

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE J. REBOULET, 35123983, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 July 1945, a rifle company advancing on an enemy-held hill came under intense machine gun and sniper fire and two platoons of the company were pinned down. Sergeant REBOULET, section leader of a mortar squad, worked his way forward through the intense concentration of enemy fire and located an enemy machine gun nest. Sergeant REBOULET from his newly-won position directed accurate mortar fire and knocked out the enemy position, enabling the two platoons to continue their advance. His company's successful completion of its mission was largely a result of Sergeant REBOULET'S initiative and courageous devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn Reboulet, 1620 Emmons Street, Dayton, Ohio.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CHESTER M. REINER, 35023073, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant CHESTER M. REINER, 35023073, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 June 1945, a rifle company of which Sergeant REINER is a member was counterattacked by the enemy near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. After several hours of continuous firing, a rifle platoon adjoining a machine gun section was forced to withdraw because of a

shortage of ammunition. The machine gun section was left unprotected on the flank. One Japanese, taking advantage of the situation, crawled toward the gun and seriously wounded the gunner. Sergeant REMNER opened fire on the Japanese and killed him instantly. Then he moved the wounded gunner to a place where first aid could be administered. After he had taken care of the wounded man, he returned to the machine gun position and proceeded to pour a heavy volume of fire into the enemy. The heroic action of Sergeant REMNER forced the Japanese to retreat and our lines of defense remained intact. His courage and intense devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dora Renner, Mother, 1244 Home Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant WOODROW W. SHIPP, 38057022, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 19, dated 6 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 WOODROW W. SHIPP, 38057022, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 12 August 1945, Sergeant SHIPP'S mortar section was deployed to cover the likely approaches of an expected enemy counterattack. When darkness had set in, the enemy commenced infiltrating in preparation for a banzai charge. Noting the principal route used by the infiltrating enemy, Sergeant SHIPP left his own position with a machine gun section and crawled through small arms fire and flying grenade fragments to one of the 60mm mortar positions with the intention of moving the mortar to a better position. With the assistance of his mortar section leader, Sergeant SHIPP dismantled the mortar. Taking only the tube, he crawled to a point where the most effective fire could be directed on the gathering enemy force. Without a sight and hampered by darkness, he laid down an accurate mortar barrage that fell into the main body of the enemy troops. This sudden and unexpected mortar barrage completely demoralized the enemy and repulsed the enemy attack. So skillfully did Sergeant SHIPP fire the mortar that at times he brought the barrage to within twenty-five yards of our perimeter without injury to his own men. His courageous aggressiveness was largely responsible for the successful defense of the perimeter and discouraged the enemy from attempting any further infiltration or attacks during the remainder of the night. Home address: Mrs. Ruby L. Shipp, Wife, 5433 Kiam Street, Houston, Texas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant IERLE H. VANDERWERF, 37071165, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 35, dated 26 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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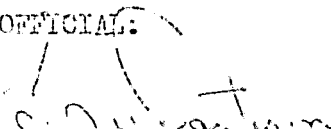
Technical Sergeant ADOLF H. VANDERWERF, 37071165, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 July 1945 as his company advanced along Highway 4 toward Mangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, an attacking platoon was halted by intense sniper fire which threatened to hold up the entire offensive in the area. The enemy controlled commanding ground and had excellent observation of our forces. Sergeant VANDERWERF, platoon leader of a weapons platoon, moved forward under the intense fire to take up a position affording excellent observation but no cover from which he directed mortar fire against the well entrenched enemy force. So accurate was the mortar barrage which he placed on the enemy, that he forced them to abandon their positions. The platoon that had been pinned down was again able to continue its advance and the company achieved its ultimate objective with a minimum of delay. Sergeant VANDERWERF'S courageous aggressiveness contributed much to the success of the operation and is a credit to him and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Vanderwerf, Mather, Pender, Nebraska.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant ANDREW E. WILLIAMSON, 37065901, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 62, dated 30 April 1945, a bronze Cal-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 10 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant ANDREW E. WILLIAMSON, 37065901, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 June 1945 near Payawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant WILLIAMSON, a squad leader of a mortar squad, was attached to a motorized patrol advancing up Highway 4. The patrol suddenly ran into a Japanese ambush that halted the advance. Upon seeing that the forward vehicles of the patrol were under heavy machine gun fire, Sergeant WILLIAMSON voluntarily worked his way forward along a ditch despite the enemy fire which continually struck about him. He successfully located the enemy position and then crawled back under the intense machine gun fire and set up his mortar. He placed such a heavy volume of mortar fire on the enemy position that it was quickly and completely knocked out, enabling the patrol to continue moving forward along the highway. Sergeant WILLIAMSON'S courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Williamson, Mather, Grubbs, Arkansas.

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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 (Cull 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 **ELMER W. BERN**, 02023632, Infantry, United States Army. Southwest of Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 August 1945 when an attack by his company was held up by strong enemy resistance, Lieutenant BERN preceded his platoon up a hill which was his company objective. Upon reaching the top of the hill, he immediately began searching for enemy positions. By his aggressive action he surprised five of the enemy hidden behind a large rock and killed all five of them. Then as his platoon began arriving, Lieutenant BERN directed the deployment of his platoon to secure the hill. While so doing, one of his men was wounded by enemy rifle fire. Lieutenant BERN, without thought of his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded man. Just as he reached the wounded man, Lieutenant BERN was himself wounded by an enemy hand grenade; nevertheless, he carried the wounded man to safety. Through his gallantry, inspiring leadership and high devotion to duty, Lieutenant BERN was able to take an assigned objective without loss of life. Home address: Mrs. Margaret G. Berr, Wife, Truer, Iowa.

Private First Class **KAYMOND G. BOWMAN, JR.**, 35466555, Infantry, United States Army. At Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945 when his platoon was pinned down by fire from an enemy dug-in tank position, Private BOWMAN crawled forward more than fifty yards over exposed ground to bring bazooka fire on the enemy. Reaching a point less than one hundred yards from the dug-in tank, he fired three rounds from his bazooka into the enemy strong point and succeeded in knocking out the tank and killing its occupants. Private BOWMAN'S gallant action merits high praise. Home address: Mrs. Maude L. Bowman, Mother, 1652 Carroll Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sergeant **JOHN T. EDWARDS**, 35208078, Infantry, United States Army. At Mount Puloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 August 1945, Sergeant EDWARDS and his heavy machine gun squad were attached to an infantry company for the night. At about 0200 hours an enemy attack was made against the company defensive perimeter, subjecting the men to heavy grenade and machine gun fire. When one man was killed and two others wounded at their machine gun, Sergeant EDWARDS left the safety of his foxhole and raced to the gun position. He resumed fire with the machine gun and materially aided in repelling the attack. The enemy withdrew to a concealed position. Sergeant EDWARDS detected their voices and the sound of a machine gun being set into position. Once again he left the protection of his foxhole. Taking a white phosphorous grenade, he crawled forward and located the enemy who were

regrouping for a second attack. He threw the grenade and so surprised the enemy that they withdrew completely and a second attack was averted. Home address: Mrs. Lou Edwards, Mother, Tunnelton, West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant BERNARD M. HIGGINS, 37057952, Infantry, United States Army. Near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945, Sergeant HIGGINS' company was held up by flanking machine gun fire from an enemy cave position on an adjacent hill. Seeing that this enemy fire would inflict heavy casualties, Sergeant HIGGINS took three men and moved against the strongpoint. Leaving the men in positions from which they could give him supporting fire, he continued forward alone. With utter disregard for his own safety, he pushed aggressively forward and despite the barrage of grenades thrown at him by the enemy, succeeded in getting into a position from which he could charge the cave. He rushed forward and destroyed the enemy position with fragmentation grenades, killing five enemy and capturing a machine gun and a large amount of equipment and supplies. Sergeant HIGGINS' valiant action at great peril to himself permitted his company to continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. Virginia L. Higgins, Wife, 3026-A Utah Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant GERALD L. KLINE, 0520750, Field Artillery, United States Army. During operations on Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant KLINE, while on an aerial patrol mission on 17 March 1945, received information that enemy artillery fire was falling on our troops. Lieutenant KLINE flew to the vicinity of Ipo Dam, the suspected source of the artillery fire, although he knew that enemy anti-aircraft weapons of all types were concentrated in that area. While searching for hostile artillery positions, Lieutenant KLINE, in his slow liaison plane, received seven rounds of heavy anti-aircraft fire. Without regard for his own safety, he continued to search the area until he was forced to land and re-fuel. After locating several possible artillery positions, Lieutenant KLINE adjusted artillery fire on them, even though he was constantly under fire from enemy anti-aircraft and small arms. Lieutenant KLINE'S exemplary devotion to duty is worthy of the highest praise. Home address: Mr. Fred W. Kline, Father, Glidden, Iowa.

Captain MARVIN F. LECHER, 01821002, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 17 January 1945 Captain LECHER was assigned the mission of locating enemy positions in the vicinity of Urdanetta, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On this mission it was necessary to fly at a dangerously low altitude in order to determine the extent of enemy installations. Although he was fired on by enemy machine guns, Captain LECHER completed his mission. On 31 January 1945, while on a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Cabanatuan for the purpose of determining the condition of a river bridge, vital to the movement of our troops and supplies, Captain LECHER received small arms fire in the right wing of his plane. Without regard for his own safety, he continued to fly in this area until he could accurately determine the condition of the bridge. Again on 16 March 1945, Captain LECHER, while attempting to locate enemy artillery positions which were known to be in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, received heavy anti-aircraft fire. Knowing that our troops were being fired upon by enemy artillery at the time, Captain LECHER displayed exemplary devotion to duty by remaining in the area and taking likely enemy artillery positions. Captain LECHER'S actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Lecher, Mother, Primghar, Iowa

First Lieutenant JOE P. MARTINEZ, 92027410, (then Second Lieutenant) Infantry, United States Army. Near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945, after leading his platoon in a successful assault on a strongly defended hill Lieutenant MARTINEZ and his men were subjected to a devastating 120mm mortar concentration which caused several casualties. Realizing their position was untenable Lieutenant MARTINEZ ordered the platoon to withdraw to a ravine on the reverse slope of a hill. Before leaving, he was stopping to see that all the wounded had been evacuated when he saw a severely wounded man on the forward slope of the hill. With complete disregard for his own safety, he dashed across the crest and dragged the wounded man back to a comparatively safe position where he could administer first aid. After the enemy fire had abated, he carried the man back to a position from where he could be evacuated. Lieutenant MARTINEZ'S outstanding leadership and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Teresa M. Martinez, Wife, 622 Elder Court, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Second Lieutenant HAROLD M. McFARLING, 02023437, Infantry, United States Army. On 26 March 1945 near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant MC FARLING led his platoon forward in an attack which was halted by enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Despite personal danger, Lieutenant MC FARLING continued to move forward through heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to a position from which he could direct artillery fire. The enemy positions were destroyed by our artillery. He then reorganized his platoon and secured the objective. His gallant action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. John A. McFarling, Mother, Backus, Minnesota.

Private First Class CHARLES R. MC INERNEY, 36546932, Infantry, United States Army. Near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945 during an attack against an enemy held hill, Private MC INERNEY'S company was stopped by automatic fire from a series of enemy pillboxes. Despite heavy mortar and small arms fire directed at his vehicle, Private MC INERNEY volunteered to lead a 105mm self-propelled mount forward to destroy the enemy positions. Placing himself in front of the self-propelled mount, he boldly advanced on the enemy and succeeded in directing the destruction of three enemy machine guns, killed eleven of the enemy and forced the remaining enemy to flee. His gallant action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. John T. McInerney, Father, 1339 Gage Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Captain WALTER J. D. MC NEIL, 0417776, Infantry, United States Army. At Pandatog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 August 1945, Captain MC NEIL'S company during an attack over difficult terrain came under withering enemy machine gun fire. Captain MC NEIL, realizing the demoralizing effect of this type of fire, instantly ordered his 60mm mortar section into action. Then, with complete disregard for his own safety, he moved through a hail of enemy fire to an exposed position from which he directed deadly mortar fire on at least two enemy machine guns. The reduction of the enemy weapons relieved the pressure on the assaulting platoons. In the reorganization phase of this attack, Captain MC NEIL repeatedly crossed enemy fire lanes in the process of directing his platoons into their sectors in order to form a tenable defense. Captain MC NEIL'S courageous and aggressive actions on this important mission exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nelle C. McNeil, Wife, Blairsville, Georgia.

Private First Class TRINIDAD R. PADILLA, 39139798, Infantry, United States Army. Near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945 when his company was subjected to a heavy barrage of 150mm mortar fire which killed or wounded many men, Private PADILLA crawled to a companion who had been hit by a shell fragment and administered first aid. Disregarding his personal safety, he began dragging the wounded man to the rear. Private PADILLA then picked up the wounded man and started carrying him rapidly across an exposed hillside to a point from which he could be evacuated. As Private PADILLA neared the safety of a draw, an enemy shell exploded nearby, wounding him in the hip and knocking him down. Despite his wound Private PADILLA dragged the wounded man to safety before caring for his own wound. His courageous action under hostile fire reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Marcelina Padilla, Sister, General Delivery, Crockett, California.

Staff Sergeant JAMES B. PATTERSON, 35688294, Infantry, United States Army. Near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945 while reorganizing his squad after his company was forced to withdraw when subjected to a murderous concentration of enemy artillery, tank, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant PATTERSON learned that one of his men had been seriously wounded and lay where he had fallen. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant PATTERSON immediately started forward with one other member of his squad to rescue the wounded man. As he ran and crawled forward he was subjected to a hail of machine gun fire, one burst of which tore a pocket off his trousers. Undaunted, he crawled on. Upon reaching his wounded comrade, he administered first aid and then started the slow and tedious process of evacuation. Despite great personal risk from continuous enemy fire, Sergeant PATTERSON brought the wounded man to a place of comparative safety from which evacuation could be made. His gallant action in the face of almost certain death reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Wolly V. Patterson, Mother, 835 East Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant JACK POLIKOFF, 37019416, Infantry, United States Army. Near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945, Sergeant POLIKOFF, who was with the leading elements of his company, came under heavy frontal and flank fire from well camouflaged, dug-in enemy tanks. Despite the enemy fire, Sergeant POLIKOFF continued the advance and discovered the location of the tank which was firing into his company. Alternately creeping and crawling to an exposed position, he destroyed, by effective rifle grenade fire, the enemy tank along with its five occupants and caused three supporting tanks to withdraw. Sergeant POLIKOFF'S aggressive and courageous action was a source of inspiration to his company and reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. F. Folikoff, Mother, 903 Irving Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Corporal GEORGE D. THOMPSON, 38307850, Medical Department, United States Army. On 8 August 1945 near Ifugao, Luzon, Philippine Islands when a soldier of the company to which Corporal THOMPSON was attached was wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Corporal THOMPSON worked his way forward under heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire to the wounded man. While bandaging the wounded man, Corporal THOMPSON was attacked by three Japanese who were armed with rifles and grenades.



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Unwilling to abandon a wounded comrade, Corporal THOMPSON seized the wounded man's rifle and killed two of the Japanese and drove the other to cover. He then proceeded to evacuate the wounded man to our lines. His cool courage in the face of great odds and his determination to defend a wounded comrade even at the sacrifice of his own life reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lela Thompson, Mother, Troup, Texas.

Staff Sergeant PAUL F. TOSSAVA, 36122414, Infantry, United States Army. Near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945 while reorganizing his squad after his company was forced to withdraw when subjected to a murderous concentration of enemy artillery, tank, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant TOSSAVA learned that one of his men had been seriously wounded and lay where he had fallen. With complete disregard for his own safety, he immediately started forward with a member of his squad to rescue the wounded man. As he ran and crawled forward he was subjected to a hail of machine gun fire, one burst of which threw dirt in his face, temporarily blinding him. After clearing his eyes, Sergeant TOSSAVA gallantly continued to push forward and, upon reaching his wounded comrade, administered first aid and then started the slow and tedious process of evacuation. Despite the great personal risk from continuous enemy fire, Sergeant TOSSAVA brought the wounded man to a place of comparative safety from which evacuation could be made. His gallant action in the face of almost certain death reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Tossava, Mother, Box 33, Kearsarge, Michigan.

Sergeant CALISTRO M. VELASQUEZ, 39715772, Infantry, United States Army. Near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945, Sergeant VELASQUEZ, a gunner on a light machine gun, assisted greatly in repulsing three night counter-attacks against his outpost. Early in the morning the enemy again attacked his position, determined to neutralize his gun. Although he was wounded in the neck by enemy grenade fragments, he remained at his gun and continued to fire on the enemy until the attack had been repulsed. After being treated by an aid man, he returned to his gun and refused to be replaced until morning. Sergeant VELASQUEZ'S courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Maria Velasquez, Mother, 1405 West Broadway, Anaheim, California.

Technical Sergeant HERBERT J. WESOLOWSKI, 33101787, Infantry, United States Army. Near Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 June 1945 when his platoon was held up by hostile machine gun fire, Sergeant WESOLOWSKI immediately deployed his men to cover both flanks. After designating the target with tracers, he crept forward under covering fire, with complete disregard for his own safety, and threw a white phosphorous grenade which failed to rout the enemy. Again he crawled forward despite the enemy fire and threw a second grenade. Three enemy soldiers rushed out of their positions at close range and Sergeant WESOLOWSKI killed all of them with rifle fire before they could reach cover. His courage and aggressiveness in this action permitted his platoon to continue on its mission and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Wesołowski, Mother, 717 Indiana Avenue, Glassport, Pennsylvania.

**Section II - Awards of Bronze Star Medal**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 1 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:

First Lieutenant TRAPIER K. BROYLES, 01293005, Infantry, United States Army. In the Payawan-Kiangan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 June 1945 to 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances L. Broyles, Wife, 1715 Beechwood Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

First Sergeant MAURICE S. BUNESS, 39206402, (then Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Miss Martha Buness, Aunt, Doran, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant ZINA M. CULP, 02060592, (then First Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles W. Culp, Father, 1324 13th Street, Woodward, Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade DONALD C. DAVIDSON, 39712467, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 April 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane A. Davidson, Wife, 7231 Draper Street, La Jolla, California.

Private First Class HAROLD KELCH, 36122380, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mr. George E. Kelch, Father, RR #61, Silverwood, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant THEODORE S. KUKLA, 35022986, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 July 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Kukla, Mother, 2310 Montclair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS M. MC MAHON, 37010721, Medical Department, United States Army. At Maffin Bay and Sansapor, New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 June 1944 to 31 August 1945. Home address: Mr. James P. McMahon, Father, Route #1, Kansas City, Kansas.

Sergeant FRED J. SLUPSKE, 17019308, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph B. Slupske, Father, 927 Haskell Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

Private First Class JULIAN O. TUTTLE, 32665362, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Tuttle, Wife, 75 Henry Avenue, Newburgh, New York.

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First Lieutenant ROBERT M. WILEY, O1107236, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruby E. Varnock, Mother, 1255 12th Street, Douglas, Arizona.

First Lieutenant FREDERICK P. WILLIAMS, O1116707, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. In the Cagayan Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 June 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sonia A. Williams, Wife, Aston Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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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 on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 August 1945 to 19 August 1945, is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers:

Captain ERNEST AFED, Philippine Army. Home address: Mrs. Maria Bayawe, Mother, Ankileng, Sagada, Luzon, Philippine Islands. ✓

Captain WILLIAM E. BURCH, Philippine Army. Home address: Mrs. Melchora M. Burch, Wife, 93 Dra. Salamanca Street, San Roque, Cavite City, Luzon, Philippine Islands. ✓

Captain ADRIANO DE LA CRUZ, Philippine Army. Home address: Mr. Juan de la Cruz, Father, Payombong, Luzon, Philippine Islands. ✓

Lieutenant Colonel RAFAEL PARGAS, Philippine Army. Home address: Mrs. Angelita P. Pargas, Wife, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands. ✓

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1945 (See II Full 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, 5th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant OBIE A. ADAMS, 34147718, (then Corporal), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Adams, Mother, Route 5, Union City, Tennessee.

