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mortar fire dispersed his platoon, First Lieutenant Morere shouted to his men and encouraged them by his own example of boldness to follow him to their next objective, a small knoll 300 yards away. As he reached the knoll, a large force of enemy paratroopers, well entrenched on the reverse slope of the hill, opened fire with numerous machine guns, machine pistols and rifles. After crawling towards the enemy, First Lieutenant Morere, with accurate rifle fire destroyed and wounded about thirty of the enemy. He then deployed his platoon to provide all-around security against the determined enemy paratroopers who attacked the platoon's position seven times. By courageously moving about the platoon position and by skillfully directing fire, First Lieutenant Morere led his men in successfully repelling each enemy drive. Machine pistol bullets penetrated his head and leg, but undaunted, First Lieutenant Morere crawled behind a rock and continued his accurate rifle fire and spirited leadership of his platoon. His men had to forcibly evacuate him to a covered position from which he attempted to get up and rejoin his platoon. Weakened from the loss of blood, he nevertheless gave his men orders to hold at all costs. Inspired by his heroic performance, his indomitable courage and his superior combat leadership, the men of First Lieutenant Morere's platoon held their ground against a total of twelve vigorous counter-attacks and retained their objective. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

1st Infantry
MORGAN R. TOMKINS, 34 779 018, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 28 May 1944 near Velletri, Italy. Company "F" had the mission of attacking the well defended and concealed enemy positions to the north. Staff Sergeant Tomkins was in charge of a squad covering the exposed right flank. The enemy, determined to hold this key point in the final defense line before Rome had established well organized positions in buildings fronted by concertina entanglements. Company "F" had advanced for approximately a mile and a half under observation of the enemy when a fierce fire fight began. As Staff Sergeant Tomkins led his men forward, he noticed a five-man enemy machine gun crew leave a dugout, run through a hole in the shattered wall of a house, and prepare an alternate gun position. He rapidly crawled to the right front for seventy-five yards under enemy machine gun, small arms, and artillery fire directed on nearby advancing troops and unhesitatingly opened fire into the position with three rifle grenades and destroyed all five of the enemy crew. With disregard for machine gun and sniper fire directed upon him, he cautiously crawled back towards his squads when he dispatched two nearby snipers. After using all his grenades, he retrieved the BAR of a wounded man and destroyed three enemy hastily running away to their rear. Staff Sergeant Tomkins was injured during enemy artillery firing and was made deaf by shell concussion. Notwithstanding these facts, he refused to leave his men. Later in an exposed position, he covered the withdrawal of

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his company in the face of superior enemy forces and the impending danger of being surrounded. He rejoined his unit, was ordered to an aid station, and then returned and reorganized his squad in a defensive position. Staff Sergeant Tompkins' indomitable courage, his fortitude, and tenacity of purpose resulted not only in the destruction of ten of the enemy and a machine gun, but also in the protection of the company's right flank against enemy infiltration. Entered military service from Annice, North Carolina.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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JOHN J. PINTO, 32 065 275, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers Company "A", *** th Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage du Drammont, Southern France. During the time of the initial steps of the invasion, Staff Sergeant Pinto and forty enlisted men of the pioneer platoon landed on a beach nearby a partially unloaded LCT that was shelled during an artillery barrage and set on fire. Staff Sergeant Pinto assisted in removing as much cargo as possible and in extinguishing the fire which threatened to destroy the craft as well as vessels on either side. The heavy artillery barrage continued, but Staff Sergeant Pinto, with no thought of himself, helped drag a fifty-seven millimeter gun from the burning craft, and returned to fight the fire that threatened four hundred gallons of gasoline loaded near the stern of the boat. Through his efforts, the fire was prevented from spreading to the surrounding ships until naval fire boats arrived to extinguish the blaze. At this time, this particular beach was the only one in operation for an entire infantry division, and had not the blaze been promptly extinguished the unloading schedule for the division would have been seriously hampered. Due to Staff Sergeant Pinto's courage, his coolness and his efforts under hazardous conditions above and beyond the call of duty, an important link remained unbroken in a successful, major, military operation. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

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DOUGLAS C. SHARTZER, 39 237 598, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company "2", *** th Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1944, at Anzio, Italy. During a severe bombing raid, enemy planes scored a direct hit on a landing craft. Several men were mortally wounded and thirty soldiers were trapped in the hold of the sinking vessel. Enemy planes were still bombing the area and flares had been dropped to illuminate the port, while long range artillery added to the hazard when Private Shartzer left his place of comparative safety and operated a crane into position to hold up the damaged craft so that the men trapped in the hold could be removed. By Private Shartzer's courageous action under fire, the lives of many fellow soldiers were saved. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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NATHAN O. GRIMES, 34 672 238, Private, Transportation Corps, ***th Port Company, ***th Port Battalion, T. C., for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 16 August 1944, in Southern France. While discharging cargo from the S S Laura Keane, a DUWK containing iron cargo conveyors, broke loose as it was being lowered from the ship's side, fell into the sea and sank immediately. One member of the stevedore company who was in the DUWK and was carried under, was struck by one of the iron conveyors as it slid from the DUWK. Although he freed himself from the sinking DUWK, the blow of the iron conveyor had stunned him to an extent that he could not move to swim, nor could he grasp a life jacket thrown to him from the ship. After the endangered man shouted his helplessness, Private Grimes immediately dived into the sea, swam to the man, and held him for several minutes until he was finally transferred aboard the S S Laura Keane. Because of Private Grimes' courageous act in a rough sea, the life of an injured soldier was saved. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Virginia.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

840th Eng. Regt.

DONALD E. GIBBY, O 374 262, Captain, Corps of Engineers, First Battalion, *** Engineer Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage du Drammont, Southern France. Entered military service from Westfield, Indiana.

8884 Amph Trk. Co.

BILL R. SCHARD, 34 438 720, Technician Fifth Grade, Transportation Corps, *** Amphibian Truck Company, for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, at Ste Maxime, Southern France. Entered military service from Taylorville, North Carolina.

854th AAA (AF) Bn.

EDWIN F. JADWIN, 35 613 867, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, *** Antiaircraft Artillery (automatic weapons) Battalion, for meritorious service on 5 June 1944, near Rome, Italy. Entered military service from New Lexington, Ohio.

8884 Amph Trk. Co.

HENRY S. WENDENHALL, 37 127 589, Technician Fifth Grade, Transportation Corps, *** Amphibian Truck Company, for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, at Ste Maxime, Southern France. Entered military service from Ft. Cook, Nebraska.

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~~800th Eng. Regt.~~

JOSEPH M. PRAVLIK, 33 037 731, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 800th Engineer Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage du Dremont, Southern France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

~~800th Engineers (SS)~~

BIRLIE F. WILLIAMS, 39 308 220, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 800th Engineers (SS), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 December 1943 to 30 June 1944, in sectors adjacent to Cassino and Minturno, Italy. Entered military service from Walton, Oregon.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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- Award of the Distinguished Service Cross I
- Award of the Silver Star II
- Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star III
- Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal IV

I --- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

1st Lt. Inf. Sgt.

JAMES H. LOGAN, 20 803 103, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", *** Infantry Regiment for extraordinary heroism in action on 1 June 1944 near Velletri, Italy. Technical Sergeant Logan had just brought his squad into a defensive position in a vineyard when the enemy counterattacked in strength of at least one company with machine guns, machine pistols, anti-tank rocket launchers, rifles, grenades and were further supported by mortars. Concealed by the foliage in the vineyard, the enemy came upon Technical Sergeant Logan's squad before it had time to seek covered positions. Not willing to risk the lives of his men by moving up under intense enemy attacking fire, Technical Sergeant Logan with the utmost daring and intrepidity, stood up armed only with an M-1 rifle with a grenade launcher and ran towards the advancing enemy. In darting from one position to another without once seeking cover, he fired his rifle grenades and then threw hand grenades at the enemy. After exhausting his grenade supply, he circled back to his original position. One automatic rifle which he picked up here from one of his squad members jammed from heat after expending fifteen magazines of ammunition. He then picked up another automatic rifle and with his squad loading magazines with machine gun ammunition for his use, he sprayed the squad's entire front with automatic fire. The enemy could not stand up to his fire and broke in disorder with Technical Sergeant Logan running after them. Technical Sergeant Logan with his squad following him, pursued the retreating enemy through the vineyard until all ammunition of his squad was exhausted. A desperate, frenzied enemy attack had been designed to break through his squad's position and open an escape route for a large number of enemy trapped in Velletri. Through Technical Sergeant Logan's superb initiative, his reckless daring, his undeniable leadership, and his complete disregard for personal safety, the enemy's plan was broken, fifteen prisoners were taken and twenty-five of the enemy destroyed. Moreover his action was

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definitely contributory to the fall of Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Luling, Texas.