Corporal PERL J. ADAM, 3607860, Corp. of Military Police, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances Boyd, Wife, 335 Madison Street, Hazareth, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant WILLIAM MASON, 39412221, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Daisy Beach, Wife, 929 20th Street, San Francisco 9, California.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM E. BAY, 37019604, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Andrew G. Bay, Father, 111 West 7th Street, Northfield, Minnesota.

Corporal WALTER W. COCHRAN, 36696512, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth E. Cochran, Wife, 6016 South West 1st Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM T. CREISANT, 37021561, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. In the vicinity of Maragna, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 June 1945 to 14 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John H. Creisant, Father, Route #2, Hubert, Kansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. DUNCAN, 34147312, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ross Duncan, Father, 59 Chestnut Street, Adrian, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. EVANS, 39202154, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Home address: Mr. William G. Evans, Father, 2219 Ferdinand Street, Seattle 8, Washington.

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✓ Corporal LUIS F. WHELAN, 33579325, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Gallagher, Mother, 2507 North 19th Street, Philadelphia 19, Pennsylvania.

✓ Technical Sergeant Grade ALLEN G. GOHLEN, 32134374, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fred B. Hart, Mother, 99 Main Street, Sabara, Luzon, P.I.

✓ Staff Sergeant DONALD W. WILKIN, 37019340, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 6 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles H. Kelly, Father, Excelsior, Minnesota.

✓ Technical Sergeant ALVIN L. NUTH, 37056049, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cagayan Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 June 1945 to 2 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph E. Nuth, Father, 4440 Lee Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class WYDELL KIMBLE, 55279011, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. I. E. Kimble, Mother, Suite 1, Central Station, West Philadelphia.

✓ Private Herbert LEO JAMES B. MACKLES, 0147663, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 August 1945 to 22 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. J. B. Mackles, Mother, 404 East 174th Street, Queens, New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant DONALD J. GUILST, 37030169, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cagayan Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Guilst, Mother, Iowa, Minnesota.

✓ Sergeant SAMUEL FRIEDL, 33720361, Infantry, United States Army. At Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Freda Fischer, Mother, 708 Moore Street, Philadelphia 40, Pennsylvania.

✓ Captain SAMUEL J. ALCOBI, 01692254, Medical Corps, United States Army. At Haffin Bay and Zamboanga, Mor Occina and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 June 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carmel Y. Alconi, Wife, 350 Bluff Hill Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

✓ First Lieutenant DONALD G. ROBBERS, 01797703, Corps of Military Engineers, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola L. Robbers, Wife, 520 1/2 Street North, Excelsior, Minnesota.

✓ Staff Sergeant WILLIAM WEBER, 37075334, Infantry, United States Army. At Donlichon Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert L. Weber, Father, 3116 Carlisle Avenue, Eastwood, Missouri.

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Technical Sergeant CHARLES J. SCHMIDLER, 37043527, Signal Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Chester J. Schneider, WAC, 217 Center Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM H. SCHULTZ, 37023076, Signal Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. C. W. Schultz, Father, Brandon, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade NORMAN O. SHILLINGSTAD, 37023063, Signal Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Herman Shillingstad, Wife, Box 56, St. James, Missouri.

Private First Class RICHARD C. SLIMMIS, 24771239, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 June 1945 to 1 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Richard C. Slimmings, Wife, 546 Benjamin Avenue, St. Grant Rapids, Michigan.

First Lieutenant JAMES H. SMITH, O110049, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 March 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth D. Smith, Wife, 6225 Gardenia Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DONALD L. SMIL, 36122343, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Tate, Mother, 426 East Myrtle Avenue, Flint, Michigan.

First Lieutenant JOHN G. TILLEY, O1542118, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lotus M. Tyler, Wife, 4404 South Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

Chief Warrant Officer EARL H. WACHTER, W2106442, United States Army. In Hawaii, New Guinea, and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 October 1943 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys M. Wachter, Wife, Hinton, Iowa.

First Lieutenant COLBERT C. WALKER, JR., O1446770, Signal Corps, United States Army. In New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 29 September 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. C. C. Walker, Mother, Route 1, Hober Springs, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade A. NEW WEBER, P 030116, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. At the Mawlichos Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry Weber, Father, Grand Lake, Minnesota.

Sergeant WILLIAM F. WENDELBERG, 20717525, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred C. Wetterberg, Father, Arlington, South Dakota.



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Staff Sergeant **FREDERICK C. WOLF**, 37025145, Signal Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry A. Wolf, Father, Anandale, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade **ROBERT G. WOOLLEY**, 37019630, Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 21 February 1945 to 15 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert S. Woolley, Father, Cresbach, Minnesota.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR  
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Section I - Awards of Silver Star

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1916 (Dull 43 10 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:

Staff Sergeant WALTER L. COE, 35281417, Infantry, United States Army. On 15 June 1945, 2nd Rifle Squad, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, was assigned the mission of capturing an enemy machine gun position on Corro Jider Island, Philippine Islands. The squad advanced against the enemy position, it was subjected to intense machine gun and sniper fire. With total disregard for his own safety, Sergeant COE moved forward, aggressively employing hand grenades and rifle fire as he advanced. When he reached a vantage point, Sergeant COE threw a demolition charge into a cave from which heavy fire was directed at our troops. After the explosion, he rushed into the cave position, killed the enemy machine gunners and captured an enemy machine gun. His courageous action was an inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Olive E. Coy, Wife, Route #1, Fly, Ohio.

First Lieutenant WALTER L. HALL, 01174835, Field Artillery, United States Army. When the enemy retreated into a strong enemy force entrenched in the mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945 and supported by tanks, artillery, planes and dug-in machine guns, Lieutenant HALL, artillery liaison officer, with utter disregard for his own safety, flew low with enemy anti-aircraft fire in order to give our infantry more effective artillery support. During the action which lasted from 1100 to 1700 hours, Lieutenant HALL continued his support of the infantry by directing artillery fire, directing the charging of accurate small arms and machine gun fire. In the absence of direct artillery fire, Lieutenant HALL maintained radio contact with our observers and directed our infantry and tanks in the attack on the enemy. He destroyed five enemy tanks. Under his direction, our artillery destroyed at least three additional enemy tanks and neutralized the enemy artillery pieces. First Lieutenant HALL's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hallmann, Wife, 109 Station, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade WALTER L. HALL, 37050744, Medical Department, United States Army. In the vicinity of Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 30 July 1945, a strong enemy force made a determined attack on our position. All of the infantry company to which Technician HALL was attached were ordered to retreat. During the attack our troops suffered numerous casualties. Technician HALL, unhesitatingly, moved forward under intense enemy fire and rendered aid to our wounded.

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Posthumous for **SERGEANT JAMES R. GRIFFIN**, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Makae sector, Iloilo, Philippine Islands on 3 August 1945, Sergeant GRIFFIN was assigned to a patrol into enemy-occupied territory to reconnoiter the best approach to the objective of an attack planned for the following morning. During the night, he and the patrol were ambushed by a large force of enemy troops. He immediately withdrew his patrol to a partly concealed position. Sergeant GRIFFIN immediately rushed toward the source of the enemy fire with no thought of his personal safety, but with a courage to destroy as much of the enemy as possible. He fired his automatic rifle on his patrol. He then moved to the side of the trail with an automatic rifle. He located a Japanese position and killed two of the enemy with automatic rifle fire. With his weapon jammed, he used it as a club, killing another Japanese. He then picked up an enemy rifle and succeeded in killing two more Japanese who made up the remainder of the ambush. As he was engaged in slaying one of the others, he was struck by an enemy sniper. Paying no attention to his wound, he maneuvered part of his patrol down one side of the road, doubled back and looked out the enemy located on the other side of the road. After reorganizing his patrol, he led his men back to his unit, supplying his command with important information he had acquired during his hazardous mission. Home address: Mrs. Lucine Griffith, Wife, 636 Iselle Drive, San Gabriel, California.

**OK** - **First Lieutenant JOHN J. JILLI**, 6130705, Infantry, United States Army. In the Hapao-Makae sector, Iloilo, Philippine Islands on 30 July 1945, Lieutenant JILLI and his platoon along with a Philippine Army company were assigned the mission of attacking and holding a strategic enemy-held ridge. The terrain in the area was very rugged and contained enemy snipers and excellent cover. Fusing forward in an aggressive manner, the troops reached their objective. The enemy immediately staged a fierce counterattack. Several officers of the Philippine Army company became casualties and the main body of troops started to retreat. Lieutenant JILLI, realizing the seriousness of the situation, courageously braved the enemy gun and mortar fire in a gallant effort to control the Philippine troops and to form a defensive position. While he was doing so, he was wounded, but he refused to be evacuated. In spite of his increased ferocity of the attack, Lieutenant JILLI moved from position to position exposed to enemy fire in order to direct the defensive action of his troops. Later he directed the evacuation of the wounded while still under intense enemy fire. His





Private First Class PHILIP SCHUBERT, A-23230, Medical Department, United States Army. In the vicinity of ... a wire and radio ... by two enemy machine guns ... of the party were wounded. In spite of the heavy fire ... Private SCHUBERT, a ... more than four hundred yards to ... after giving the ... position of comparative safety and then ... Private SCHUBERT evacuated the two soldiers over a route that led through the fire lines of both the enemy and friendly forces. His devotion to duty and willingness to risk his life to save others merit the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Carl Schubert, Leffler, 736 West 186th Street, New York, New York.

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First Lieutenant SHERMAN S. SIRUM, O182100, Field Artillery, United States Army. At Oranosta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945, Lieutenant SIRUM served as an artillery liaison pilot. When our infantry ran into a strong enemy force entrenched in Oranosta and supported by tanks, artillery pieces and dug-in machine guns, Lieutenant SIRUM, with utter disregard for his own safety, flew low within enemy small arms fire range in order to give our infantry effective artillery support. During the action which lasted from 1100 to 1500 hours, Lieutenant SIRUM continued his support of the infantry in spite of the dangers of accurate small arms and machine gun fire. In addition to directing artillery fire, Lieutenant SIRUM maintained radio communication with ground observer and directed our infantry and tanks, enabling them to knock out at least ... enemy tanks. Under his able direction of artillery fire, our guns were able to destroy at least three additional enemy tanks and neutralized the enemy artillery pieces. Lieutenant SIRUM'S gallant action in the face of constant danger reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. ... Sirum, Father, ... 531, Gilmer, Texas.

Captain JOHN ... 01294390, Infantry, United States Army. During a drive by his infantry battalion across the Ibaloe River and along Highway 4 in the vicinity of ... Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 July 1945 to 24 July 1945, Captain TRACY was in large measure responsible for ... of the operation. Adverse weather conditions and a considerably ... supply line due to the rigidity of the advance ... of the operation ... accumulated obstacles had to carry supplies ... by air drops in order to supply adequately advancing elements with ... and rations. Disregarding enemy sniper fire, Captain TRACY frequently visited front line troops and directed reconnaissance well ... territory. His personal example of courage, under ... and resourcefulness served as an inspiration to the officers ... of his battalion. Home address: Mrs. John J. Tracy, 2002 ... Missouri.

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The greatest and most successful in administering... completion of his task, he saved himself... in the line before he succumbed... examined on. He thought the wound would be... first aid, after saving all of the wounded... himself to be sent to a rear medical installation... aggressiveness and cool of tenancy under extremely hazardous condi-... are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Medical Corps. Home address: Mrs. Anna Turner, Mother, 1234, Caldwell, Colo.

Section II - Awards of Soldier's Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 1926) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1915, and paragraph 3g USAFPC Regulations, dated 17 August 1943, Stat. Sec. "Awards of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual combat, when an enemy is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry, 25th Division, 25th Div, to the following named soldiers and enlisted men:

Captain ARTHUR W. OTIS, JR., O117731, Field Artillery, United States Army, near San Juan, Iloilo, Philippine Islands on 7 September 1915, Captain OTIS went to the aid of a soldier who was swimming in the ocean about two hundred yards offshore. The tide was high and there was a very strong surf. The soldier was exhausted and a strong undertow was carrying him farther from shore. Captain OTIS immediately went to his aid and went to his aid. He succeeded in rescuing the soldier and brought him to shore. Captain OTIS' heroism, without regard to the risk of his own life, resulted in saving the life of a soldier and in a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. A. W. Otis, Father, Berden Road, Moorfield, Michigan.

First Lieutenant LEONARD D. SAVOY, O154232, Medical Administrative, United States Army. On 17 August 1915 near the Sproo River, Iloilo, Philippine Islands, a heavy grenade burst had inflicted a sucking chest wound on a company of infantry riflemen. Lieutenant SAVOY, an assistant battalion surgeon, administered blood plasma and administered eight syringes of morphine to the patient with the one hundred and fifty-five percent casualty over a very slippery terrain and ground several two-to-three hundred feet from the position to the Sproo River two and a half miles distant. American medical could not maneuver the patient due to the steepness of the terrain. Upon reaching the Sproo River, Lieutenant SAVOY volunteered to aid in fording the patient across the river, but was unable to do so. He then crossed the river and placed the patient on his back. He held him on his back with a shelter half, and carried him up the steeper bank in his arms. He carried him to the top of the bank. As he reached the top, he handed the patient over to the medical personnel. He then returned to the river. He stubbornly fought the enemy and kept the line of the company steady until the enemy was repulsed and he captured his objective. Home address: Mrs. A. W. Otis, Father, Berden Road, Moorfield, Michigan.

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... exhaustion, by grim determination and the utmost expenditure of  
... He reached the opposite bank. The casualty was then rushed to a  
... portable surgical hospital. Lieutenant SIVON'S heroic act so great  
... to his own life saved the life of a comrade-in-arms and is in keeping  
... the highest traditions of military service. Home address: Mrs.  
... G. Savoy, Wife, Route #12, Box 99, Phoenix, Arizona.

Private First Class RICHARD G. WILKES, 34379712, Corps of Engineers,  
United States Army. While swimming in the surf in the vicinity of San Juan,  
Philippine Islands on 21 September 1945, Private WILKES heard a cry  
... screaming from three men struggling in deep water and high breakers.  
... ran out toward the three men to give assistance. As he approached, two  
... the men exhausted in their efforts to rescue the drowning man, swam  
... shore and begged to reach safety. Private WILKES brought the drown-  
... man to shore after a difficult battle with the high surf and strong  
... waves. He then applied artificial respiration until the rescued soldier  
... regained consciousness. WILKES' timely and steady aid all three men  
... have lost their life. His instant response to the call for help and  
... heroic effort to save another at the risk of his own life merit high  
... Home address: Mrs. J. A. Wilko, Mother, Route #2, Whitwell,

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENRAL [Name]

WALTER JAMES, JR.  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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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 6 July 1926 (49 Stat. 1472) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-4, 1 October 1945, and hereinafter by USARIP Regulation 10-50, 14 August 1945, Subject: "Awards of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal for heroic achievement in connection with an enemy is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant **SAMPSON M. KRAUCH**, 22-75379, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. On 12 September 1945, Sergeant KRAUCH was swimming in the waters along the beach near San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. He noticed a raft carrying three enlisted men being tossed about by the rough water approximately two hundred yards from the shore. The raft suddenly overturned throwing the men into the water. Shortly thereafter, the stranded men were calling for help. Sergeant KRAUCH, disregarding all personal dangers, immediately swam to aid the men. Despite the long distance through rough water, Sergeant KRAUCH succeeded in reaching one of the men and dragged him to the beach, thereby saving his life. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn G. Krauch, Wife, 508 South Melville Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class **CHARLES L. RARDIN**, 15305929, Medical Department, United States Army. Near San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 September 1945, while sunbathing on the beach, Private RARDIN heard a cry of distress from a soldier who was swimming about 75 yards off shore. Because of a strong undertow and a rough sea the soldier was unable to swim back to shore and became physically exhausted in the attempt. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own life, Private RARDIN plunged into the water and swam out to help the drowning man. He towed him to shallow water and then carried him to the safety of the shore. The heroism displayed by Private RARDIN reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles L. Rardin, Water, California, Kentucky.

## Section II - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7112, 4 February 1944 (See II Bull 3 759 1944) a Bronze Star Medal for heroic 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:

Staff Sergeant JAMES W. HARRIS, 37089196, Infantry, United States Army, near Enyau, Luzon, Philippines on 12 June 1945, when his squad was pinned down by hostile machine gun fire. While under attack against a severe enemy fire position, Sergeant HARRIS continuously exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to direct some mortar fire on the enemy's positions. After his devastating mortar concentration had neutralized the enemy fire, he was killed, but his sacrifice on the enemy fire position. His gallant leadership and good judgment earned him the capture of the enemy. Sergeant HARRIS' outstanding performance in the field reflects the highest of himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. J. W. Harris, 1101 S. 1st St., Portland, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant JAMES W. HARRIS, 37089196, Infantry, United States Army, on 24 July 1945 while on a patrol in the vicinity of Enyau, Luzon, Philippines. Sergeant HARRIS' patrol encountered a Japanese ambush and was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. After continuing his attack with fire, Sergeant HARRIS went forward to investigate the ambush and spotted the Japanese machine gun. He threw a grenade and opened up with his rifle killing the Japanese. While moving back, he was forced to fight a hand-to-hand combat in which he incurred his wounds. A few yards further back he spotted one of his men who was helpless from serious wounds. After a few moments of hesitation, he advanced to the aid of his comrade and opened fire on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. J. W. Harris, 1101 S. 1st St., Portland, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES W. HARRIS, 37089032, Infantry, United States Army, near Enyau, Luzon, Philippines on 2 February 1945, when his company was pinned down by an enemy machine gun fire. Private HARRIS voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist in the destruction of the machine gun. He made five trips through enemy fire and returned with a load of mortar ammunition for his squad. His initiative and courage were highly creditable. Home address: Mrs. J. W. Harris, 1101 S. 1st St., Portland, Minnesota.

Captain JAMES W. HARRIS, 37089032, Infantry, United States Army, near Enyau, Luzon, Philippines on 24 July 1945, Captain HARRIS personally led a patrol of 12 men in an attempt to locate an enemy mortar position. He was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Captain HARRIS exposed himself to enemy fire in order to direct some mortar fire on the enemy's positions. After his devastating mortar concentration had neutralized the enemy fire, he was killed, but his sacrifice on the enemy fire position. His gallant leadership and good judgment earned him the capture of the enemy. Captain HARRIS' outstanding performance in the field reflects the highest of himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. J. W. Harris, 1101 S. 1st St., Portland, Minnesota.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. PEARSON, 36116700, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaena Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945, Private PEARSON's platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Private PEARSON, an advance scout, worked his way forward toward enemy emplacements, purposely exposing himself in order to draw enemy fire. When he had located an enemy position, he designated the target to his platoon by firing tracer. This plan was carried out on several other enemy emplacements, thereby enabling his platoon to gain fire superiority, neutralize the enemy, and take the assigned objective. Private PEARSON's intrepid actions exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Pearson, 1287 Central Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan.

First Lieutenant EDWARD M. PRINCE, 01323170, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaena Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 June 1945, while personally leading his platoon on an attack along a trail, Lieutenant PRINCE encountered a Japanese soldier. Although the enemy soldier shot through the neck of Lieutenant PRINCE's combat uniform and a bullet entered the left hand, Lieutenant PRINCE continued to lead his platoon through the Japanese soldier and one other who appeared on the trail. Although his right hand, painfully wounded, he continued to lead his platoon in a successful fight through the danger area. Only after leading his platoon to its objective did he return to an aid station to be evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Grace G. Prince, 1024 1/2 Hilling Hills, Torrance, California.