1st Spec. Serv. Fee.

A. L. WRIGHT, K-3328, First Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Second Company, First Regiment *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Radicosa, Italy on 7 January 1944. When a night attack by his company on an enemy-held mountain crest was halted by the deadly cross-fire of sixteen machine guns, Lieutenant Wright, commanding an assault platoon proceeded forward alone to attack the machine gun position nearest him. After crawling one hundred yards up the exposed, snow covered slope to within a few yards of the enemy position, he leaped to his feet and charged the gun emplacement firing his Thompson submachine gun, destroying one and capturing two of the enemy crew. After assembling a section of his platoon, he then personally led them in a charge against a second and then a third machine gun, putting them out of action and destroying three and capturing two more of the enemy. During an order to withdraw at this point because adjacent units were unable to press their attack, Lieutenant Wright was informed that one of his men had been seriously wounded and lay in a position which could not be reached because of the intense fire of enemy machine guns and machine pistols. Unmindful of almost certain death, Lieutenant Wright rushed twenty-five yards up the fire-swept slope, bodily lifted the man to his shoulders and carried him one hundred and fifty yards to a litter team. He then directed his platoon in a successful withdrawal without further casualties. By his single-handed assault, his daring and courageous leadership toward an ultimate winning objective to save the life of a soldier at the risk of his own, Lieutenant Wright won the respect and admiration of his fellow soldiers and superior officers. He proved himself a real leader in the overcoming of a military obstacle of no small magnitude. Entered military service from Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

1st Spec. Serv. Fee.

CONRAD LOGAULT, First Lieutenant, Second Company *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action near Borgo Podgora, Italy on 23 and 24 May 1944. When Lieutenant Logault was given the important mission of securing a strategic bridgehead over the Mussolini Canal and protecting the bridge against enemy counterattack, he led his company through intense enemy artillery fire to reach his objective. Upon reaching the bridge, Lieutenant Logault skillfully deployed his men and weapons in strategic positions on either side of the Canal, where they quickly dug foxholes to await any enemy counterattack. This bridge and adjacent area were subjected to a continued concentra-

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tion of enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire from well prepared enemy positions having unobstructed observation over the entire area. Because of his skillful deployment of men and weapons, an enemy counterattack was skillfully repulsed with the destruction of two enemy motorized weapons. In defending this position throughout the day and at times often providing protecting fire for friendly units, the company by nightfall found its ammunition supply almost exhausted. At this time Lieutenant LeGault's company was the point of a salient extending eight hundred yards into enemy lines, receiving continual small arms and artillery fire from three sides. Lieutenant LeGault moved over the exposed terrain from one position to another encouraging his men and comforting the wounded of whom there were many. By his exemplary courage and fearless determination, Lieutenant LeGault permeated a conquering spirit which enabled his men to maintain their positions throughout the night until properly relieved the following morning, consequently saving a vital artery of supply and communication for the Allied advance toward Rome. Entered military service from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

1st Spec. Serv. Rec.

WILLIAM J. FEE, B-53066, Private, Sixth Company, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action near San Nicoli, Italy on 1 June 1944. When his platoon suffered several casualties from the sudden cross fire of three machine guns, Private Magee, unmindful of his own safety, voluntarily went to the assistance of two seriously wounded comrades. He calmly administered first aid treatment in full view of the enemy while machine gun bullets kicked up dirt all about him. After the completion of the treatment, he removed both men to a place of safety. In recovering one of his comrades, a much heavier man than himself, it was necessary for him to crawl along on his stomach carrying the wounded man on his back for a distance of fifty yards over an area covered by enemy fire. By his unselfish and fearless act in the face of great danger, the lives of two soldiers were saved. Entered military service from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1st Spec. Serv. Rec.

CLARENCE J. MCNAIR, First Lieutenant, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action on 23 May 1944, near Borgo Podgora, Italy. When the Third Company in which Lieutenant McNair was a platoon commander was subjected to an intense and accurate concentration of enemy small arms and artillery fire, casualties became extremely heavy and the position became untenable. To prevent complete isolation and destruction of the company by the enemy, the order was given to withdraw to new positions to the rear. In ordering his men to evacuate all casualties as they withdrew, Lieutenant McNair observed a mortar position where two of his men lay severely wounded and exposed to enemy fire. Unhesitatingly he moved over the flat open ground, alternately running and crawling to reach their position. He

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selected the more seriously wounded of the two and bodily lifted the soldier and, unmindful of enemy withering fire, carried the man three hundred yards to the rear and delivered him to the care of medical personnel. On returning over the fire-swept terrain, he reached the remaining soldier and again without regard for almost certain death carried him to the rear to the protection of a shell hole. Again returning to his company's position, he remained until the last of his men had successfully withdrawn to the new position before he himself left the dangerous area. By these courageous deeds at the risk of his own life, Lieutenant McNair undoubtedly saved two fellow soldiers from certain death. Entered military service from London, Ontario, Canada.

~~1st Spco. Army. Poo.~~

WALTER W. WILSON, Captain, Fourth Company, Second Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1944, near Littoria, Italy. Captain Wilson, Company Commander, personally led his men in a dawn raiding attack on strongly fortified and defended enemy positions along an enemy held road. During the attack, Captain Wilson, with utter disregard for personal safety, fully exposed himself in moving across wide spaces of entirely open terrain in the face of enemy fire from at least five machine guns, one self propelled gun, rifles, mortars and artillery in order to direct the operation of his platoons, and to coordinate their actions. In the absence of a more favorable vantage point, he elected to stand upright in full view of the enemy to direct artillery fire on the self propelled gun and on machine gun positions, and to report and adjust the fire of a platoon of medium tanks which supported him from a distance of twelve hundred to fifteen hundred yards to his rear. Captain Wilson's skillful planning and bold, aggressive leadership were an important contributory factor to a completely successful attack on these positions. Resulting losses to the enemy were one self propelled gun destroyed, twelve enemy destroyed, nine enemy captured, seven machine guns destroyed, and the temporary evacuation of a portion of the enemy line, without a single casualty to Captain Wilson's own troops. Entered military service from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

III - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~First Spco. Army. Poo.~~

E. V. MITCHELL, B-67365, Private, First Regiment, Third Company *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action on 29 May 1944 near Ardena, Italy. An attack against enemy, strengthened, hill-top positions was being renewed and in moving across open terrain, the company of which Private Mitchell was a member, was pinned down by intense small arms fire from riflemen and twelve machine guns emplaced on the company's objective.

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Private Mitchell and his gun commander, the only two survivors of their light machine gun squad, picked up their gun and moved forward, firing the gun from a standing position with devastating effect into these enemy positions. So close did they advance in this manner that a hand grenade thrown by the enemy destroyed their weapon and mortally wounded Private Mitchell. Spurred on by this courageous performance which momentarily left the enemy disorganized, the company rushed forward up the slope and completely wiped out this enemy strong point. Private Mitchell's courage and determined devotion to duty at the cost of his life resulted in the successful completion of an important military mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Annis Mitchell (Mother) 84 Woodfrey Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

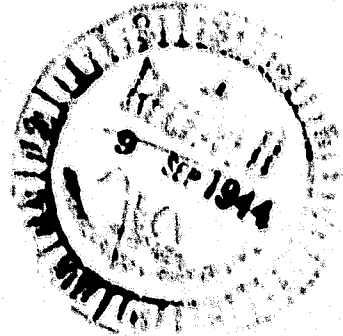
IV --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

117th Cav. Recon Sq. (Mech)

JOSEPH H. KOSTBAR, 32 087 109, Staff Sergeant, Cavalry, Troop C, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 June 1944, near Follonica, Italy. Next of kin: Mrs Stephanie Kostbar (Wife), 78 Henry Street, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, New York.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

1st Special Service Force
HOWARD B. KNOX, SS 379 245, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment *** Special Service Force, for extraordinary heroism in action on 4 June 1944 in Rome, Italy. When his platoon was engaged in a fierce fire fight with an enemy holding force supported by a light tank, he was painfully wounded by enemy fire. Despite his agony he ran through about twenty yards of very intense fire to a point within ten yards of the supporting tank and threw a grenade into its open turret, causing the crew to cease fire. Sergeant Knox called to a nearby machine gun crew, had it follow him across the street and sighted the weapon to cover the approach of a second tank. He recrossed the street and in doing so encountered two of the enemy attempting to escape and destroyed them by sub-machine gun fire. On returning to his platoon, Sergeant Knox supervised its reorganization and withdrawal because of lack of ammunition. He then was evacuated for immediate hospitalization. His stamina, his extraordinary courage, and his high sense of duty served as a strong contributory factor in eliminating a formidable foe from the area of an important military objective. Entered military service from Dayton, Washington.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