Sergeant JOHN W. SCARBOROUGH, 31452771, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 August 1945, Sergeant SCARBOROUGH volunteered to lead a litter party bearing a seriously wounded man to a hospital and station which was located two miles to the rear. The evacuation was carried out over almost impassable terrain and in close proximity of the enemy. When distress came upon the small group, Sergeant SCARBOROUGH decided to hold up the evacuation until morning. He set up a small perimeter around the wounded man, administered morphine, redressed the wound and gave up his own clothing so that the wounded man could be warm throughout the night. At dawn Sergeant SCARBOROUGH organized a litter party and succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier. Home address: Mrs. Ruby Scarborough, Wife, Route 3, Waller, Texas.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES L. SIMMONS, 35469484, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 August 1945, Sergeant SIMMONS voluntarily took command of his platoon when the platoon leader became wounded during an attack on a Japanese mountain position. Although his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant SIMMONS, displaying outstanding leadership abilities, successfully deployed his men. He covered an exposed flank and then led an advance on the Japanese strongpoint. His action resulted in the annihilation of an enemy platoon and the capture of an objective of major importance. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Singleton, Mother, 607 Oak Street, Danville, Kentucky.

Private First Class ROBERT L. SPICER, 36836334, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaena Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945, Private SPICER was a member of a five man reconnaissance patrol which was

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sent out prior to a company attack to gain information of enemy dispositions. Upon reaching the enemy-occupied terrain, the patrol came under enemy machine gun fire. Private SPICER, grasping this opportunity to accomplish the patrol's mission, upon his own initiative, moved from cover of an exposed knoll from which he could observe the enemy's activities. Private SPICER purposely drew fire upon himself in order to locate enemy automatic weapons. When the patrol returned to friendly lines, Private SPICER gave his company commander a complete and detailed picture of the enemy situation. The company then made a co-ordinated attack against the enemy emplacements. Home address: Mrs. Pauline Spicer, Mother, 1425 17th Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant JOHN SWANFEE, JR., 35466773, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945, Sergeant SWANFEE volunteered to go to the aid of a comrade who was wounded by enemy rifle fire. Sergeant SWANFEE braved intense enemy small arms fire to reach the wounded man. He then administered first aid, and covered the evacuation of the wounded man by pursuing the enemy with rifle fire. Sergeant SWANFEE'S courage and coolness in this incident were an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Jon J. Swaffler, Father, Kitts, Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. STRUBB, 35390600, Infantry, United States Army. On 10 August 1945, while making an attack on an enemy position which was located on a ridge near Mount Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, an infantry platoon had to cross a rice paddy which offered little cover. As the platoon neared the base of the ridge, it was fired upon by enemy machine gun and knee mortar fire. One machine gun in particular was laying down very devastating and effective fire. With disregard for his own safety and exposing himself to enemy fire, Private STRUBB stood where he was and fired on the enemy machine gun position with his automatic rifle until the platoon had taken cover. His quick action and devotion to duty prevented heavy casualties and thus enabled the platoon to take its objective. Home address: Mrs. Zella Strubb, Mother, Valley Grove, West Virginia.

Private First Class ARTHUR J. WHITE, 37007113, Infantry, United States Army. On 26 March 1945 in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the mortar section for which Private WHITE was a truck driver exhausted its supply of ammunition while giving support to a rifle company that was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Immediately this section advanced to the battalion command post where Private WHITE was located with his truck for more ammunition. Private WHITE immediately loaded his truck and started forward despite the fact that enemy artillery was falling near and in front of the command post. During the trip Private WHITE was subjected to sniper fire and at one time was forced to leave his truck to seek cover from enemy artillery. Despite the enemy fire, he continued on his mission and delivered the badly needed ammunition. Home address: Mrs. Mary White, Wife, 215 West 12th Street, Maryville, Missouri.

Sergeant ROBERT B. WILSON, 36886695, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. At Ibaos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945, Sergeant WILSON, upon his own initiative, organized and led a litter party to the rescue of two critically wounded comrades.

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After traveling five hundred yards over rice paddies in enemy-held territory, the party came under accurate 47mm flat trajectory fire. In his determination to carry out this mission of mercy, Sergeant WILSON inspired his men by continuing to advance, exposing himself to enemy shells that were striking dangerously close to him. Sgt Capt WILSON personally led the party the remaining distance to the stricken soldiers and applied medical dressing in close proximity of enemy positions while machine gun slugs hissed up the dust around him. The evacuation was carried out under intense enemy machine gun fire at short range, under smallest enemy observation and adverse terrain conditions. Sergeant WILSON set of new standards for the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marie A. Wilson, Wife, 1704 Oakland Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

DE COMMISSION OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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Major, GSC  
Chief of Staff

JAMES H. NEW  
Captain, AGC  
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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR  
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Section I - Awards of Silver Star

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Dull 43 WD 1916) 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:

First Lieutenant SHANNON F. COX, JR., 01821001, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 1 August 1945, Lieutenant COX, Field Artillery liaison pilot, while making a routine patrol flight in the vicinity of Kiangsan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, received a radio message from an infantry unit near Hapao requesting delivery of blood plasma for emergency treatment of several wounded men. He returned to the air strip and procured twelve units of plasma. At this time all patrol flights had been canceled because of storm conditions in the area. With disregard for his own safety, he flew through the storm to the Hapao area. The small perimeter occupied by friendly troops necessitated his making twelve separate low runs over enemy troops, exposing himself to their fire by having to repeat his flight pattern to insure dropping each plasma unit within the friendly perimeter. The mission was successfully accomplished, though the turbulence of the air and enemy fire made the flight extremely hazardous. Lieutenant COX'S actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Pinkney Cox, Father, 1301 C Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Captain ALBERT L. DE CHARLERROY, 0394271, Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre Mountains near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 March 1945, when Captain DE CHARLERROY'S company which had been reduced to about one-third strength by casualties received two fanatical counter-attacks by an estimated two hundred and fifty enemy troops, he exposed himself to the devastating enemy fire to move individual men and weapons to the most advantageous points on the perimeter as the direction of attack shifted. Fully aware of the rapidly changing situation, Captain DE CHARLERROY personally directed the employment and fire of his 60mm mortars which decimated the enemy ranks each time they rushed the position. At daybreak, sixty-two enemy dead were counted in and around the perimeter. Captain DE CHARLERROY'S company suffered only one wounded. His courageous leadership which was largely responsible for all of the outstanding defensive actions of the Luzon campaign reflects great credit upon himself. Home address: Mrs. Helen D. DeCharleroy, Wife, 126 Second Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant JAMES D. FINKLE, 01052597, Infantry, United States Army. On 25 June 1945 near the town of Pangkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant FINKLE, as patrol leader, was moving his patrol through a heavily vegetated area. Suddenly a well camouflaged enemy machine gun opened fire. The initial burst of fire wounded the lead scout of the patrol. As the patrol

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worked in to knock out the gun, a second burst hit another member of the patrol, knocking him into a shallow draw. Hearing the man's cry, Lieutenant FINKLE moved in the direction from which it came. With utter disregard for the bullets hitting around him, Lieutenant FINKLE crawled through the area until he succeeded in locating the man. Quickly administering first aid, Lieutenant FINKLE then ordered his patrol to lay down covering fire while he dragged the wounded man to safety. Lieutenant FINKLE'S action, at the risk of his own life, reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Vernon C. Finkle, Father, 198 Homestead Avenue, Albany, New York.

Private First Class JAMES E. GASTON, 35759721, Infantry, United States Army. On 21 March 1945 in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the enemy launched a night counterattack against a forward company. Private GASTON crawled from his position inside the company perimeter to strengthen a weakened position. Completely disregarding his own safety, he made his way through enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire to reach the threatened position. Through his efforts two successive assaults were repulsed, but in a second attack, he was seriously wounded in both legs when an enemy grenade exploded in his foot. Although unable to remain standing he refused to leave for medical treatment and continued to fire from a sitting position on the edge of the emplacement. Only when the Japanese were completely repulsed could he be persuaded to go back inside the perimeter for medical aid. Private GASTON'S actions were an inspiration to his entire battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. A. C. Gaston, Mother, RFD #4, Athens, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant DOUGLAS L. HENSON, 37058048, Infantry, United States Army. In the Sierra Madre Mountains near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945, Sergeant HENSON'S company launched an attack against a heavily fortified enemy-held hill. As the attack developed, the company was pinned down by machine gun and rifle fire from enemy cave positions. Realizing something had to be done immediately, Sergeant HENSON maneuvered his squad to a position from which covering fire could be placed on the caves. Armed with white phosphorous and fragmentation grenades, he crawled toward the nearest enemy position. As he moved forward, enemy riflemen opened fire on him. Disregarding the concentrated enemy fire directed at him, he continued crawling until he arrived within grenade range of the position. After knocking out the first position with grenades, Sergeant HENSON crawled to the next cave and succeeded in knocking it out with grenades. By hand and arm signals he directed his squad to a position from which they neutralized the three remaining caves. His actions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl M. Henson, Mother, 1182 Heddenmont Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT A. JOHNSON, 35365519, Infantry, United States Army. On 17 June 1945, an infantry company was attacking along the Salinas Road toward Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Sergeant JOHNSON'S squad was the point for the advance guard. Coming upon a sharp turn in the road, which ran through a defile flanked on either side by high hills, the leading scout was fired upon by an enemy sniper and was seriously wounded. The rest of the squad was pinned down by this fire. Sergeant JOHNSON, without thought for his own safety, equipped himself with grenades and crawled to within ten yards of the enemy emplacement and throw a grenade into it. Then under cover of the smoke, he rushed over to the wounded scout, pulled him into a nearby



shell hole and administered first aid. Then he tossed another grenade at the enemy and, lifting the wounded man to his back, carried him to safety. Upon later investigation of the enemy emplacement the squad found a destroyed enemy machine gun and the emplacement evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mother, Route #1, Moreland, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant DALE C. KING, 01059831, Infantry, United States Army. On the morning of 21 March 1945 in the Sierra Madre Mountains near the town of Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant KING led his platoon in an attack on a heavily fortified hill. After the platoon had broken through the enemy lines forcing them to withdraw, the Japanese laid down a heavy artillery barrage on the platoon's newly-won position. Lieutenant KING was wounded during the first volley of enemy fire; but, despite his injury, he refused evacuation until he had withdrawn his platoon to the relative safety of the reverse slope of the hill. Then, even though bleeding profusely from his wound, he organized and led rescue parties back on the hill to remove the casualties and dead. Though the hill was still under fire, he succeeded in getting all the dead and wounded evacuated to a place of safety. Only then did he consent to evacuation. Lieutenant KING'S actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jane King, Wife, 810 North Lowell Avenue, Ironwood, Michigan.

First Lieutenant JOHN R. MANION, 01686190, Infantry, United States Army. At Kayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 June 1945, Lieutenant MANION led his platoon deep into enemy-held territory and, after placing it in a favorable position on the outskirts of Kayapa, made a daring reconnaissance of Japanese supply installations. He then moved the platoon forward, ambushed and killed twenty-three of the enemy. He then single-handedly covered the withdrawal of his platoon as the Japanese, alerted by the firing, attacked his command. His aggressiveness and coolness under fire were an inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy B. Manion, Wife, 5958 Sherry Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN J. MORGAN, 33798901, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945, when four men of a patrol were wounded by surprise machine gun fire from a well camouflaged position, Private MORGAN volunteered to help rescue them. The wounded men lay directly in the enemy's fire lane. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private MORGAN crawled up to each of the wounded men in turn and moved each to a covered position, placed them on litters and helped evacuate them. Each time he went forward for another wounded man, enemy machine gun fire fell all around him. Through his determination, Private MORGAN undoubtedly saved the lives of four wounded men. This action earned him the respect and admiration of all his comrades and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annabelle Morgan, Wife, 3536 North Water Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant PAUL H. MURPHY, 35439700, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945, after a night attack, a rifle company received harassing machine gun fire from caves to its front. Sergeant MURPHY, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran, crept, and crawled for one hundred yards through well aimed enemy machine gun fire to a point where he tossed

demolition charges inside the caves, thereby sealing and suffocating the enemy occupants. By this method Sergeant MURPHY succeeded in sealing a total of three caves, accounting for at least nine enemy dead and destroying three light machine guns. Sergeant MURPHY'S intrepid actions and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Mother, Mt. Nebo, West Virginia.

Captain GEORGE B. SHUTT, O110066, Cavalry, United States Army. In the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945, Captain SHUTT rushed twelve tanks into a heavy fire fight which had developed between an infantry company and the enemy. The deeply entrenched enemy was equipped with anti-tank weapons and machine guns, mortars, and rifles. Rather than permit the tanks to cross unfamiliar terrain and face possible ambush by desperate enemy troops, Captain SHUTT went forward alone to select the best approach. While crossing an open field, a tank commander was killed by sniper fire. Immediately Captain SHUTT ran to the tank, mounted it in full view of the enemy firing on the tank and evacuated the dead man. After scanning the terrain for enemy positions, he briefed his crews and directed them into the fight. Throughout the action which destroyed large quantities of enemy material and caused heavy casualties to the Japanese, Captain SHUTT displayed coolness and superb leadership in the face of heavy enemy fire and deeply inspired the men of his unit. Home address: Mrs. Frances S. Shutt, Wife, 155 Kentucky Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky.

Captain JOHN J. STEPHENS, O1284957, Infantry, United States Army. Near Bisusuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 July 1945, while voluntarily accompanying a combat patrol across an unexplored and unmapped mountainous region to Palanan Bay on the East Coast of Luzon, Captain STEPHENS personally took a radio forward to a point under continuous enemy fire to direct artillery on two enemy machine guns which had forced the patrol to withdraw to defilade. Although he was subjected to the concentrated fire of the enemy and had only a general idea of the gun-target, he directed such accurate and devastating fire on the enemy weapons that within an hour he had knocked out both machine guns, an observation post, and killed nine of the enemy. Captain STEPHENS' aggressiveness and courageous action in the face of hostile fire permitted the patrol to continue on its mission. Home address: Mrs. Almira Stephens, Mother, 1818 Thurman Street, St. Louis 10, Missouri.

First Lieutenant ROBERT D. SWENSON, O1172007, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 29 July 1945, Lieutenant SWENSON, while making a late patrol flight as field artillery liaison pilot, located a large group of enemy troops near Hungduan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Although it was nearly dark with a storm moving into his flight area and his fuel supply dangerously low, Lieutenant SWENSON remained in the air and took these troops under fire. Due to poor visibility and weather conditions, Lieutenant SWENSON had to fly extremely low over the enemy troops, subjecting himself to their small arms fire and also to very turbulent air conditions below the level of the surrounding mountains. With utter disregard for his own safety and with full knowledge of the extreme hazards involved, Lieutenant SWENSON remained in the air and conducted artillery fire until the major part of the enemy was destroyed and the remainder scattered. His decision to remain in the air necessitated his flying back to the air strip through mountainous terrain in near darkness and making a landing in darkness and high winds without instruments or adequate lighting facilities. The destruction of the

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large enemy group saved the lives of many infantry men fighting in that sector. Lieutenant SWANSON'S actions reflect great credit upon himself and his military service. Home address: Mr. J. O. Swanson, Father, 151 6th Street, Moline, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JOEL J. ZIRKLE, JR., 4413615, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 20 March 1945, Lieutenant ZIRKLE was assigned the mission of reconnoitering by liaison plane the area in the vicinity of Ipo Don, Luzon, Philippine Islands to locate an enemy field piece which was firing on our troops. As he flew low over the area, his plane was fired upon by anti-aircraft fire. Skillfully maneuvering his plane to avoid presenting a suitable target for enemy gunners, he determinedly stuck to his mission until he located the enemy field piece and reported its location to his field artillery battalion. Later, while supporting the advance of our infantry in the vicinity of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant ZIRKLE'S plane was fired upon by enemy foot troops. Disregarding the grave danger, he continued to support our advance with closely adjusted artillery fire. The objective area was quickly and completely neutralized, enabling our infantry to accomplish its mission with a minimum number of casualties. Lieutenant ZIRKLE'S gallantry and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Frances B. Zirkle, Wife, 105 Madison Avenue, Walsenburg, Colorado.

#### 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 CHARLES B. GODFREY, 16102000, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section II, 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 CHARLES B. GODFREY, 16102000, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the Malinkina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Private GODFREY, a member of a battalion intelligence section, was with a battalion observation post group attached to an infantry company in the forward position of a regimental sector. At approximately 2200 hours, the enemy, under cover of artillery and lance mortar fire, launched a determined counterattack which lasted several hours. At the beginning of the attack, Private GODFREY was located with the company command post inside the perimeter. Voluntarily leaving his foxhole, he crawled a distance of more than fifty yards while the attack was in progress to man a machine gun position. The gunner and assistant gunner had both been seriously wounded and their gun knocked out. Private GODFREY immediately took up the position and with only his rifle and a few grenades held off a large enemy force armed with satchel charges and using bayonets. The following morning eighteen Japanese were counted in front of the position. His courage and coolness under fire were greatly responsible for holding this position and keeping the Japanese from opening a hole in the perimeter. Home address: Mr. Frank Godfrey, Father, 425 4th Street, Edwardsville, Illinois.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Master Sergeant RUCH ROSS, 35317337, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section III, General Orders No. 11, dated 15 February 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:

Master Sergeant RUCH ROSS, 35317337, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Mathew Ross, Father, 9154 64th Street, Woodhaven, L. I., New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major HAROLD H. SHORT, 0375349, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section II, General Order No. 60, dated 27 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:

Major HAROLD H. SHORT, 0375349, 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 7 April 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth G. Short, wife, 1026 13th Street, Greeley, Colorado.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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 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:

Private First Class RALPH H. BARRAZOLA, 395 1434, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francisca Barrazola, Mother, 370 3rd Street, Chino, California.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT F. BODKIN, 33395492, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Bombang and Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Bodkin, Mother, RFB #1 Box 509, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant HENRY A. BORN, 02047929, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. At Maffin Bay, New Guinea, and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 June 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna K. Born, Mother, Chatsworth, Illinois.

Sergeant HAYWARD G. BROOKS, 34504513, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 25 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Henderson, Mother, 316 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Captain FRED M. BRYAN, 01634426, Medical Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leta F. Bryan, Wife, Canton, Illinois.

Corporal JOHN E. COLE, 363 5366, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payawan Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Cole, Mother, Carlville, Illinois.

Private First Class JIMMIE COLLINS, 34282448, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payawan Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jimmie Collins, Mother, Route #7, Lawwell, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JAMES CONLEY, 17175032, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie J. Conley, Wife, 230 West 7th Street, Concordia, Kansas.

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Technical Sergeant DERRILL D. CHUMLEY, 37057922, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. James T. Chumley, Father, Route #2, Steeleville, Missouri.

Private First Class DOMINO DE MARTINO, 39142382, Medical Department, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangang, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary DeMartino, Mother, 763 47th Street, Oakland, California.

Private First Class EMIL J. DREYFUS, 36808031, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 January 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mae Dreyfus, Mother, 2332 (A) North 15th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES A. DUNAKY, 37057966, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Arthur Dunaky, Father, Route #4, Sullivan, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD G. DURIK, 35317305, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payawan Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Durik, Mother, Euclid, Chardon Road, Willow, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES W. ELGIN, 3554817, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payawan Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ora E. Elgin, Mother, Woolwine, Virginia.

Sergeant KENNETH G. EMMETT, 37056869, Infantry, United States Army. In the Kiangang-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 July 1945 to 17 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kenneth G. Emmett, Wife, 105 East Lincoln Street, Caulleton, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade LEE R. EVANS, 39711727, Cavalry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert E. Evans, Father, 1028 1/2 4th Street, Brenterton, Washington.

Private First Class MAURICE B. EVANS, 37011072, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Glen D. Evans, Brother, RFD #1, Kidder, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant HARLEY J. EVERETT, 37681786, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Everett, Mother, Garber, Iowa.

Private First Class PETER HOLY LUK FACE, 37081286, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Crow Hocklace, Mother, Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Private First Class ALBERT J. FREEMAN, 38590337, Medical Department, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Ann Freeman, Mother, Box 505, Healdt, Oklahoma.

Corporal WILLIAM S. GAINES, 33746710, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Bambang-Pinglayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Gaines, Mother, 7805 Morningside Drive N. W., Washington, D. C.

Sergeant WILLIAM C. HESS, 37057857, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles W. Hess, Father, 503 Leonard Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Private First Class BRUCE F. MILLER, 37705772, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payawan Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lena Miller, Mother, Route #2, Box 331, Arvada, Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT L. NINTON, 35487796, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Velda A. Ninton, Mother, Meador, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE A. HIPPI, 39340561, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine H. Hippi, Wife, Vater, Washington.

Private First Class MARIE H. HORN, 38516591, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida Beulah Mae Horn, Mother, Route #2, Waldron, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant HARRY E. KOENIG, 01541861, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 August 1945 to 18 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Flora V. Koenig, Wife, 1739 South Walker Avenue, San Pedro, California.

Master Sergeant ROBERT A. LICHTENBERG, 32543907, Infantry, United States Army. At Sansapor, New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 December 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Lichtenberg, Wife, 1127 Clay Avenue, New York 56, New York.

Private First Class DONALD E. LONGSDORF, 33411606, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maude Longsdorf, Mother, 526 Euclid Avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class SELWYN F. MANOQUERRA, 39141157, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cornelia Manoguerra, Mother, 426 Francisco Street, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class PAUL J. MC CORMACK, 33172823, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payaman Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Mc Cormack, Mother, 2027 Farr Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CLARENCE L. MILLEDGE, 38273080, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Chloa V. Milledge, Mother, Waynoka, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH B. FISHER, 17058811, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Masbary-Pinggan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella F. Fisher, Mother, 119 1/2, Douglas, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade EMMETT H. NELSON, 35210599, Medical Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, Grandmother, 372 Winter Street, Crooksville, Ohio.

Corporal RICHARD ROBERTS, 6935342, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Grace Gueschne, Sister, 5925 Maxwell Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan.

Sergeant JOHN H. ROSU, 36830122, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 June 1945 to 27 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Blanche Mary Rosu, Wife, 6818 Iroquois Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade, THEODORE L. RUTH, JR., 36626433, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Adelle Ruth, Mother, 2616 Elm Avenue, Zion, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade CLETUS J. SCHNOEBELN, 37679457, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen J. Schnoebelen, Wife, 1935 Ward Avenue, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Corporal EDWARD SMALLWOOD, 35552167, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eliza Smallwood, Mother, Madras, Kentucky.

Private First Class HERBERT L. SMILEY, 31580878, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Leing, Mother, 164 23rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant REGIS E. STEIN, 33171645, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Ordnance Department, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward J. Stein, Brother, 554 Broadway Extension, East McKeesport, Pennsylvania.



Private First Class ALBERT R. STEVENS, 35142319, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payson Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret J. Stevens, Mother, Saxton, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL STILLWELL, 35438074, Cavalry, United States Army. In the Bambang-Pingkian area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eddie Stillwell, Mother, Stephensburg, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade EILETT O. STOLTE, 36024101, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida Stolte, Mother, Hull, Illinois.

Corporal HAROLD G. STAMMER, 35467356, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Payson Rest House, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Stroutner, Mother, 906 North Street, Covington, Kentucky.

Private First Class ALFRED J. SUDJAK, 33610101, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sudjak, Wife, 39 East Union Street, Monticost, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BOYD W. SUTTON, 37076696, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alma B. Sutton, Wife, 534 South Sprigg Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade WARREN L. SWILLEY, 37214569, Cavalry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Bambang-Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 June 1945. Home address: Dr. Warren N. Swilley, Father, RFD #1, Toronto, Kansas.

Private First Class GLENIS R. TIGNOR, 35595079, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Arvilla Tignor, Mother, East Fultonham, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade EVELYN K. WELBY, 37451851, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 July 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Dr. Arvey Weekly, Father, 1191 Delaware Street, Berkeley, California.

Private First Class CHARLES W. WORLEY, 37026667, Infantry, United States Army. Vicinity of Novaleskas Watershed on Luzon, Philippine Islands 21 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Charles Worley, Wife, Demons, 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 for heroic 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:

Sergeant JOSEPH R. AVERY, 39912454, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands at 0430 hours, enemy forces launched a heavy counterattack supported by concentrated mortar and heavy machine gun fire. Realizing the threat to our defensive position, with disregard for his own safety, Sergeant AVERY, acting platoon sergeant, crawled fifty yards forward to an advantageous observation point from which he effectively directed an accurate artillery and counter mortar barrage. As a result of his timely action the entire enemy force was routed with heavy casualties. Sergeant AVERY'S courageous aggressiveness played a major role in securing the safety of the company's position. Home address: Mrs. Ruby Avery, Wife, 25-27 Opera Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.

First Lieutenant BERTHOLD J. BANEK, 0444147, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands at 0030 hours the enemy penetrated the forward defenses of an infantry company and threatened to break through its secondary line of defense. Lieutenant BANEK made four trips to a rear supply area and returned with ammunition. He then moved to forward positions and distributed the ammunition and replaced additional automatic weapons. His actions materially assisted in repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Berthold J. Banek, Wife, 1252 Illinois S. E., Huron, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES W. BRINKMAN, 35790392, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Torat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 July 1945, when the leading elements of the flanking squad of an attacking rifle platoon encountered intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire from expertly camouflaged enemy positions, Sergeant BRINKMAN, exposed to the direct enemy fire, held his ground and opened fire on the enemy. He continued firing to provide protective cover so that a wounded man could be evacuated. Sergeant BRINKMAN'S daring action and high courage were an inspiration to his squad and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Brinkman, Wife, 914 Reading Road, Reading, Ohio.

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Private First Class RUSSELL L. BROWN, 33068216, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 June 1945 in the vicinity of Ila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a battalion commander proceeded to inspect one of the forward outposts of his command. The one quarter ton vehicle in which he was riding was fired upon by a cleverly camouflaged enemy ambush. Private BROWN, driver, immediately drove the vehicle under cover and with his weapon fearlessly advanced to locate the ambush. Private BROWN located the ambush and crawled through thick underbrush to the right flank of the enemy position. From this vantage point, he opened fire with his weapon, killed two Japanese and dispersed the remainder of the enemy force. His courageous aggressiveness reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie P. Dobson, Sister, Stevenson Post Office, Maryland.

Technical Sergeant WILLIE H. CHADICK, 37065991, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 8 July 1945 near Hucab, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while moving up a heavily wooded hill, our troops came under heavy fire from a well established machine gun position. All efforts to reduce it failed. Upon the order to withdraw, it was found that a squad leader had been seriously wounded and was unable to move. Sergeant CHADICK, squad leader of an adjoining squad, with protective fire from only one rifleman, dashed to the side of the wounded man and helped him back to a place where first aid could be administered. Home address: Mrs. Maude Belle Chadick, Mother, Sherrill, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. CUSEY, 37030770, Infantry, United States Army. On 2 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private CUSEY was a member of a security outpost which was sent out about one hundred yards in advance of an infantry platoon. In a fierce attack enemy troops, under cover of intense machine gun and small arms fire, attempted to overrun the platoon position in a determined effort to dislodge the platoon before it could dig in. Realizing the importance of the post in protecting the platoon position, Private CUSEY helped organize the position and brought concentrated fire upon the enemy and repulsed the savage counterattack. Home address: Mr. Francis Cusey, Father, Star Route, Ponular, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM DORZWEILER, 36808259, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Iamat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 July 1945, a platoon of an attacking rifle company was temporarily halted because of serious casualties inflicted by a withering hail of enemy machine gun and rifle fire delivered at close range from expertly camouflaged positions. Sergeant DORZWEILER, squad leader, crawled forward in the face of devastating fire to a position from which he could partially neutralize the enemy fire. He then remained in this position under direct fire from the enemy while his squad members crawled forward and evacuated the casualties. His courage, aggressiveness and

initiative were instrumental in saving the lives of several men and were a source of inspiration to men of his unit. Home address: Mr. Alois Dorzweiler, Father, 800 6th Street, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant JOE B. FISCHER, 36254909, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Near Hucab, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 July 1945, while moving up a heavily wooded hill, our troops came under strong enemy fire from a well established Japanese machine gun position. The order was given to withdraw, but it was found that the squad leader of the lead squad was wounded and unable to move. Sergeant FISCHER, seeing a fellow soldier moving forward to assist the wounded man, exposed himself to draw the attention of the enemy away from the rescue attempt and gave supporting fire for the soldier making the rescue. Sergeant FISCHER'S heroic act aided materially in the evacuation of the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Louise Fischer, Mother, Route #1, Park Falls, Wisconsin.

Private First Class GRAFFER E. GRAFF, 37007942, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private GRAFF, ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad, performed his duties in a heroic manner. During a fierce Japanese counterattack, he courageously exposed himself to intense enemy small arms and mortar fire in an effort to supply the front lines with ammunition. An ammunition dump was some three hundred yards to the rear over rough terrain made extremely hazardous by a two day rain. Private GRAFF made three trips to the ammunition dump, each time organizing carrying parties and leading them back with ammunition for the front line troops. His untiring devotion to duty materially aided in repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Rosa Graff, Mother, Concordia, Missouri.

First Lieutenant PAUL H. GRIFFITH, 01826272, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of the Boso Boso River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945, when an infantry company advanced to destroy enemy forces, it encountered devastating enemy machine gun and rifle fire which pinned down the troops and inflicted several casualties. Lieutenant GRIFFITH, a rifle platoon leader, while under heavy mortar and artillery fire, led his platoon forward and destroyed a well emplaced and camouflaged enemy machine gun position. Although ill at the time, he refused to be evacuated and continued to remain with his platoon to organize and strengthen his position. Despite his greatly weakened condition, Lieutenant GRIFFITH continued to lead his men successfully through heavy enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Bernice I. Griffith, Wife, Route #2, Dubois, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HAROLD V. G. HOLM, 37038335, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private HOLM, second gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, performed his duties in a highly heroic manner.

He courageously exposed himself to intense enemy fire in an attempt to repair his machine gun. He efficiently corrected the malfunction and placed his gun into action. The enemy had crept nearer and were trying to knock out his position with grenades and demolition charges. In spite of the intensity of the enemy attack, he remained in position and materially aided in defeating the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Elaine Holm, Wife, Wakefield, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM M. HOTCHKISS, 37045466, Infantry, United States Army. On 5 August 1945 in the Hapeo-Banau sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, in a fierce counterattack at 0130 hours, enemy forces attempted to overrun Sergeant HOTCHKISS' position. When the situation became perilous, Sergeant HOTCHKISS moved his machine gun through heavy mortar and automatic fire to an advantageous but exposed position. In the absence of a squad leader, he voluntarily assumed command and with calm efficiency directed the fire of the machine gun. Sixteen casualties were counted in front of his machine gun position on the following morning. Sergeant HOTCHKISS' courageous aggressiveness in the face of enemy fire materially aided in holding a strategic military objective. Home address: Mrs. Inez G. Hotchkiss, Mother, Keota, Iowa.

Private First Class VERNON L. KEOPPEL, 39009769, Infantry, United States Army. On 18 July 1945 near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during an enemy attack on his convoy at daybreak, Private KEOPPEL, a truck driver, immediately helped his vehicle. Private KEOPPEL instantly let loose a heavy concentration of machine gun fire. The heavy volume of fire he poured into the enemy position dispersed three enemy machine gunners and a number of snipers, making possible the evacuation of our wounded. Private KEOPPEL'S courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Grayson, Mother, Box 886, Dos Palos, California.

Staff Sergeant VICTOR F. KONYA, 35318301, Infantry, United States Army. On the night of 12 August 1945 near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the rifle company in which Sergeant KONYA served as a mortar section leader of a weapons platoon was dug in defensively in anticipation of an enemy counterattack. Under cover of darkness, the enemy could be heard making preparations for an attack. Discerning the principal direction of the enemy's advance, Sergeant KONYA, together with his platoon sergeant, crawled through small arms fire and exploding hand grenades to reach a 60mm mortar position. He dismantled a mortar and moved it to a different position in order to obtain an improved field of fire. Using only the mortar tube, he and his platoon sergeant laid down an effective barrage on the approaching enemy. Without sights and hampered by darkness, they fired with such speed and accuracy that the enemy was completely dispersed. Home address: Mrs. Olga Borse, Sister, 3222 Seneca Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. MASON, 36682919, (then Private First class), Infantry, United States Army. During an attack on enemy

ridge positions in rough terrain near Anipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 August 1945, the platoon in which Sergeant MASON is a rifleman was suddenly pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Shortly thereafter, the enemy fire knocked out the radio communication of the platoon. The platoon urgently needed smoke and mortar fire in order to continue the attack. Sergeant MASON, under a hail of enemy fire, crawled back to the company command post where he obtained another radio. Retracing his route over the rugged terrain, he successfully reached the assaulting platoon. With radio communication restored through Sergeant MASON'S courageous action, the platoon was able to call for smoke and direct mortar fire, enabling the platoon to maneuver to a better tactical position from which the attack was successfully consummated. Home address: Mrs. Marie J. Mason, Wife, 804 South 12th Street, Herrin, Illinois.

Private First Class ELVIN W. MCGREW, 36078357, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands at 0430 hours, enemy forces launched a heavy counterattack supported by mortars and heavy machine gun fire. Private MCGREW, while under intense enemy fire, crawled from hole to hole directing the fire of his machine guns. Private MCGREW'S calm presence of mind and cool disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to his men and were largely responsible for the smooth functioning of his squad. His courageous aggressiveness greatly aided in repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mr. Kenneth A. McGrew, Father, RFD #1, Alton, Illinois.

Private First Class LAWRENCE L. MORRIS, 36121695, Infantry, United States Army. On 24 July 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a rifle company to which Private MORRIS was assigned was leading a battalion forward in a forced march. When his platoon suffered casualties from a cleverly concealed Japanese ambush, Private MORRIS evacuated five comrades, courageously making each trip under small arms fire. On his last trip he himself was wounded; but making a supreme effort, he managed to bring the casualty to safety. His intense devotion to duty and courageous aggressiveness reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Mother, 16172 Snowden Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class FRANK J. NALEPINSKI, 36214953, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Private NALEPINSKI'S platoon leader became a casualty while leading an attack on an enemy strong point. During the intense fire fight, Private NALEPINSKI directed continuous fire from a mortar section and then helped evacuate his platoon leader while under heavy mortar and automatic fire. His voluntary assumption of command under extremely difficult conditions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Inna Nalepinski, Mother, 4643 Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH B. PRIBIL, 37033021, Infantry, United States Army. On 19 June 1945 near Fayaman, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant PRIBIL, a machine gun section sergeant, volunteered to lead a group of Filipinos in carrying a wounded man over rugged terrain. When the carrying party was fired upon by an automatic weapon, the Filipinos in the party fled in panic. Sergeant PRIBIL, with disregard for his own safety, removed the wounded man to a place of concealment. As soon as the patient was in a safe place, Sergeant PRIBIL advanced and silenced the enemy's automatic weapon. Then he proceeded to carry the patient to a battalion aid station. Sergeant PRIBIL's act of heroism is a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elsie M. L. Pribil, Wife, Route #3, Albion, Nebraska.

Private First Class KNUTE SELMANSON, 39023985, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands during a fierce enemy counterattack, Private SELMANSON, with disregard for his own safety, carried ammunition to the foremost elements of combat troops. The fierceness of the encounter necessitated making several trips over hazardous terrain with additional ammunition; nevertheless, he managed to keep the mortar squads supplied with ammunition. Later he was wounded, but refused to be evacuated until the enemy attack was repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Selmanson, Mother, RFD, Thompson, North Dakota.

Private First Class HERBERT J. SITZER, 37059542, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands at 0130 hours, the enemy launched a severe counterattack against our troops occupying a ridge. With disregard for his own safety, Private SITZER left his position to organize troops who were being driven back. After building up a line of resistance, he moved his automatic weapon forward and directed fire on enemy positions. His alertness and quick thinking contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy and enabled an adjoining unit to maintain its advantageous position. Private SITZER'S aggressiveness, superior leadership and intense devotion to duty merit high praise. Home address: Mr. Theodore Sitzer, Father, O'Fallon, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant HENRY D. SWEETMAN, 02037739, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. In the vicinity of Banaue, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 August 1945, strong enemy forces attacked our troops, causing several casualties which needed immediate evacuation. Lieutenant SWEETMAN directed carrying parties to forward positions to rescue the casualties and return them to a battalion aid station over hazardous and tortuous mountain terrain and across swollen streams. His aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty under the most unfavorable conditions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Sweetman, Mother, 213 South Clinton Street, Carthage, New York.

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Private First Class JOSE V. VILLARREAL, 38454559, Infantry, United States Army. During a counterattack early in the morning of 10 July 1945 near Hucab, Luzon, Philippine Islands, a rifleman in the squad of Private VILLARREAL was critically wounded. Private VILLARREAL, a rifleman, exposed himself to the fire of his own comrades as well as the enemy fire by leaving his foxhole and going to the aid of the wounded soldier. He helped the wounded man back into the perimeter where first aid could be administered. Private VILLARREAL'S quick and courageous action in getting his wounded comrade under medical care was largely responsible for saving the wounded man's life. Home address: Mrs. Leonor Villarreal, Wife, 1515 Garcia Street, Laredo, Texas.

Private First Class HAROLD S. VOTH, 37578593, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 in the Hapao-Banaue sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands when his company received fierce counterattacks, Private VOTH assumed command of a light machine gun squad. In an effort to employ his weapon to maximum advantage, he, disregarding his own safety, moved his weapon through intense machine gun and mortar fire to the part of the defensive perimeter which was receiving the main force of the attack. His courageous aggressiveness greatly aided in the defeat of the enemy. Home address: Reverend Harold P. Voth, Father, 1011 21st Street, North Superior, Wisconsin.

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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 Dill 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal for heroic 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:

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH A. ARTINO, 35022894, Infantry, United States Army. Near Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 June 1945, when the combat patrol to which Sergeant ARTINO was attached as 81mm mortar observer was stopped by enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant ARTINO voluntarily crawled over the fire swept area with a telephone line to a point from which he could observe friendly mortar fire. Sergeant ARTINO quickly adjusted accurate mortar fire on the enemy position with such devastating effect that seven of the enemy were killed and a light machine gun destroyed. His voluntary and courageous action at the risk of his own life reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Norma Artino, Wife, R. D. #3, Alliance, Ohio.

Private First Class ALLEN W. ASHWORTH, 38551479, Infantry, United States Army. Near Amduntog, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 July 1945, the advance of Private ASHWORTH'S platoon was threatened by heavy enemy fire from a hillside cave. Private ASHWORTH crawled forward over exposed ground toward the hostile position. Although subjected to enemy small arms fire he succeeded in reaching the cave and killed three of the Japanese occupants with two well aimed hand grenades. His heroic action enabled his platoon to take its objective without suffering casualties. Home address: Mrs. Verna Ashworth, Wife, P. O. Box 706, Silsbee, Texas.