1st Special Service Force
OLIVER L. COOK, IS 074 512, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for gallantry in action on 23 May 1944, near Anzio, Italy. In what was apparently a preliminary barrage for a counterattack, the enemy began shelling the positions with intense artillery and mortar fire. A soldier in a nearby shell hole was seriously wounded by fragments from an enemy eighty-eight millimeter shell. On hearing his cries for help,

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Staff Sergeant Cook left the security of his foxhole to emerge into this deadly barrage. It was immediately apparent that prompt treatment was necessary to save the wounded man's life. He lifted his comrade from the foxhole and carried him over open terrain for a distance of one hundred yards to a defiladed position, applied first aid and supervised his evacuation. In removing the wounded man from the danger zone and securing the medical treatment, Sergeant Cook placed the life and welfare of one of his comrades above that of his own. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

~~1st Special Service Force~~

ROBERT GOLD, 32 116 468, Sergeant, Infantry, Second Company, Second Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1944, near Borgo Podgora, Italy. When the section to which he was assigned was divided into two groups for the purpose of wiping out two points of resistance simultaneously, Sergeant Gold provided covering fire from his group, entered a hostile house and destroyed an enemy soldier; subsequently he entered the next three houses along the approach to the final objective and determined that they were not occupied. As his group approached the fifth house and merged with his section leader's group, the entire section drew intense enemy fire from this house. Sergeant Gold volunteered to advance alone after automatic fire and rocket fire had failed to knock out the weapons. He threw several grenades into the house and then charged in to find three enemy soldiers that had been destroyed by grenades. The leadership and fearless devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant Gold facilitated the continued advance of his group to its prearranged position. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

~~1st Special Service Force~~

ALBERT E. HENDERSON, 33 429 445, Private, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in Rome, Italy. When the platoon to which he was assigned as a machine gunner was enroute to its objective, the Ponte Duca d-Aosta, it encountered an enemy holding force supported by a light tank. In his position, exposed to withering machine gun and light cannon fire, Private Henderson placed his machine gun in action but soon found that the belt was defectively loaded. Correcting it, he brought deadly fire to bear upon the enemy. When his gun again jammed, three enemy soldiers charged his position to find that Private Henderson had expected such action, and the attackers were met with pistol fire, wounding one and forcing the others to retreat. After expending his pistol ammunition, Private Henderson returned to his gun and corrected the stoppage. The coolness and courage displayed by this soldier, forsaking personal safety in the heat of battle was an important contribution to the ultimate destruction of the enemy. Entered military service from Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943,

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as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 21 August 1944, on a beachhead in Southern France. During the time of unloading operations of the SS Samdak, two soldiers fully equipped were lowering themselves to a DUKW by means of a Jacob's ladder. The ladder broke causing the men to fall into the surging sea between the DUKW and the ship. Three enlisted men, at the risk of being crushed between the DUKW and the ship, helped put one of the endangered soldiers aboard the DUKW. Immediately after that the other soldier was found flailing the water with his arms and legs. His head and body were about two feet under the water. Working their way to the stricken man by putting their arms against the DUKW and legs against the ship, they successfully rescued this second man whose struggling had almost ceased, and was only making spasmodic movements with his legs. Due to the contributory factor of courage and stamina in the face of danger, the lives of two fellow soldiers were saved.

170th Port Co., 379th Port Bn.

SAMUEL R. FRANKLIN, 36 391 534, Private First Class, Transportation Corps, *** Port Company, *** Port Battalion. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

170th Port Co., 379th Port Bn.

HOWARD D. SHELBY, 36 391 598, Corporal, Transportation Corps, *** Port Company, *** Port Battalion. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

170th Port Co., 379th Port Bn.

ANTHONY WILLIAMS, 36 392 248, Technician Fourth Grade, Transportation Corps, *** Port Company, *** Port Battalion. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

8880th Gas Supply Co.