Private First Class BARNUM B. BELL, 35934436, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 29 July 1945, Private BELL was leading a carrying party of Filipinos to one of the forward companies. On the return trip enemy artillery fell near the party and caused the carriers to become completely disorganized. Private BELL reorganized them and led them to safety. When he discovered that one man was missing, he immediately returned to the target area and found the Filipino seriously wounded. Still under artillery fire, Private BELL administered first aid, and then carried the wounded man to the rear. Private BELL'S heroic action exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Darrymore Bell, Wife, 703 Fehr's Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM A. BROOKS, 39419566, Infantry, United States Army. Private BROOKS, second scout of a patrol operating in the vicinity of Dibuluan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 July 1945, saw the lead scout become wounded while crossing the Catalangan River. Without regard for his own safety, Private BROOKS ran forward, dived into the river in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, drew enemy fire to himself and away from the wounded scout who was in the river. This incident gave the remainder of the patrol time to form a line and deliver effective fire upon the enemy and pin them down. Private BROOKS swam the river and, with the help of another man, evacuated the wounded man across the river to safety. He then took up the position of lead scout and proceeded to help the patrol force the enemy back. Private BROOKS' bravery reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William Brooks, Father, Box 53, Red Bluff, California.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR DEWEESE, 35105103, Infantry, United States Army. In the Cabaruan Hills area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945, Sergeant DEWEESE and his heavy machine gun section were attached to an infantry company for an attack. The company advanced several hundred yards and became pinned down. Sergeant DEWEESE ordered his section of heavy machine guns into position in order to bring fire upon the enemy. By necessity the guns were set up in a position which was under enemy observation and fire and the men were unable to man the guns. Sergeant DEWEESE, with disregard for his own safety, left the protection of his covered position and ran to the nearest gun. His quick action in manning his weapon knocked out an enemy machine gun and pinned down the remaining enemy, thereby enabling rifle troops to move from their untenable positions. Home address: Mrs. Irene Dewese, Mother, 1321 Clay Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Private First Class CARLOS G. GARCIA, 38557287, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 August 1945, near Mount Puloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands, when a five man rifle patrol was cut off from its company by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private GARCIA carried his machine gun to a position from which he could bring fire on the enemy without endangering the patrol. As soon as he commenced firing, he received the concentrated fire of the enemy machine guns and small arms. With the fire diverted from it by Private GARCIA'S heroic action, the patrol was able to withdraw to safety. After the patrol had withdrawn, the machine guns and mortars of the rifle company were then able to fire on the enemy. Private GARCIA'S courageous action resulted in the rescue of five men from a hopeless position and merits highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Encarnacion Garcia, Grandmother, 841 Arbor Place, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class NORMAN HOLT, 32480615, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1945, near Mt. Puloy, Luzon, Philippine Islands, the rifle company, to which Private HOLT'S heavy machine gun squad was attached, was stopped from taking a heavily defended ridge by enemy machine gun cross fire. Private HOLT crawled forward on his stomach dragging his machine gun to a point in front of the riflemen from which he sent withering burst of machine gun fire into the enemy positions. He killed the enemy machine gun crews, thereby enabling riflemen to flank the remaining Japanese and take an objective. Home address: Mrs. Marth Holt, Mother, 138 Pennington Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant PUNVIS KEENE, 34130776, Infantry, United States Army. Near Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 June 1945, when an attacking platoon of his company was pinned down by hostile machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant KEENE voluntarily crawled eighty yards across exposed terrain to a hill overlooking enemy emplacements. Disregarding his own safety, he continued to expose himself to enemy fire while directing 60mm mortar concentrations on the hostile positions. His devastating fire neutralized the enemy guns and enabled the platoon to reorganize and move to more favorable terrain from which the attack was continued. Sergeant KEENE'S courageous action and accurate fire adjustment prevented many casualties in his company and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Juanita Keene, wife, Route #4, Louisville, Mississippi.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR E. KEESLING, 01304078, Infantry, United States Army. On the night of 9 March 1945, near Mount Yabong, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant KEESLING was attached to a forward rifle company for the purpose of observing artillery fire. An attack was launched by our forces and after much bitter fighting our objective was secured. Because of the strategical value of the newly acquired position, the enemy made numerous suicidal and fanatical counter-attacks against our greatly outnumbered forces. Heavy casualties were sustained by our troops but they were successful in repelling the attacks of the enemy until reinforcements arrived. Lieutenant KEESLING'S conduct in sending important fire data to artillery batteries in the rear areas resulted in precision adjustment on the enemy elements. This artillery fire necessitated a maximum of accuracy in observation and adjustment to insure protection to friendly troops whose lines of defense were located near the location of the enemy. Lieutenant KEESLING displayed outstanding courage, skill and loyal devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Laura Peterson, Mother, 4174 Ramona Drive, Riverside, California.

Private First Class LEWIS E. KRUSE, 39345171, Infantry, United States Army. Near Bagat, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 June 1945, as the patrol of which Private KRUSE was a member was crossing a small stream, it was pinned down by a heavy volume of enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Several men were immediately wounded by the ambush and a small party was stranded on a small island which was exposed to direct enemy observation. Private KRUSE left his covered position and crawled for a distance of three hundred yards across open terrain. He waded the stream and successfully contacted a friendly outpost and led a reinforced platoon back to the area. Mortar fire placed on the enemy position enabled the platoon to withdraw without suffering further casualties. Home address: Mrs. Roberta Kruse, wife, 1186 West Seventh Street, Eugene, Oregon.

SAMUEL LUNOG, Infanry Scout, Philippine Army. In Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 August 1945, while his company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, SAMUEL LUNOG crawled forward to a position from which he knocked out the first machine gun emplacement killing three of the enemy. He then advanced toward the second machine gun emplacement. During this action he was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, nevertheless he advanced to a position from which he threw a hand grenade killing four of the enemy. His company was then permitted to advance. SAMUEL LUNOG'S bravery and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lunog, wife, Kiangon, Mountain Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class ANGELO J. MARRANCA, 32 043420, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 August 1945, near Kiangnan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private MARRANCA volunteered to carry a message to his company commander. His platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Exposing himself to this fire, he ran and crawled more than two hundred yards to complete his mission. He returned to his platoon again under enemy fire to aid in the evacuation of four casualties. After carrying the wounded to a place of safety, it was found that the nature of their wounds made evacuation to an aid station necessary. Private MARRANCA volunteered to make this trip over six miles of mountainous terrain and precipitous trails, exposed to enemy sniper fire. Accompanied by several others, Private MARRANCA succeeded in carrying the wounded to the aid station. Home address: Mr. Angelo Marranca, Father, 150 Basti Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant ESTER R. PETERIE, 37057372, Infantry, United States Army. Near Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 June 1945, when the advance of the leading elements of a rifle company to which he was attached was held up by enemy machine gun and rifle fire from well concealed positions, Sergeant PETERIE personally led one of his heavy machine gun sections across the fire swept area to a small hill from which he directed such a heavy volume of accurate fire on the enemy positions that their fire was neutralized. His fire permitted the assault platoons to mop up enemy resistance and resume the advance. His courageous leadership and excellent employment of his weapons were largely responsible for the continued success of his organization and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. B. B. Peteric, Mother, Farmington, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT E. QUINCEL, 35629317, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. At Ilunoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 February 1945, Sergeant QUINCEL, although wounded, voluntarily led artillery observers through intense enemy machine gun fire to commanding ground from which artillery fire was successfully brought to bear upon enemy installations. Sergeant QUINCEL refused medical attention until his assistance was no longer needed. Sergeant QUINCEL'S heroic action exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: M. Mary Quinzel, Wife, 156 West Water Street, Circleville, Ohio.

Private First Class SERAFIM V. REYES, 39425493, Infantry, United States Army. On Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 3 August 1945, Private REYES, with two other men, was assigned the mission of scouting a trail. Private REYES, who was leading the patrol, observed two heavily fortified enemy positions and while being covered by the other two men, maneuvered to the flank until he was able to get within ten yards of the position. By throwing hand grenades into one of the emplacements, he succeeded in killing two of the enemy and destroyed an automatic weapon. Another enemy jumped from the other position and charged him with a bayonet. By quickly firing from the hip, he killed the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Irene Curdenas, Mother, Fresno, California.

Private First Class KENNETH SALYERS, 35639400, Infantry, United States Army. Near Kayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 June 1945, when his platoon was pinned down by intense machine gun and rifle fire, Private SALYERS, a scout,

crawled sixty yards over the fire swept area to a position from which he delivered such a heavy volume of accurate rifle fire on the enemy emplacement that he killed two of the machine gun crew and forced the others to flee. Private SALYERS then jumped up and led his platoon in an assault which overran the enemy positions and captured the machine gun. Throughout this action he was subjected to the concentrated fire of the enemy but his aggressive and courageous action paved the way for the continued advance of his platoon and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Stella Salyers, Mother, Box 13, Lumberton, Kentucky.

Private First Class GEORGE W. SCOTT, 39217057, Infantry, United States Army. On 19 March 1945, near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands, in the ensuing confusion of a night attack on strongly entrenched and camouflaged enemy hill positions, Private SCOTT worked his way to an exposed, yet advantageous, position and brought fire to bear on key enemy automatic weapon positions, silencing them. It was reported that one of our men had been killed in the initial assault. Private SCOTT organized and led a small group through exposed terrain to recover the soldier's body. In the withdrawal, Private SCOTT again brought his automatic rifle fire to bear on the enemy, making possible the successful evacuation of his comrade. Home address: Mrs. Ruby Souther, Mother, 1104 South Tower, Contraila, Washington.

Sergeant HAROLD W. WENGER, 33504652, Infantry, United States Army. At Manoa, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 3 February 1945, Sergeant WENGER, at great personal risk, crawled over sixty-five yards of exposed terrain under heavy enemy fire to exterminate the entire crew of a Japanese pillbox with white phosphorous grenades. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were a contributing factor in accomplishing the mission of his company. Home address: Mrs. Rufus M. Wenger, Mother, Leola, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant DALE E. WILD, 39417929, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. Near Kayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 June 1945, when his squad was pinned down by a sudden burst of enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant WILD, first scout, voluntarily dashed across the lane of fire to a commanding position from which he opened up such a heavy volume of accurate rifle fire that he killed one of the crew, wounded another and forced the others to flee. His heroic action at the risk of his own life permitted his squad to capture the enemy gun and continue its mission. Home address: Mrs. Anna K. Wild, Mother, 2811 McKenzic, Fresno, California.

#### Section II - Award of Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. C. JONES, 0508196, 1, the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section III, General Orders No. 42, dated 31 August 1944, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9150, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25 WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49 WD 1942). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. C. JONES, 050196, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as a field artillery liaison pilot from 21 April 1945 to 21 August 1945, on Luzon, Philippine Islands. Home address: Mrs. William D. C. Jones, Wife, 905 North 7th Street, Temple, Texas

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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 (Bulletin 3, MD, 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 GEORGE R. ESCALANTE, 39837658, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Kiangon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 July 1945, Private ESCALANTE'S company was ordered to attack a strong enemy-held-hill position and upon nearing the objective, the two assault platoons were pinned down by heavy cross-fire from two enemy machine guns. Private ESCALANTE, a lead scout, observed one of the gun positions and reported it to his platoon leader. He then voluntarily crawled forward through the heavy fire to within ten yards of the enemy gun position, and threw two hand grenades scoring direct hits on the enemy gun, and completely annihilated the occupant of the position. During this action, Private ESCALANTE was seriously wounded in the leg, but continued on to silence the remaining gun before receiving a fatal wound from a hidden sniper. Next of Kin: Mr. Manuel G. Escalante, Father, Creamery District, Tomb, Arizona.

Private First Class WESLEY V. JOHNSON, 6933033, Infantry, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private JOHNSON'S company was pinned down by heavy enemy fire from a fortified cave position. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private JOHNSON worked his way toward the position under steady close range fire. He succeeded in reaching a point from which he could place accurate fire on the cave. After firing a full clip of ammunition into the position he leaped to his feet and charged it. As he moved forward he was hit by enemy fire, but despite his being fatally wounded, he was able to crawl close enough to throw a hand grenade into the cave, killing five enemy and destroying a machine gun and a knee mortar. Private JOHNSON'S sacrifice of his life permitted his company to successfully continue its assault and gain an important strategic objective. Next of Kin: Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Wife, 4012 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Corporal PAUL R. SCHULLER, 37060092, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 June 1945, near Solano, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Corporal SCHULLER, a heavy machine gun instrument corporal, was a member of a combat patrol of ten men. The patrol, suddenly attacked by an enemy force of about eighteen men, immediately returned fire, killing two of the enemy. The patrol leader then ordered his men to cover each other and withdraw. Corporal SCHULLER, disregarding his personal safety, volunteered to hold his position

while the other men withdrew. When they had all withdrawn, he began to make his way to the rear, but before reaching safety was fatally shot through the abdomen and back. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Schaller, Wife, 1710 Maryland Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Private First Class HERMAN WILKINSON, 32577936, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 February 1945 at Amok, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private WILKINSON made a single headed attack upon an enemy position which was holding up his platoon. After crawling within twenty five yards of the pillbox he was wounded by enemy fire. Despite his wounds, he stood upright and with his sub-machine gun blazing, he charged the pillbox. Throwing the muzzle of his weapon into the firing post he sprayed the interior with fire, killing all the occupants. While thus engaged he was hit again and killed. This gallant action resulted in the destruction of the pillbox and seven enemy dead. Next of Kin: Mrs. Inez J. Wilkinson, Mother, 25 Christie Street, Troy, New York.

Section II - Awards of Silver Star

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 10, ID, 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:

Staff Sergeant HEINRICH W. BELTERMUELLER, 37057717, Infantry, United States Army. On 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant BELTERMUELLER'S light machine gun squad was covering reorganization of the company, when an enemy counterattack of about platoon strength developed. Under Sergeant BELTERMUELLER'S direction the gun succeeded in repelling the attack. Reorganizing, the enemy attacked again, concentrating on his machine gun. Once again the determined leadership of Sergeant BELTERMUELLER stopped the attack. Calling for fire from their 150mm mortars the enemy pinpointed Sergeant BELTERMUELLER'S position with devastating high explosive fire. Sergeant BELTERMUELLER held his ground though several members of his squad were seriously wounded. When the enemy attacked again, his gun stopped them for the third time and forced them to flee. His devotion to duty in the face of gravest peril to himself resulted in seventeen enemy counted dead and permitted his company to consolidate and hold a strategically important terrain feature. Home address: Mr. Henry J. Beltermueller, Father, Route #1, West Alton, Illinois

Sergeant EDWARD J. CLIFFORD, 32307497, Infantry, United States Army. On 24 June 1945 in the vicinity of Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant CLIFFORD, with two other men, volunteered to return to the aid station for a litter to evacuate wounded members of his patrol. Moving down the precipitous trail through an enemy infested area, the small group was twice brought under enemy fire. After securing the litter Sergeant CLIFFORD crawled back through the enemy fire. Several bullets passed through the litter, but despite the accurate fire, he courageously pushed ahead until he was masked from the enemy fire. Using the litter, the successful evacuation of the wounded men was effected. Sergeant CLIFFORD'S gallant action in the face of grave peril to himself is in the finest tradition of the military service. Home address: Mr. Edward L. Clifford, Father, 62 Tomlock Street, Brooklyn, New York.



Staff Sergeant VERNON H. DILLON, 39427335, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 21 June 1945 in the vicinity of Pingkian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant DILLON volunteered to bring litters to men wounded while on patrol. With two others he moved down a narrow, precipitous trail through an enemy infested area. Twice his group was fired on by enemy riflemen, one of the group being wounded by the enemy fire. After securing the litter Sergeant DILLON and his remaining comrade started the difficult ascent. When an enemy machine gun opened fire, he unhesitatingly crawled through the danger area. Several bullets passed through the litter which he was dragging but heedless of his own safety he continued on and delivered the litter and successful evacuation was accomplished. Sergeant DILLON'S gallant action in the face of the gravest peril to himself reflects to the finest tradition of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Charlotte A. Dillon, Wife, 1616 Connelly Avenue, Visalia, California.

Private First Class ELMER G. GEHRKING, 37029736, Infantry, United States Army. On 23 March 1945 in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private GEHRKING, an automatic riflemen, was with the Scouts of the leading platoon during a night attack upon a well entrenched enemy position. Fired upon at point blank range by enemy light machine guns, Private GEHRKING was seriously wounded, but rose against the enemy while the rest of his platoon was pinned to the ground. With complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced into the hail of direct machine gun fire. Upon reaching one of the enemy pillboxes Private GEHRKING sprayed the interior of the emplacement, killed four of the enemy, and set a light machine gun out of action. Private GEHRKING'S comrades inspired by his courage, immediately deployed into a more tactical formation and annihilated the remaining enemy resistance. Home address: Mr. Fred Gehring, Father, Cumby, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant HAROLD N. GILBERT, JR., 0514667, Infantry, United States Army. On 27 January 1945 in the Cabaunan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant GILBERT commanded a platoon of tanks in a combined tank-infantry attack against heavily defended enemy positions on commanding ground. The deeply entrenched enemy directed anti-tank machine gun, mortar and rifle fire into the ranks of the attacking forces. The combined attack stopped as communications between tanks and infantry were disrupted. Realizing the danger to friendly forces if the attack was not resumed immediately, Lieutenant GILBERT dismounted into the vicious hostile fire and successfully reestablished communications by contacting the infantry company commander. Upon remounting his tank he was wounded in the leg by enemy fire. Disregarding his painful wound, he continued to press the attack. After five hours of intense action, weak from his wound and exhausted by the terrible strain, he was lifted from the tank and evacuated. Home address: Brigadier General Harold N. Gilbert, Father, 4410 14th Street N. W., Washington D. C.

Sergeant LERIOS J. HARDIN, 37047701, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 February 1945 at Amoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant HARDIN'S company was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Seeing a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, Sergeant HARDIN crawled forward to rescue him. As he neared the wounded man he was fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Quickly sizing up the situation, Sergeant HARDIN threw two white phosphorous grenades to provide smoke cover for his advance to the wounded comrade. Disregarding the fire of the enemy machine gun he then dragged the wounded man to a place of safety from which successful evacuation was made. Home address: Mrs. Lola Hardin, Wife, 1220 Goodfellow Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WALTER F. JOHNSON, 37057838, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 February 1945 at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant JOHNSON ordered his light machine gun section to open fire when an enemy counterattack led by three medium tanks supported by a platoon of infantry was directed toward his position. The enemy returned the fire with machine guns and 47mm anti-tank guns. Ordering his men to cease fire, Sergeant JOHNSON remained in position despite the withdrawal of friendly units around him. When the tanks had advanced to within about fifty yards he once again ordered his guns to open fire. Caught in the deadly cross fire the enemy infantry turned and fled, leaving eleven dead or wounded soldiers. Seeing the supporting ground troops flee, the enemy tanks also fled. Sergeant JOHNSON'S gallant determination in the face of great odds resulted in the repulse of a counterattack that might have had serious consequences for our forces. Home address: Mr. Fred Johnson, Father, 814 Bismark Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD F. HILLIGAN, 37010056, Infantry, United States Army. On 31 January 1945 at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant HILLIGAN'S platoon leader was wounded while crossing a barbed wire fence. Seeing the wounded officer hanging across the fence and still under enemy fire, Sergeant HILLIGAN, with utter disregard for his own safety immediately crawled to him. Failing in his attempt to drag the wounded man from the fence, Sergeant HILLIGAN rose to a kneeling position in order to cut the wire. Seeing this the enemy placed a heavy concentration of machine gun and rifle fire upon him. Disregarding grave personal danger, he continued to work until he had succeeded in freeing the wounded officer. Then though still under heavy fire, he dragged the officer to a place of safety from which evacuation could be made. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Milligan, Wife, 4317 Beavercrest Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class FREDERICK MANN, 37029777, Infantry, United States Army. On 17 January 1945 in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private MANN'S squad leader was wounded by a grenade burst during an attack on a heavily defended enemy position. Private MANN, with complete disregard for his own personal safety left a covered position to go to the rescue of the squad leader. As puffs of dust from enemy bullets moved in closer and sprayed around the pair, Private MANN rolled the sergeant to a concealed position, administered first aid and comforted him until evacuation took place. Home address: Mrs. Harlow L. Ziesie, Mother, Box 87, Sidney, Montana.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD N. MC CLISTER, 35488012, Infantry, United States Army. On 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant MC CLISTER'S company was pinned down by heavy fire from a series of enemy pillboxes during an assault. Two men in his platoon were wounded. With utter disregard for his own personal safety Sergeant MC CLISTER crawled across the exposed terrain under heavy enemy fire. He dragged the wounded men to safety and gave them first aid. Then working his way toward the enemy position he killed an enemy rifleman. Moving into the man's foxhole he succeeded in killing an enemy machine gunner inside the foxhole. Three other enemy soldiers attempted to escape from the pillbox, but were killed by Sergeant MC CLISTER'S fire. Moving into the pillbox he placed fire on the adjacent enemy positions until he had worked his squad to a point from which accurate flanking fire could be placed on the enemy positions, thus permitting his company to continue its assault. Home address: Mrs. Susie McClister, Mother, Fair Play, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant RICHARD J. SHROSBREE, 01305045, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 August 1945 at Amduntog, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant SHROSBREE was given the mission to secure the key point of the battalion objective. After having advanced over rough and difficult terrain, his platoon was pinned down by withering fire from enemy machine guns and rifles. With complete disregard for his own personal safety Lieutenant SHROSBREE crouched, crawled, and ran forward through enemy fire for a distance of two hundred yards to a point from which he could direct artillery fire on the enemy. After the enemy was temporarily neutralized, Lieutenant SHROSBREE directed his platoon in organizing a tenable defense to hold the important terrain feature. The enemy again opened up with machine gun fire attempting to drive Lieutenant SHROSBREE'S platoon from the hard fought for objective. Lieutenant SHROSBREE for the second time moved over exposed ground through enemy fire lanes to an observation post where he directed a devastating barrage of artillery on the stubborn and formidable enemy. With the cessation of enemy fire the remaining elements of Lieutenant SHROSBREE'S company were able to come forward, reinforce his platoon, organize the ground into a tenable company defense, and repulse an enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Gloria M. Shrosbree, Wife, 185 Willow Road, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant RUBIN E. STIRTON, 39142302, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 3 February 1945 at Hmooz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, an enemy counterattack led by four tanks and supported by about a platoon of infantry threatened to break through our position. Seeing that no anti-tank weapons were immediately available, Sergeant STIRTON crawled from his advanced position and with utter disregard for the heavy volume of enemy tank and small arms fire all around him, worked his way to the platoon command post. Securing a rocket launcher and ammunition he returned through the enemy fire. After waiting until the tanks had closed to a distance of about one hundred and fifty yards he opened fire, setting the lead tank afire and forcing its withdrawal. He continued firing on the tanks despite their concentrated fire on his position. They soon fled, followed by their infantry troops. Sergeant STIRTON'S gallant action succeeded in halting an enemy attack that might have resulted in serious consequences to our forces. Home address: Mrs. Daisy Stirton, Mother, Mountain View Drive, Lafayette, California.

Second Lieutenant JOHN P. STRUNCK, 01313767, Infantry, United States Army. On 31 July 1945 at Amduntog, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant STRUNCK led his platoon in an attack over precipitous terraced rice paddies to a distant enemy occupied, tactically important objective. Upon reaching a point two hundred yards short of the enemy area, Lieutenant STRUNCK maneuvered his platoon into a three sided envelopment of the enemy positions. With complete disregard for his own personal safety Lieutenant STRUNCK moved forward to an exposed vantage point and opened fire on the unsuspecting enemy. In a short time he drew intensive accurate fire upon himself, thereby enabling his platoon to pick out the positions of enemy automatic weapons and direct the maximum amount of effective fire on them. In the assault phase of the attack Lieutenant STRUNCK'S intrepid leadership, courage, and initiative so inspired his men that they were able to attack, and fully disorganize an estimated enemy rifle company. Home address: Mrs. Gladys G. Strunck, Wife, 903 18th Street, Union City, New Jersey.

Private First Class ARCHIE WILLIAMS, 36836635, Infantry, United States Army. On 23 March 1945 in the Mount Hataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private WILLIAMS' company was attacking to secure high ground overlooking an enemy stronghold. The company was subjected to machine gun and mortar fire and several casualties were inflicted. Private WILLIAMS helped to remove the casualties and while doing so was wounded in the left arm. Despite the pain he refused to be evacuated. During the night the enemy made repeated attempts to penetrate our defenses, concentrating their forces toward the position manned by Private WILLIAMS. With his left arm almost immobilized he continued to fire his automatic rifle. Investigation the following morning revealed a total of five enemy dead in front of his position. Shortly thereafter he was evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Helen Williams, Wife, 20776 Ehlert Street, East Detroit, Michigan.

### Section III - Awards of Soldier's Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men for heroism:

Private First Class MELVIN E. BRYANT, 36743993, Medical Department, United States Army. On 16 August 1945 in the F. Ing River, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while attempting to ford the flooded stream in his vehicle, Private BRYANT observed a soldier wading across the river. The swift current swept the soldier off his feet and carried him downstream into water considerably over his head. He was going under for the third time when Private BRYANT, being fully cognizant of the danger, but with utter disregard for his own personal safety, swam to the drowning man and carried him to safety. The heroism displayed by Private BRYANT reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lydian Bryant, Mother, Route #1, Sandeal, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade DONALD C. DAVIDSON, 39712467, Infantry, United States Army. On 29 September 1945 on the beach at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician DAVIDSON was attracted by cries of distress from the soldiers who were swimming at a point approximately one hundred yards from shore. Technician DAVIDSON voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety rushed into the surf, and swam rapidly toward the drowning men. Technician DAVIDSON reached one of the men who was by that time completely helpless, and succeeded in towing the man to shallow water, and assisted him to shore. The heroism displayed by Technician DAVIDSON reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. June A. Davidson, Wife, 853 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT W. DEMUTH, 35390615, Infantry, United States Army. On 9 September 1945 near Bacnotan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant DEMUTH was walking along the beach, when he noticed a soldier floating on a mattress cover about one hundred and twenty five yards from shore. Sergeant DEMUTH had been swimming and knew that the undertow was very strong and treacherous. He saw a large wave sweep the float away. The soldier began to struggle in the deep water and called for help. Sergeant DEMUTH

went to the rescue, struggled through the swift undertow, reached the man before he went down, and brought him to shore. Sergeant DEMUTH'S heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mercedes Demuth, Wife, 514 North Market Street, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Private First Class JOSEPH L. DE SAU, 42190084, Infantry, United States Army. On 26 September 1945 at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while a man was swimming in the beach area about one hundred feet off shore and in water over his head, he suddenly became caught in a severe undertow. In attempting to gain the beach he found that he could make no headway, became panicky, began to flounder and called for help. Private DE SAU heard the calls and realizing the precarious situation swam out to where the victim had twice submerged. He grabbed the victim by the hair, swam with the surf and succeeded in bringing the man to shore. Sergeant DEMUTH'S unhesitating action and display of courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Joseph L. De Sau, Wife, Box 10, Yardly, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BILL H. GOTTSCHLICK, 17027377, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 26 September 1945 near San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands while Private GOTTSCHLICK was sunbathing on the beach, he heard cries for help. Accompanied by another man he fought his way to the victim through the strong current and undertow in time to keep the victim afloat until a third man reached them. The three then managed to tow the victim through the heavy surf to shore. Private GOTTSCHLICK'S prompt action and disregard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the man from death by drowning. Home address: Mrs. Pauline Hazel Lhalstadt, Mother, 700 North State Avenue, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade LA GRAND J. GUYMON, 39939207, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 29 September 1945 at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician GUYMON was attracted by the cries of distress of two men about one hundred yards from shore. Technician GUYMON with complete disregard for his own safety rushed into the surf, which was made extremely hazardous by a strong undertow, and swam rapidly toward the two drowning men, who by this time were completely helpless. Arriving at the scene Technician GUYMON, with the aid of two other men, succeeded in bringing one of the men safely ashore. He returned to the scene of the accident and joined in the search for the other man. The heroism displayed by Technician GUYMON reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Merine M. Guyman, Wife, 471 East Sixth North, Provo, Utah.

Second Lieutenant WALTER H. JOHNSON, 02027012, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 26 September 1945 near San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Lieutenant JOHNSON was engaged in sports about a hundred yards from the beach. He heard cries for help and immediately ran this distance to the water, and disregarding the treacherous currents he fought his way to the drowning man where two men were keeping him afloat, but unable to bring him to shore. The three then brought the drowning man through the rough breakers and into shallow water. Lieutenant JOHNSON'S quick action and complete disregard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the man's life. Home address: Mr. Edward Johnson, Father, 1921 Hamilton Street, Lockport, Illinois.

Sergeant MARTIN E. KEMPPAINEN, 39383269, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 26 September 1945 near San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while Sergeant KEMPPAINEN was sunbathing on the beach, he heard cries for help. Disregarding the undertow and treacherous currents Sergeant KEMPPAINEN, accompanied by another man, fought his way to the victim in time to keep him afloat until an officer who had been some distance from the beach reached them. The three then managed to bring the victim through the heavy surf and treacherous current to the shore. Sergeant KEMPPAINEN'S prompt action and disregard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the man from death by drowning. Home address: Mr. Mike Kemppainen, Father, Route 1, Box 54, Polkio, Michigan.

Private CALVIN V. LEIRSCH, 42149244, Infantry, United States Army. On 29 September 1945 at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while Private LEIRSCH was swimming, he was attracted by cries of distress from two men who had been carried by the current into deeper waters. Private LEIRSCH voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety swam toward the drowning men who by that time were completely helpless. Private LEIRSCH with the assistance of two other men, succeeded in carrying one of the victims through the treacherous currents to safety. The heroism displayed by Private LEIRSCH reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Leila Leirsch, Mother, 452 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM O. MARTIN, 35818210, Infantry United States Army. On 14 September 1945 at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while walking on the beach, Private MARTIN observed a man struggling in the current. With complete disregard for his own personal safety Private MARTIN jumped into the surf and swam against the tide until he reached the victim, approximately one hundred and twenty five feet from shore. He threw his arm around the victim's waist and tried to tow him to shore. The tide was too strong and he could make no headway. He headed for shore at an angle and succeeded in reaching it some one hundred yards down the beach. This unhesitating action and display of courage by Private MARTIN reflects great credit both upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Martin, Mother, Route 2, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM H. REILLY, JR., 37011177, Infantry, United States Army. On 23 September 1945 on the beach at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician REILLY was attracted by cries of distress from two soldiers who were swimming at a point approximately one hundred yards from shore. Technician REILLY voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety rushed into the surf which was made extremely hazardous by a strong undertow, and swam rapidly towards the drowning men. Technician REILLY swam to the side of one of the men, who was by that time completely helpless, and succeeded in towing the man to shallow water and assisting him to shore. The heroism displayed by Technician REILLY reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William H. Reilly, Sr., Route 4, Ottawa, Kansas.

First Sergeant EDWARD W. STRAW, 35789774, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. On 14 September 1945 near San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant STRAW saw a man about one

First Lieutenant PAUL A. BRUNS, 01016038, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Iuzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 January 1945. Home address: Miss Mary T. Bruns, Sister, 3008 Connecticut Street, St Louis, Missouri.

Section V - Amendment of General Orders

*8/1* So much of Section I, General Orders No. 178, this headquarters, dated 28 August 1945 as pertains to Second Lieutenant JAMES T. ANDERSON JR., 01690837, Infantry, as reads: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read: "In addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant JAMES T. ANDERSON, JR., 01690837, Infantry, as published in General Orders 268, 37th Division Headquarters dated 20 August 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded."

*8/1* So much of Section I, General Orders No. 208, this headquarters, dated 29 September 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant JULES F. BILLARD, 01014799, Infantry, as reads: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read: "A Silver Star Medal is awarded to First Lieutenant JULES F. BILLARD, 01014799, Infantry."

*8/1* So much of General Orders 207, this headquarters, dated 27 September 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant BERNARD J. DYER, 01297694, Infantry, as reads: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read: "A Silver Star Medal is awarded to First Lieutenant BERNARD J. DYER, 01297694, Infantry."

*8/1* So much of Section I, General Orders No. 208, this headquarters, dated 20 September 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant FRANK T. HURLY, 01291122, Infantry, as reads: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read: "A Silver Star Medal is awarded to First Lieutenant FRANK T. HURLY, 01291122, Infantry."

*8/1* So much of General Orders No. 3, this headquarters, dated 29 January 1945, as reads: "Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM R. MILLER, 19086176, Corps of Engineers, United States Army," is amended to read: "Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM H. MILLER 19086176, Corps of Engineers, United States Army."

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hundred yards out in the water struggling toward shore. Sergeant STRAW with utter disregard for his own personal safety waded into the surf and swam through dangerous currents and undertow, in a valiant attempt to save the victim. He dove beneath the surface in an effort to bring the victim to the surface. He was unable to do so. Later, when the body had been recovered, Sergeant STRAW assisted in administering artificial respiration to revive the man, but all failed. Sergeant STRAW'S heroism and courage reflects great credit both upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Shirley L. Straw, wife, 225 East 19th Street, Covington, Kentucky.

Private First Class JOHN L. WITHEROW, 15313940, Infantry, United States Army. On 29 September 1945 at San Juan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private WITHEROW was attracted by the cries of distress of two men about one hundred yards from shore. He voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety rushed into the surf which was made extremely hazardous by a strong undertow, and swam toward the drowning men, who by this time were completely helpless. Arriving at the scene Private WITHEROW, with the aid of two other men, succeeded in bringing one of the men safely to shore. The heroism displayed by Private WITHEROW reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Clinton A. Withrow, Father, RR #1, Lewisburg, Ohio.

#### Section IV - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By the direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant CHARLES R. MATTHEWS, 34161789, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Munez, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Sergeant MATTHEWS volunteered to attempt to infiltrate through the enemy lines and plant anti-tank mines in an area which the enemy was using as an approach to our lines. Accompanied by two other men under cover of a rain storm, he succeeded in working through the enemy defenses, left the others to cover him, and alone moved throughout the area placing the mines. As he led his small group back through the enemy positions an enemy machine gun opened fire. Directing his men to separate and reassemble at a designated terrain feature, Sergeant MATTHEWS then proceeded to attract enemy fire while his companions escaped undetected. After reassembling, he led his group back to our lines. Sergeant MATTHEWS' heroic action in the face of grave danger to himself was responsible for the destruction of an enemy medium tank and breaking up of an attack that might have had serious consequences for our forces. Home address: Mr. Ben J. Matthews, Father, Box 61, Tarrant City, Alabama.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6 to the following named officer:



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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 heroic 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:

✓ Staff Sergeant **LOYD D. ADDINGTON**, 35439591, Infantry, United States Army. On 22 January 1945, in the vicinity of the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during an attack on a well entrenched and concealed enemy, Sergeant ADDINGTON'S company was forced to maneuver to more favorable ground in order to cope with the enemy. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant ADDINGTON stayed alone with a seriously wounded comrade, while exposed to and in close proximity of enemy lines. With calm presence of mind he dressed his comrade's wound, then comforted and consoled the wounded soldier until a litter party arrived, and evacuation took place. Home address: Mrs. McClellan Addington, Mother, Camden on Gauley, West Virginia.

✓ Sergeant **SHUMAN L. CHAN**, 39142079, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 4 March 1945 Sergeant CHAN voluntarily left his concealed perimeter position during an enemy counterattack in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands to help a wounded comrade. He crawled through intense enemy fire to the exposed perimeter position where he found that ammunition was low and supply of hand grenades was exhausted. He then voluntarily maneuvered through heavy machine gun and mortar fire, to a well supplied position and returned with enough ammunition and grenades to repulse the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mr. Y. C. Chan, Father, 1405 Berkley Way, Berkely 2, California.

✓ Corporal **EUGENE CONNONE**, 35318241, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 3 August 1945, in the vicinity of the Amdungtong area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Corporal CONNONE, a gunner for a heavy machine gun squad was attached with his squad to a rifle company which was occupying a position plainly exposed to the view of the enemy. When his position was brought under enemy machine gun fire, Corporal CONNONE, disregarding his own safety, stood erect exposing himself so that he might locate the enemy position. He located an enemy machine gun, returned the fire and silenced it. He then shifted fire to another enemy position but found his supply of ammunition running low. He crossed the perimeter under heavy enemy fire to another position, secured more ammunition and returned to his gun. Again placing his gun in action he silenced the remaining enemy position. Home address: Mrs. Nancy Connone, Mother, 1216 W. 13th Street, Lorain, Ohio.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE J. CROMER, 37476726, Armored, United States Army. On 18 June 1945 in the vicinity of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician CROMER and four other medium tank crewmen volunteered to take their tank over a mined road and breach enemy defenses. With another tank lending covering fire from a position overlooking the road, Technician CROMER and his companions used their 75mm gun to blast a path through the mine field. Slowly and deliberately they maneuvered their vehicle for four hours until the enemy lines were penetrated. Their success, despite the ever present danger of mines, satchel charges and suicide tactics, enabled other tanks and infantry to follow and wipe out the enemy strong-point, capture Salinas and secure the area with few casualties to our forces. Technician CROMER and his companions were credited with killing 37 of the enemy and destroying several enemy machine gun nests. Home address: Mrs. Emma C. Cromer, Mother, Oakland, Nebraska.

✓ Staff Sergeant LEON S. ELLISON, 37029857, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 10 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant ELLISON voluntarily led a litter team across five hundred yards of terrain subject to hostile artillery fire to evacuate a wounded comrade. When the litter party bearing the wounded man came under enemy rifle fire, Sergeant ELLISON, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved to an exposed knoll and placed well aimed rifle fire on the enemy. The litter party moved on unmolested while he covered the evacuation by rifle fire and white phosphorus grenades. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Ellison, Mother, Carlton, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class ROBERT N. HOLLENBECK, 42167495, Infantry, United States Army. On 10 August 1945 in the vicinity of the Carabello Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private HOLLENBECK with disregard for his own personal safety exposed himself voluntarily to enemy sniper fire while moving to the rear of the company to secure additional ammunition for a machine gun which was covering the company while troops were coming in. Despite constant heavy enemy sniper fire he succeeded in returning with two full boxes of ammunition to the gun position. With this ammunition the gun was able to resume firing, preventing a probable enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Robert N. Hollenbeck, Wife, 18 Woodruff Street, Cortland, New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant WILLARD O. HOLM, 37040155, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 20 January 1945 in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant HOLM, was leading scout when his company made an attack on a strongly entrenched enemy position. The enemy allowed him to enter their main line of defense, and then opened fire on the main body with rifles, machine guns, and mortars. Sergeant HOLM, though completely surrounded by enemy remained in his precarious position to direct fire effectively on the enemy and provide covering fire so that his comrades could evacuate the wounded. Home address: Mr. William Holm, Father, Story City, Iowa.

✓ Corporal DELBERT H. HUDDELESTON, 37710924, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 9 August 1945 on Luzon, Philippine Islands, Corporal HUDDELESTON voluntarily led a litter squad over rough and precipitous terrain to reach a forward position which was under fire. Reaching the casualty, the squad found him in a serious condition and prepared to return over the shortest route. The ridges, and barren terrain exposed them to enemy observation and rifle fire. Determined to evacuate the casualty as rapidly as possible, the

patrol did not pause. As the litter squad was lowering the casualty over a slope, a sudden burst of enemy rifle fire pinned them to the ground. Corporal HUDDLESTON, realizing the need for action, directed the litter squad to continue. He remained, firing at the source of enemy fire and diverted the concentration to himself. Home address: Mrs. Delbert H. Huddleston, Wife, 1616 South Acoma Street, Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class STEVE G. KECSKES, 39160816, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mount Pacauagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private KECSKES, with complete disregard for his own safety, voluntarily went out over exposed ground to repair vital communication line. The line was the only means of contact between a platoon heavily engaged with the enemy and the main body of the company. Private KECSKES was exposed to intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, but succeeded in repairing the line after searching for the break over more than two hundred yards of wire. On his return he found a wounded man, to whom he administered first aid and gave assistance to safety. Home address: Mrs. Julia Kecskes, Mother, 743 North Ketcham Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. KESSLER, 34639918, Infantry, United States Army. On 24 June 1945 in the vicinity of Cayapa, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private KESSLER acting as lead scout, surprised and killed a lone armed Jap who was guarding the road. Moving forward, his platoon was suddenly caught in a hail of machine gun and rifle fire. Private KESSLER, being well forward of the platoon took the only available position in a small crevice to the right of the road. From this position, Private KESSLER exposed himself to determine the source of enemy fire and the size of the enemy force. He located the enemy positions on the crest of a high ridge to the left of the road. Using hand and arm signals, Private KESSLER directed accurate mortar fire on the enemy. This effective fire inflicted many casualties and forced the remainder of the enemy to flee. Subsequent investigation revealed twenty-one of the enemy had been killed. Home address: Mr. J. S. Kessler, Father, Route 4, Box 72, Savannah, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY J. KLOPUCAR, 39933889, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 12 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mt. Pacawagon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician KLOPUCAR, member of a reconnaissance patrol, volunteered with two others to crawl through sparse cover to determine the enemy strength and location. When within 75 yards of the enemy, Technician KLOPUCAR observed an ammunition dump. The volunteer group began to return, but was suddenly confronted by the heavy rifle fire of an enemy ambush. Technician KLOPUCAR unhesitatingly hit the ground and rolled to a covered position. He remained motionless until he saw three of the enemy. He jumped to his feet firing his submachine gun, killing two of the enemy and wounding the third. The other members inspired by this bold action immediately killed the remaining enemy who attempted to flee. Home address: Mrs. Mike Wilich, Mother, 514 East Galena Street, Butte, Montana.