JOHN P. KENNEY, 31 077 091, Technician Fifth Grade, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Gas Supply Company, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 22 August 1944, on an invasion beach near Cavalaire, Southern France. Technician Fifth Grade Kenney was working in a gasoline dump. In the center of the dump a crane was unloading five gallon cans of gasoline from DUKW's onto two and one half ton cargo trucks. The gasoline on one of the trucks caught fire and blazed high, endangering other nearby vehicles, gasoline and personnel. Technician Fifth Grade Kenney ordered the truck moved. After the truck was moved a distance of about ten yards and then abandoned, he realized that the flaming truck was still a menace to the rest of the dump. He got into the truck and drove it to the edge of the area where it could do no further damage. Technician Fifth Grade Kenney's display of courage in the face of great personal danger was instrumental in curtailing the loss of vital gasoline supplies on the beachhead and prevented loss of life and equipment. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

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Fourth A. I. Bn.

FRED F. STOBOR, 32 194 207, Private, Corps of Military Police, Company B, *** Military Police Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 26 August 1944, in Ste Maxime, Southern France. While Private Stobor was directing traffic at the junction of three crowded thoroughfares, a military truck driven by an Allied soldier emerged from one of these thoroughfares at excessive speed. Simultaneously, a French woman was passing by into the path of the oncoming vehicle. Private Stobor, with disregard for his own safety, saw to it that the woman was removed from danger. Unable to reach a point of safety himself, as a result of this heroic action, Private Stobor was severely and painfully injured by the truck hitting him and carrying him across the road, pinning him against a wall. To extricate him, it was necessary to lift the truck. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

40th Regt. Comb. Bn.
JOHN A. BONELL, O 342 270, Captain, Corps of Engineers, First Battalion *** Engineer Combat Regiment for meritorious service in action near Ste Maxime, France from 15 August 1944 to 20 August 1944. Entered military service from Brookings, South Dakota.

1st Special Service Force
GAROLD T. COLLIER, 18 050 691, Sergeant, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for heroic achievement in action at Anzio, Italy on 13 March 1944. Entered military service from Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

6th Beach Bn.
JOHN PARKARD GRAFF, 55956, Commander, United States Navy (Ret), *** Naval Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Greenville, Pennsylvania.

40th Regt. Comb. Bn.
EMMETT J. KULLOR, O1 100 258, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Commanding Company A, *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for meritorious service rendered from 15 to 20 August 1944, near Ste Maxime, Southern France. Entered military service from Gurnee, Illinois.

40th Regt. Comb. Bn.
JOHN R. RICE, O9 887 781, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment for meritorious services in action on 16 August 1944 near St. Tropez, Southern France. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

1st Special Service Force
VICTOR H. TROBI, 20 757 897, First Sergeant, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for heroic action near Anzio, Italy, on 11 February, 1944. Entered military service from Helena, Arkansas.

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60th Eng. Combat Regt.

ROY A TUTTLE, 37 297 487, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for meritorious service on 16 August 1944, near St. Tropez, France. Entered military service from Devils Lake, North Dakota.

1st Special Service Force

CARLYLE WASHBURN, O1 103 996, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, for heroic achievement in action near Anzio, Italy on 6 March 1944. Entered military service from LaGrange, California.

1st Special Service Force

JOHN M. WASSENBERG, 37 086 625, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment *** Special Service Force, for heroic achievement in action near Anzio, Italy on 11 February 1944. Entered military service from Big Piney, Wyoming.

V -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

1st Special Service Force

HARVEY F. BRENDLE, 13 154 446, Private, Infantry, Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force for heroic achievement in action near Mount Majo, Italy, on 7 January 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Brendle (Mother), Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

VI - AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

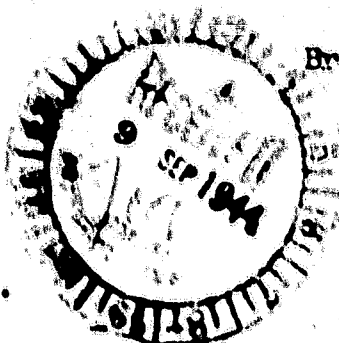
158th JALB
JAMES C. DEPURY, O1 691 876, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, *** Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 28 November 1943 to 28 May 1944. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSO,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. G. CALDWELL,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.