Private First Class GEORGE E. KLONTZ, 39595848, Infantry, United States Army. On 15 June 1945 in the vicinity of Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands Private KLONTZ, a member of a patrol reconnoitering enemy dispositions, suddenly was subjected to a heavy volume of enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The patrol was pinned to the ground without any cover or concealment. Private KLONTZ, fully aware of the situation, left his position

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and crawled a distance of three hundred yards across open terrain to reach a stream. He plunged unhesitatingly into the stream and swam across under heavy enemy fire. He hurriedly contacted a friendly outpost, and volunteered to lead a reinforced platoon to the area. Mortar fire was placed on the enemy position enabling the patrol to withdraw without suffering any further casualties. Home address: Mrs. Fannie M. Klontz, Mother, 5312 West 117th Street, Inglewood, California.

✓ Corporal FLOYD E. LIDSTER, 36558083, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1945 on Luzon, Philippine Islands, Corporal LIDSTER, while acting as communications corporal for an 81mm mortar platoon, found that the field wire to the forward observer had been severed by enemy artillery. He immediately started forward under deadly enemy sniper fire and artillery bursts, stringing new communication wire. By some miracle, after running and crawling along the artillery torn trail, Corporal LIDSTER restored communication, permitting a heavy 81mm barrage to support the rifle troops who were then able to take their objective. Home address: Mrs. Elva Lidster, Mother, RFD #2, Dundee, Michigan.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade BERNHARD T. LINDQUIST, 37029477, Infantry, United States Army. On 17 June 1945 near Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, when two casualties were left lying in an exposed enemy area, Technician LINDQUIST volunteered to go out to rescue them. After he had gone a short distance, an enemy machine gun opened fire on him, but he continued forward, being forced to crawl approximately a hundred yards to the wounded man. The terrain offered little cover, and he was harassed by both enemy rifle and machine gun fire. He then took one man back over the route he had come, a slow and tortuous trip. He returned for the second casualty, and under the same hazardous conditions successfully brought him to safety. Home address: Mrs. Anna E. Lindquist, Wife, Box 355, San Luis Obispo, California.

✓ Sergeant CHARLES M. LINGER, 35206871, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 21 March 1945, during an enemy counterattack, in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant LINGER, a heavy machine gunner, being unable to fire upon the enemy from his position moved his gun to an alternate position. The move was through such intense enemy fire that Sergeant LINGER was forced to crawl, dragging his gun with him. Reaching the more advantageous position, he put his gun into action, brought effective fire upon the enemy and aided materially in the successful repulsion of the attack. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Linger, Mother, Route #1, Waverly, West Virginia.

✓ Sergeant WILLIAM MANZELMANN, 36716281, Armored, United States Army. On 7 February 1945 at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant MANZELMANN was a section sergeant of a reconnaissance platoon bivouacked near the main highway. Enemy units defending the town of Munoz attempted to break out and proceed to San Jose. Spearheading the attack, an enemy armored column raced down the highway. The bivouac area was immediately subjected to hostile tank and machine gun fire. A heavy fire fight developed. Disregarding the intense fire, although within forty yards of the enemy tanks and exposed to the

muzzle blast of their guns, Sergeant MANZELMANN stayed by his vehicle for two and one half hours observing targets and radioing enemy positions to friendly anti-tank gunners. Sergeant MANZELMANN'S intense fearlessness while being endangered by both friendly and enemy fire, permitted effective coordination of our attack, and contributed immeasurably to the destruction of the enemy force. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Manzelmann, Wife, 443 South Madison Avenue, La Grange, Illinois.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade DAVID A. MASTERTON, 3589425, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mt. Langanon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician MASTERTON, a member of the regimental I & R Platoon proceeding enemy positions, volunteered with two others to proceed forward and investigate a ridge two hundred yards to the front. On returning with valuable information of the enemy positions, the group was pinned down by heavy rifle fire. Technician MASTERTON immediately opened fire from a precarious position, killing two of the enemy and enabling his two comrades to reach positions of safety. Joining his patrol, he led them to flank the enemy ambush and killing an additional three of the enemy. Technician MASTERTON'S efforts made possible the success of the patrol and had a direct effect on the successful operations of the regiment in this area. Home address: Mrs. David A. Masterton, Wife, 5520 Duneland Street, Gary, Indiana.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade RUSSELL R. PATTEN, 37029728, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 April 1945 in the Marikina Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Technician PATTEN, a jeep driver, had the mission of supplying hot food and ammunition to an isolated front line rifle company that had a four thousand yard unprotected supply line. In driving over this hazardous supply route, Technician PATTEN came under accurate, interdictionary artillery fire. Being unable to flank the enemy concentration, Technician PATTEN, with complete disregard for his own safety, drove through this enemy artillery barrage and reached his destination with supplies intact. On his return trip, Technician PATTEN evacuated two wounded men over the same hazardous route. Home address: Mr. Harvey Patten, Brother, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES L. RUKAVINA, 32842434, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. In the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945, a coordinated attack was launched against a well entrenched, resolute enemy. When his company was forced to dig in, Technician RUKAVINA saw that a wounded man had been unavoidably isolated within enemy lines. Technician RUKAVINA, upon his own initiative, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward of friendly lines, killing two enemy soldiers who fired upon him. He reached the wounded man, administered first aid, and assisted him to the safety of friendly lines. Home address: Mrs. Anna Rukavina, Mother, 50 Simon Avenue, Lackawann, New York.

✓ Private First Class KENNETH D. SPEEGLE, 36606537, Infantry, United States Army. In the vicinity of Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945, Private SPEEGLE, a light machine gunner, directed accurate fire against an enemy counterattack contributing greatly to repulse the attack. After reorganizing, the enemy attacked again, concentrating on Private SPEEGLE'S gun. Failing, the enemy pin-pointed his position with fire from mortars. Despite grave peril from the terrible explosives, Private SPEEGLE stayed at his gun until the enemy attacked a third time, when he placed

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accurate fire, breaking up the attack and causing numerous enemy casualties. Home address: Mrs. Nida F. Speegle, Locker, 325 McGee Avenue, Borger, Texas.

✓ Private First Class AUGUSTIN G. TARANGO, SR, 3912337, Infantry, United States Army. At Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 June 1945, when Private TARANGO'S platoon was pinned down by intensive short range enemy machine gun fire, three men were wounded in close proximity of the enemy lines. Private TARANGO, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved through the bullet ridden area to the side of his three wounded comrades, moving them one at a time to a covered position and administered first aid. He gained the assistance of men of an adjoining unit for purpose of evacuation, and led the litter parties through an enemy infested area to the battalion aid station. Home address: Mrs. Tomasa S. Tarango, Wife, 3820 Findley Street, El Paso, Texas.

✓ Sergeant AUGUST F. THOLE, 38500393, Infantry, United States Army. On 30 January 1945 in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during an attack on a well entrenched fanatic enemy, the platoon of which Sergeant THOLE was a member, made a retrograde movement unavoidably leaving their fatally wounded platoon leader with important documents and maps. Sergeant THOLE risked his own life in braving sporadic, dangerously close enemy small arms fire to secure the documents from the Lieutenant's body. Later Sergeant THOLE led a group of men to evacuate the body. Home address: Mrs. August A. Thole, Mother, 2270 North Miro Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

✓ Private First Class, JESSE TROY, 35390104, Infantry, United States Army. On 31 January 1945, at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while making an attack, Private TROY'S company was pinned down by heavy enemy fire from rifles, automatic weapons, 47mm tank guns, 75mm and 105mm field artillery pieces. Hearing the cries of a wounded comrade he crawled through the heavy fire to give him first aid. To effect more rapid evacuation of the profusely bleeding man, Private TROY picked him up and carried him across three hundred yards of open terrain under hostile fire. Home address: Miss Lee Whitsell, Friend, Petersburg, West Virginia.

✓ Private First Class THOMAS TSCHUDIN, 37748926, Infantry, United States Army. On 4 August 1945 in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, while pushing forward to gain a battalion objective, Private TSCHUDIN'S company was pinned down by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from well fortified and concealed enemy pillboxes. Private TSCHUDIN, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, rushed the enemy positions armed with grenades and his rifle. With his rifle he killed three of the occupants as they ran from the hole as a result of the white phosphorous grenades and then killed one badly burned Jap inside of the pillbox. This action allowed his company to continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. John Tschudin, Mother, Box 205, Belgrade, Nebraska.

✓ Staff Sergeant CARLOS VILLEGAS, 39862819, Infantry, United States Army. At Barat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 June 1945, Sergeant VILLEGAS was lead scout on a flank patrol protecting a rifle company on the road in enemy-

held territory. Having advanced some distance, Sergeant VILLEGAS suddenly spotted an enemy pillbox. Opening fire with his submachine gun, defiant to the enemy return of intensive small arms fire, he continued to advance on the pillbox until he had reached it. Then Sergeant VILLEGAS sprayed the interior kill-in, occupants and putting out of action one enemy machine gun. The rest of Sergeant VILLEGAS' patrol, inspired by his courageous and aggressive actions, eliminated the remaining three pillboxes that were a threat to the advancing rifle company. Home address: Mrs. Maria Villegas, Mother, P.O. Box 1135, Bisbee, Arizona.

✓ Sergeant MARTIN E. WALKER, 37030150, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On the night of 28 February 1945 at Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant WALKER'S company being in defense was attacked at midnight by a strong, well supported, fanatic enemy. In the initial stages of the enemy attack a machine gunner was wounded, leaving the gun crew depleted in strength. Sergeant WALKER with complete disregard for his own safety, moved from the cover of his hole across the entire company defense, through a hail of enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and took a position as assistant gunner. Shortly after this, a light mortar shell fragment seriously wounded the first gunner. Sergeant WALKER unhesitatingly moved behind the machine gun operating it at a rapid rate of fire against the oncoming formidable enemy forces. Sergeant WALKER'S accuracy and ability inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy, and was a contributing factor in repulsing the counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Mary Walker, Mother, Route 2, Cycles, Minnesota.

✓ Technical Sergeant ROBERT E. MILKES, 39019650, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 28 March 1945 in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, when Sergeant MILKES' section leader was wounded, he unhesitatingly took charge of the light machine gun section during a strong enemy counterattack. His direction of fire and leadership were instrumental in the repulsing of this attack. Sergeant MILKES, manning of the gun himself, accounted for several of the enemy. His heroic action played a vital part in successfully defending an important position. Home address: Mrs. Ester E. Milkes, Wife, 1422 N. Kenmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

✓ Private First Class ARNOLD WILLIAMS, 36586635, Infantry, United States Army. On 15 March 1945 in the Marikina Watershed Area, Private WILLIAMS' platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, and several casualties were inflicted. Private WILLIAMS, automatic rifleman, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced slowly reaching a position from which he could destroy a machine gun emplacement. Reaching this position, Private WILLIAMS threw a hand grenade killing two of the enemy. He then volunteered to remain forward while the platoon dug in, and during this time two more enemy attempted to leave their positions and maneuver to the left flank of the platoon. Private WILLIAMS, with accurate automatic fire killed these two enemy soldiers. Throughout the entire action Private WILLIAMS' heroic action was exemplary of the highest type of military achievement, contributed to the evacuation of the wounded, and helped to avert further casualties in his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Helen J. Williams, Wife, 20776 Ehlert Avenue, East Detroit, Michigan.

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Section I - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal for heroic 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:

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. DOMINICK, 33764477, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant DOMINICK'S company being in the defense was attacked by a strong determined enemy force. Sergeant DOMINICK, a light machine gunner, assisted in repulsing an enemy counter-attack on one side of the company defense. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved from a covered position through a hail of enemy machine gun fire to a position where a new enemy attack was being launched. Though suffering from a severe hand burn incurred while handling the overheated barrel, Sergeant DOMINICK alone put the machine gun into action, concentrating an intense amount of fire against the oncoming enemy, inflicting many casualties upon the opposing forces. Home address: Mrs. Anna Dominick, Mother, Dixonville, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant LOUIS A. FERRARIO, 37604323, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 5 July 1945 during military operations near Kiangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant FERRARIO displayed marked heroism in helping to hold off an enemy counterattack, until the seriously wounded could be evacuated. Sergeant FERRARIO, without thought to his own welfare volunteered to remain and continue to hold off the enemy so the rest of the platoon could carry the wounded men to safety. After collecting all the hand grenades he could carry, Sergeant FERRARIO, crawled over exposed ground to a position on the forward slope of the hill. Despite heavy enemy small arms fire, he held off the enemy, by rolling grenades down the slope. The action of Sergeant FERRARIO and the men assisting him was directly responsible for the safe evacuation of the wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Astunta Ferrario, Mother, 2235 Sublette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK J. GARRETY, JR., 35877776, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 4 March 1945 near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, when two other occupants of a perimeter position were wounded during an enemy night counterattack, Technician GARRETY with complete disregard for his own personal safety exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to defend the casualties. Even after the enemy had infiltrated to the rear of his foxhole he refused to abandon his position.

After the attack was repulsed, he helped evacuate the two wounded. His heroic action prevented the casualties from falling into enemy hands, and played an important part in repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Frank J. Garroty Jr., Wife, 427 West 22d Street, Covington, Kentucky.

Sergeant MORRIS V. HALE, 35841884, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 15 August 1945, in the Kidangan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant HALE's company was the advance unit in an attack against a well fortified enemy position. While the advance was being made, they were suddenly pinned down by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant HALE's squad was selected to advance and knock out the resistance. While moving forward two men were killed and several wounded. Sergeant HALE with utter disregard for his own safety crawled to the wounded men and administered first aid. He then evacuated the wounded to safety and returned to his squad. Aware of the situation and realizing the need for immediate action Sergeant HALE directed the members of his squad to cover him with fire as he advanced against the enemy position. Under the cover of their fire, he crawled up to the enemy lines and alone assaulted them with grenades, allowing the remainder of the squad to seize the enemy positions. Home address: Mrs. Wilber D. Hale, Mother, Box 33, Dugger, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD S. HOPPER, 39422130, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. On 8 July 1945 at Santa Cruz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Sergeant HOPPER was a member of a combat patrol that deeply penetrated enemy territory. When the patrol came under intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant HOPPER realizing the casualty producing effect of the enemy fire, in order to complete the patrol's mission immediately moved from a covered position, crossed enemy fire lines and reached a position flanking the enemy machine gun. He then aggressively assaulted the emplacement throwing grenades, killing two enemy and wounded a third, with complete cessation of enemy fire the patrol was able to continue their mission. Home address: Mrs. Ida Belle Hopper, wife, PO Box 691, Porterville, California.

Private First Class RICHARD T. HUGHES, 37007561, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 February 1945 at Manaoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private HUGHES, a runner on a fifty caliber machine gun furnishing anti-tank protection for the assault companies. He remained at his post through an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage and continued to repulse the enemy tanks. Private HUGHES could not be induced to leave his post, and his outstanding courage and devotion to duty were an important factor in the successful completion of the operation. Home address: Mr. Talton B. Hughes, Father, RFD #1, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Private First Class RUDOLPH P. JANCIGAR, 35912262, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 July 1945 near Kidangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, Private JANCIGAR's company was spearheading an attack of the battalion against a well fortified hill position, held by the enemy. Private JANCIGAR, seeing one of his comrades wounded and lying in an exposed position, crawled forward and moved his comrade into a position of safety. He was wounded during this act of bravery. His complete disregard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade and instilled his platoon with courage. Home address: Mr. Thomas Jancigar, Jr., Wife, 15705 Parkrove Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant **BEHLERT A. JOHNSON**, 37029739, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. On 20 January 1945 in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, when two of his comrades were wounded in the assault of a strongly fortified defense position, Sergeant JOHNSON with complete disregard for his own personal safety, rushed to their aid while puffs of dust from enemy bullets sprayed his path of approach. He assisted in administering first aid to his wounded comrades and aided in their evacuation to the battalion aid station. On his return trip to the company zone of action Sergeant JOHNSON voluntarily loaded himself down with a much needed supply of small arms ammunition, and joined in the final and annihilating assault of the enemy's main defenses. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mather, Goodridge, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant **HENRY E. PETERS**, 0446050, Infantry, United States Army. During operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 January 1945, Lieutenant PETERS' rifle platoon was pinned down without cover by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire on their right flank. Lieutenant PETERS, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled and ran through intense enemy fire in order to repair communication facilities, thus enabling the artillery to lay down a barrage on the enemy positions. His men then took advantageous positions and continued to rout the enemy, thus securing their objective. Lieutenant PETERS' courage and determined leadership were a great inspiration to his men and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Sam E. Peters, Father, Douglas, Oklahoma.

Sergeant **HERBERT L. THORSTEN**, 37030996, Infantry, United States Army. During operations against the enemy near Kuangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on the night of 8 July 1945, Sergeant THORSTEN'S company was attacked by a platoon of enemy infantry, following closely behind a heavy knee mortar barrage. Sergeant THORSTEN'S light machine gun squad on the perimeter suffered three casualties during the barrage leaving only two members to man the gun. He called to a rifle man in a nearby foxhole to come help man the gun while he removed the casualties to the center of the perimeter which afforded more safety for them. Upon returning from his mission of mercy, he found the two men who he had left to man the gun wounded. Ordering the men to the rear, he manned the gun alone. His continuous accurate fire played a large part in repulsing the attack, with heavy losses to the enemy. His personal bravery and disregard of his own safety saved the lives of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs. Martina Thorsten, Mother, Route 1, Becker, Minnesota.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant **ALYNE L. BEITINGER**, 39202055, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 2 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant **WYNE L. BETTINGER**, 39202053, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 June 1945. Sergeant BETTINGER volunteered to act as lead scout of a small patrol investigating a possible enemy bivouac area. He detected signs of recent enemy activity in the area. Dispersing his men, he advanced alone and located dug-in positions for an estimated squad of enemy. Returning to the patrol he summoned them to follow him along the most favorable route to the enemy positions. When the patrol was pinned down by machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant BETTINGER worked his way forward crawling over the tortuous terrain to a commanding position where he could bring accurate rifle fire upon the enemy. His aggressive and courageous action saved the patrol possible casualties and is worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. W. H. Bettinger, Mother, Route 1, Hartford, Washington.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal **EDWARD S. BIELSKI**, 32841101, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Corporal **EDWARD S. BIELSKI**, 32841101, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Salinas area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 18 July 1945, Corporal BIELSKI was a volunteer on a carrying party, carrying supplies to a forward rifle company. After covering one thousand yards, the carrying party was informed that the rifle company had been pinned down by intense enemy fire and had suffered many casualties, and litter bearers were needed. Corporal BIELSKI voluntarily went forward through the heavy enemy fire to evacuate his comrades to the rear. Home address: Mr. Frank Bielski, Father, 92 Gibson Street, Buffalo, New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant **WALTER L. BRAY**, 39202313, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant **WALTER L. BRAY**, 39202313, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 30 March 1945. Sergeant BRAY volunteered to go on a three man patrol deep in heavily infested enemy territory with the mission of locating a number of enemy field guns and 150mm mortars that were inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. The patrol succeeded in securing accurate and detailed information of an enemy base and supply area and the positions of two enemy field pieces. This information enabled our artillery fire to destroy them. Home address: Mrs. Mablee Bray, Mother, Route 1, Box 85-A, Lopez, Washington.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant DELBERT R. CALLEN, 36454905, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in General Orders No. 90 dated 30 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant DELBERT R. CALLEN, 36454905, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Barot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 June 1945. Sergeant CALLEN'S platoon was attacking an enemy force of considerable strength. In the ensuing fire fight numerous casualties were sustained by our forces. Sergeant CALLEN upon locating some of the casualties, immediately moved to the exposed area where they were lying under enemy observation and small arms fire. Although he found four of the soldiers had died as a result of wounds, he administered first aid to the other man and carried him to a place of safety. Then with the assistance of other men he returned to the hazardous area and successfully brought the bodies to the rear of friendly lines. Home address: Mrs. Anna Callen, Mother, Route 1, Ada, Michigan.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class GORDON A. CONEY, 35725928, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in General Orders No. 90 dated 30 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class GORDON A. CONEY, 35725928, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Acting as first scout on a combat patrol, Private CONEY sighted a large number of the enemy at a position several hundred yards to his front. He signaled his patrol to halt and proceeded forward alone to scout out the enemy positions. His reconnaissance forced him to approach over exposed ground within close range of the enemy. After finding a partially covered route of approach, he returned to the patrol and led them to a point from which they could bring accurate fire to bear on the hostile troops. Taken by complete surprise, the enemy was forced to withdraw, after nine of their men had been killed. Private CONEY accounted for two of the enemy dead. His actions are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. John Coney, Father, Corydon, Kentucky.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant RAYMOND W. SMITH, 32835749, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant RAYMOND E. FINN, 32835749, 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. During an enemy night counterattack when his company was almost out of ammunition, Sergeant FINN voluntarily risked his own life to crawl through enemy fire to secure the much needed ammunition. Returning to his company, he distributed the ammunition by crawling from hole to hole under enemy fire. His heroic actions and timely delivery of this ammunition were an important factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Edna E. Finn, Wife, 113 Ellicott Street, Buffalo 18, New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant SEBASTIAN J. GRAYBUSH, 33620776, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, APO 32, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 83, dated 14 April 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant SEBASTIAN J. GRAYBUSH, 33620776, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy two miles east of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 June 1945. Sergeant GRAYBUSH and four other medium tank crewmen volunteered to take their tank over a mined road and breach enemy defenses that had halted our infantry advance. With another tank lending covering fire from a position overlooking the road, Sergeant GRAYBUSH and his companions used their 75mm to blast a path through the mine field. Slowly and deliberately he maneuvered his tank for four hours until they penetrated the Japanese lines. Their success, despite the ever present danger of mines, satchel charges and suicide tactics, enabled other tanks and infantry to follow and wipe out the enemy strong point, capture Salinas and secure the area with few casualties to our forces. Home address: Miss Anna Graybush, Sister 443 South Hancock Street, Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal PETER E. HALPKENNY, JR., 31304452, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, APO 32, as published in Section IV, General Order No. 83, dated 14 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Corporal PETER E. HALPKENNY, JR., 31304452, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy two miles east of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 June 1945. Corporal HALPKENNY, JR., and four other medium tank crewmen volunteered to take their tank over a mined road and breach enemy defenses that had halted our infantry advance. With another tank lending covering fire from a position overlooking the road, Corporal HALPKENNY and his companions used their 75mm gun to blast a path through the mine field. Slowly and deliberately he maneuvered his tank for four hours until they penetrated the Japanese lines. Their success, despite the ever present danger of mines,

satchel charges and suicide tactics, enabled other tanks and infantry to follow and wipe out the enemy strong point, capture Salinas and secure the area with few casualties to our forces. Home address: Mr. Peter E. Halfkonnny Sr., Father, 134 Whitefield Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal WALTER C. LIPKA, 31329369, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, APO 32, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 83, dated 14 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Corporal WALTER C. LIPKA, 31329369, Private First Class, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy two miles east of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 June 1945. Corporal LIPKA and four other medium tank crewmen volunteered to take their tank over a mined road and breach enemy defenses that had halted our infantry advance. With another tank lending covering fire from a position overlooking the road, Corporal LIPKA and his companions used their 75mm gun to blast a path through the mine field. Slowly and deliberately he maneuvered his tank for four hours until they penetrated the Japanese lines. Their success, despite the ever present danger of mines, satchel charges and suicide tactics, enabled other tanks and infantry to follow and wipe out the enemy strong point, capture Salinas and secure the area with few casualties to our forces. Home address: Mrs. Rose Lipka, Mother, 12 Walter Court, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant FLOYD E. MC CREERY, 36117119, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published in 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 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant FLOYD E. MC CREERY, 36117119, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement during military operations near Kungun, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 August 1945. Sergeant MC CREERY, battalion intelligence sergeant, with a Filipino scout volunteered to contact his subordinate units and gain information of the situation after all others had failed. He completed his mission even though his scout was wounded making it necessary to proceed through enemy held territory for assistance in evacuating him. He then returned to the battalion command post with complete and accurate information concerning both friendly and enemy troops. Home address: Mrs. Dave Conlon, Mother, Box 215, Conway, Michigan.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class LEONARD C. FOENLEIN, 3727477, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, APO 32, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 83, dated 14 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 9413, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class LEONARD S. POEHLEIN, 35727477, Armored, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States two miles east of Salinas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 June 1945. Private POEHLEIN and four other medium tank crewmen volunteered to take their tank over a mined road and breach enemy defenses that had halted our infantry advance. With another tank lending covering fire from a position overlooking the road, Private POEHLEIN and his companions used their 75mm gun to blast a path through the mine field. Slowly and deliberately he maneuvered his tank for four hours until they penetrated the Japanese lines. Their success, despite the ever present danger of mines, satchel charges and suicide tactics, enabled other tanks and infantry to follow and wipe out the enemy strong point, capture Salinas and secure the area with few casualties to our forces. Home address: Mrs. Roxie Ann Poehlein, Mother, Washington & Main Street, Cammerton, Indiana.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant ROLSTON B. WINSOR, 36886695, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6- as published in Section II, General Orders No. 217, dated 30 October 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 9413, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

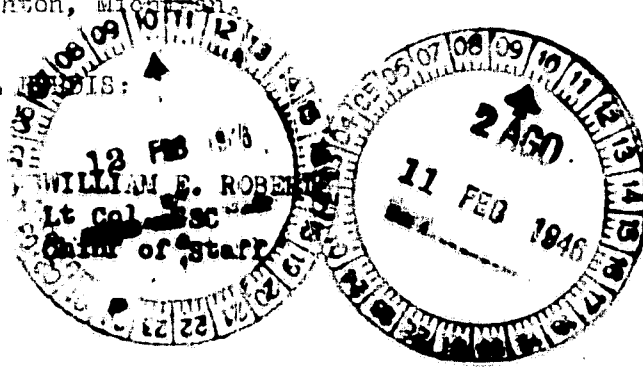
Sergeant ROLSTON B. WINSOR, 36886695, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945, Sergeant WINSOR was the lead scout of his platoon assigned the mission of attacking strongly entrenched enemy positions on the military crest of a hill. The platoon was pinned down by enemy heavy machine gun and mortar fire from these enemy positions before they had advanced one hundred and fifty yards. Sergeant WINSOR, quickly organized a four man patrol to work their way to the enemy's flank and knock out their positions. They successfully knocked out the positions with hand grenades and accounted for three enemy dead. Sergeant WINSOR'S quick thinking under fire and heroic action were greatly instrumental in helping the platoon take their objective successfully. Home address: Mrs. Rolston F. Winsor, wife, 736 Spencer, Rd., Brighton, Michigan.

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APO #6

27 June 1944

GENERAL ORDERS )  
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

*As awarded by CGO # 4 - July 18, 1944, this sig.*  
Pfc Ralph C. Hoover 33566096, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Maffin (1), Dutch New Guinea, on 23 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margie I. Hoover (Mother), 342 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Pfc John W. Russ 38008357, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Maffin Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 24 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Louis Russ (Father) 1210 South Santa Fe Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Pfc Louis L. Scavo 32136123, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Maffin Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 24 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Scavo (Mother), 463 Lexington Avenue, Rochester, New York.

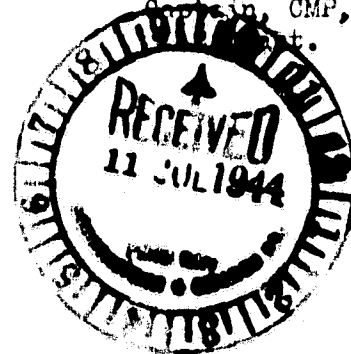
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GENERAL ORDERS )

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SECTION I - REVOCATION OF AWARD  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

SECTION I

O.K. So much of Par. 1, GO 2, this Ho, c.s., awarding Pfc Ralph C. Hoover 33566096, Infantry, United States Army, the Purple Heart, is revoked.

SECTION II

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Tsg 5 Hobert E. Blanton 35109245, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Sawar Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Vernie Blanton (Mother), Leitchfield, Kentucky.

Pvt Edwin A. Heise 37030906 Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Sawar Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 July 1944. Home address: Mr. Albert Heise (Father), 420 Bowling Ave, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HECKMAN:

MOSS E. KING,  
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23 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS )  
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men.

Pfc Ralph C. Hoover 33566096, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margie I. Hoover (Mother), 342 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Maryland.

S Sgt Edward W. Rockenfield 39160805, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Sauer Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Iverne C. Rockenfield (Mother), 617 1/2 Broadway Street, Quincy, Illinois.

Cpl Walter J. Granica 32136099, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Sauer Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 3 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Granica (Mother), 114 Kirby Avenue, Lackawanna, New York.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HECKMAN:

ROSS E. KING,  
Captain, CMP,  
Adjutant.

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APO 6

26 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 6 )

AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Cir. No. 186, dated 11 May 44, a Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following O's and EM:

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1ST LT WILLIAM A. ATHANS 01302286, INF

1ST LT HEROLD A. BFEZIAN 01311364, INF

S Sgt Carrol A. Crews 37057053	Pvt Gus D. Williams 37358119
Cpl Arla A. Brooks 37025518	Pvt Cecil B. Younkin 33759124
Cpl Isaac W. V. Roark 37075493	Pvt Woodrow E. Klinger 33507939
Pfc Phillip M. Bishop 32290079	Pvt Richard Davis 35791275
Pfc Karl W. Glasning 32842815	Pvt Walter W. Patta 39140929
Pfc Daniel F. Bettinger 36871811	Pvt Norbert A. Polzun 37610955
Pfc Chester E. Evans 38432403	Pvt Earl T. Jakeway 38438818
Cpl Willis A. Hayes 34107228	Pvt Robert J. Kelly 36420245
Pfc Donald K. Priest 36651548	Pvt John J. Lynch 33600768
Pvt Paul R. Fair 38517492	Pvt Henry A. Papke 38538732
Pvt Charles Havrilek 35024197	Pvt Frederick H. Rettig 37578683
Pvt Thomas A. Hughes 33083018	Pvt Frank G. Schultz 32843394
Pvt Charles W. Johnson 37679755	Pvt Verne E. Menke 36603996
Pvt Paul E. Lamb 35919168	Pvt Harold T. K 36830233
Pvt Sylvester L. Miller 6859110	Pvt Robert A. Vining 36830224
Pvt Kenneth R. Robertson 32840389	Pvt Richard J. Cuff 39288744
Pvt Floyd E. Struble 38565939	Pfc William R. Klaus 32841868

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HECKMAN:

ROSS E. KING;  
Captain, CMT,  
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REVOCATION OF AWARD

General Orders No. 6, this Hq, c.s., awarding certain O's and EM a Combat Infantryman Badge, is revoked.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HENRY:

ROSS E. KING,  
Captain, CMP,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

ROSS E. KING,  
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REVOCATION OF AWARD

General Orders No. 6, this Hq, c.s., awarding certain O's and EM a  
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By order of Lieutenant Colonel HEMRY;

ROSS E. KING,  
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SECTION I - REDESIGNATION OF 6TH CAVALRY  
RECONNAISSANCE TROOP  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

SECTION I

In accordance with instructions contained in Ltr. Hq 6th Army, File AG 322 - C, Subject: Redesignation of Reconnaissance Troop, dated 13 September 1944, the "6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop", is redesignated "6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized".

SECTION II

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Pvt Donald D. Andrick 37536561, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Opmarai, Dutch New Guinea, on 2 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter C. Andrick (Father), Centralia, Kansas.

Pvt John F. Slavin 37144713, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Opmarai, Dutch New Guinea, on 30 September 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Slavin (Wife), 1225 Tennessee St., Lawrence, Kansas.

Sgt George R. Stonking 6273639, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Owl Creek, Dutch New Guinea, on 21 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Stonking (Mother), 1817 West 19th St., Long Beach, California.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HENRY:

A. S. ROSENFELDER,  
1st Lt., Infantry,  
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following officers:

CEPT ADDISON P. CLARK 0399185, Dental Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Opmarai, Dutch New Guinea, on 2 October 1944. Home address: Mrs Anna M. Clark (Wife), 4437 $\frac{1}{2}$  Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, California.

1ST LT ALFRED S. ROSENFELDER 01294017, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Opmarai, Dutch New Guinea, on 2 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Marguerite E. Rosenfelder (Wife), 3931 W. Congress St., Chicago, Illinois.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HEMRY:

A. S. ROSENFELDER,  
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Tec 5 Thomas J. Chittenden 39290054, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Opmarai, Dutch New Guinea, on 2 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bertha L. Chittenden (Mother), Rt. No. 1, Box 48, Lathrop, California.

1st Sgt Verlynn D. Ula 36215451, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Opmarai, Dutch New Guinea, on 2 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ella Ula (Mother), 109 Holmes St., Janesville, Wisconsin.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HENRY:

A. S. ROSENFELDER,  
1st Lt., Infantry,  
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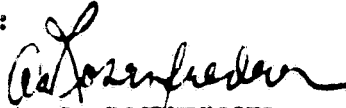
Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private Charles W. Bonewell 17014629, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Maffin Drome, Dutch New Guinea, on 7 July 1944. Home address: Mr. Wayne Bonewell (Father), RR # 1, Rudy, Arkansas.

By order of Captain BARR:

A. S. ROSENFELDER,  
1st Lt., Infantry,  
Adjutant.

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6TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 6

9 February 1945

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal ROBERT E. CROOK 37007390, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Crook (Wife), Route #1, Memphis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY L. FARRAR 6291877, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen S. Lane (Cousin) 274 McArthur Court, Victory Heights, Piqua, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH W. GRANDLE 20719334, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action At Sea near Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Guy G. Grandle (Father), DeGrey, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant ALFRED G. HILL O-1031985, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gebrgianna Hill (Mother), 622 Prescott Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Private ALBERT JOHNSON 38543470, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Binloc, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annie Johnson (Wife), 310 9th Street, Galveston, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH E. KENSICKI 33075840, Cavalry, United States Army. For wound received in action at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Kensicki (Mother), 229 Moorehead Avenue, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EARL B. KING 35439803, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Guimbu, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Arretha King (Mother), Chloe, West Virginia.

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Second Lieutenant OLIVER Q. MELTON, JR O-514312, Cavalry, United States Army. For wound received in action at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. May W. Melton (Wife), Griffin, Georgia.

Technician, Fifth Grade HOUSTON C. TAU 35487959, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cornelia Taul (Mother), Route #3, Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

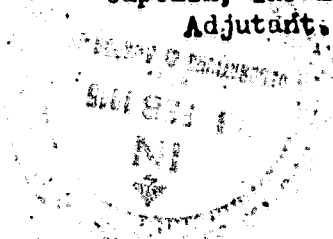
By order of Captain BARR:

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NUMBER 5

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6 April 1945

Section I

Award of the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to Sergeant Walter J. Granica 32136099, by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, as published in General Orders No. 5, dated 23 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6:

Sergeant Walter J. Granica 32136099, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Santo Cristo Bench Mark, Bulacan Province, Philippine Islands, on 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Granica, Mother, 50 Center Street, Lackawanna, New York.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class James F. Eckmann 16175437, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Santo Cristo Bench Mark, Bulacan Province, Philippine Islands, on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence Eckmann, Mother, 201 Michaux Road, Riverside, Illinois.

Private First Class Eugene R. Nicholson 39467991, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Novaliches, Rizal Province, Philippine Islands, on 25 February 1945. Home address: Mr. James E. Nicholson, Father, Wallace, Idaho.

Private First Class Henry A. Papke 38538732, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Novaliches, Rizal Province, Philippine Islands, on 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Papke, Mother, Route 1, Bronson, Texas.

Private First Class Forest A. Williams 35391056, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Santo Cristo Bench Mark, Bulacan Province, Philippine Islands, on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Josie Williams, Mother, Route 2, Elkins, West Virginia.

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL VAN SICKLE:

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ORIGINAL ORDER - 121

27 April 1945

Award of the Purple Heart


Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private William E. Fox 39419537, CMP, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Banat, Rizal Province, Philippine Islands, on 22 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eurilda Fox, Mother, 1908 50th Street, Sacramento, California.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL VAN SICKLE:

OFFICIAL:

A. S. ROSENFELDER  
Captain, Infantry  
Adjutant

  
A. S. ROSENFELDER  
Captain, Infantry  
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10 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER - 10/15

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant Jack R. Glidden 37038278, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Montalbon, Rizal Province, Philippine Islands, on 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Iva M. Glidden, Mother, Dunning, Nebraska.

Corporal Cordis Smith 35430803, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at sea near Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hester Smith, Mother, Cordia, Kentucky.

Private First Class Paul R. Fair 38517492, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Bayanbayanan, Rizal Province, Philippine Islands, on 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eugenia Fair, Mother, Box 103, Okolona, Arkansas.

Private First Class John Yanakakis 11117322, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Bayanbayanan, Rizal Province, Philippine Islands, on 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kleo Yanakakis, Mother, 93 Wyman Street, Lynn, Massachusetts.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR SIMS:

OFFICIAL:

A. S. ROSENFELDER  
Captain, Infantry  
Adjutant

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23 June 1945

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert G. Akers 36122639, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Payawan Rest House, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippine Islands, on 17 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Akers, Mother, 801 North 9th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

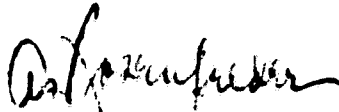
Technician Fifth Grade Tip E. Cherry 35253702, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippine Islands, on 14 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Norma J. Cherry, Wife, 1114 North Gladstone Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Everette B. Lee 35464198, Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Payawan Rest House, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippine Islands, on 17 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Lee, Mother, Liberty, Kentucky.

Private First Class Warren L. Watson 37516080, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John C. Watson, Father, Cokato, Minnesota.

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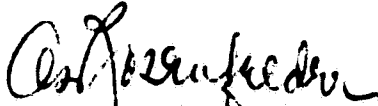
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class Newton N. Butler 37065599, Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Toem, Dutch New Guinea, on 14 June 1944. Home address: Mr. John R. Butler, Father, RR#1, Camden, Arkansas.

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19 July 1945


Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to Sergeant Robert E. Crook 37007390, (then Corporal), by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6, as published in General Orders Number 1, this Headquarters, dated 9 February 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding Officer, Special Troops, APO 6:

Sergeant Robert E. Crook 37007390, (then Corporal), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Fayawan Rest House, Mountain Province, Philippine Islands, on 18 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Crook, Wife, Route 1, Memphis, Missouri.

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