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1 -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

3rd Signal Company (Special)

MARION M. BLOOMINGER, EO 923 664, Sergeant, Signal Corps, 3rd Signal Company (Special), for gallantry in action near Cavalaire Sur Mer, France on 15 August 1944. As Sergeant Bloominger landed in the second wave of infantry during the initial invasion of Southern France, he was immediately pinned down by direct enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. A few minutes later an LCVP loaded with personnel struck a water mine mortally wounding eleven and injuring the remaining personnel aboard. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Bloominger, with the aid of another enlisted man, waded to the sinking craft despite intense enemy gun fire and returned to the beach with the wounded men. He repeated this operation again and again until all of the wounded were removed to safety on the beach where they were later given first-aid treatment for their wounds. Sergeant Bloominger by his splendid courage in action under close enemy shells undoubtedly contributed to the saving of several lives. Entered military service from Alva, Oklahoma.

3rd Signal Company (Special)

MORTIMER J. J. GLEESON, EO 220 240, Private, Signal Corps, 3rd Signal Company (Special), for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944 during the allied invasion near Cavalaire Sur Mer, Southern France. Private Gleeson landed in the second wave of infantry and was immediately pinned down by direct enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. During the landing of the third wave of infantry a few minutes later, an LCVP loaded with personnel struck a water mine mortally wounding eleven and injuring the remaining personnel aboard. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private Gleeson, with the aid of another enlisted man, waded to the sinking craft, despite intense enemy gun-fire and returned to the beach with wounded men; repeating this operation until all of the

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wounded were removed to safety on the beach where they were later given first-aid treatment for their wounds. Private Gleason by his splendid courage in action under close enemy shelling undoubtedly contributed to the saving of several lives. Entered military service from Orange, New Jersey.

Platoon Special Service Force

GERARD H. LEE, P-9 475, Sergeant Major, Fourth Company, First Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in Rome, Italy. As Sergeant Lee's platoon mounted on tanks, entered Rome, a sudden concentration of enemy heavy artillery fire forced it to dismount and deploy. After leaving his armored vehicle behind, Sergeant Lee led his platoon forward clearing buildings of the enemy and establishing a firing line four hundred yards to the front. Suddenly subjected to machine gun, sniper and artillery fire, Sergeant Lee was seriously wounded. Despite this fact, he grimly refused to relinquish the leadership of his platoon and determined to penetrate the strong enemy position. All day Sergeant Lee continued to lead his platoon, putting two Mar. IV tanks out of action and overrunning the enemy strongpoint after four hours of fierce street fighting. His courage and example of outstanding leadership were an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

South Engineer Regiment

FRANKLIN V. MORTER, 20 312 275, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineers Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, during the landings in Southern France. Sergeant Morter worked his way through a heavy concentration of S-mines equipped with trip wires in complete darkness and in the presence of the enemy to evacuate and bring aid to four American soldiers trapped in a mine field. The devotion to duty and the courage displayed by Sergeant Morter resulted in saving four soldiers from a possible fatal situation. Entered military service from Butler, Pennsylvania.

Platoon Special Service Force

HERBERT G. PEPPARD, P-85 014, Staff Sergeant, First Company, First Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action near Borgo Sabotino, Italy on 14 February 1944. While leading a six-man security patrol far in advance of friendly lines, Staff Sergeant Peppard's patrol was ambushed in the inky darkness by a raiding platoon of approximately forty of the enemy. In the opening fire from the enemy all five of his men were wounded, one of them seriously. Staff Sergeant Peppard immediately ordered the four walking wounded to withdraw to their own lines and warn the commander of the impending raid while he elected to remain with his helpless comrade. Undaunted by concentrated fire from enemy automatic weapons and rifles, he fired his Thompson sub-machine gun with deadly effect to cover the withdrawal of his men, reloading and firing until his weapon was destroyed by an enemy bullet. He then threw all of his hand grenades at the enemy. Noticing an enemy squad moving to outflank him at this time, Staff Sergeant

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Peppard decided to withdraw. Lifting his wounded comrade to his shoulders, he alternately walked and ran twelve hundred yards to his own lines. Staff Sergeant Peppard's action not only gave timely warning of an impending enemy attack but his inspiring courage and fearless determination saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

840th Engineer Regiment

JOHN E. ZITZMAN, O1 101 231, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944 during the landings in Southern France. Lieutenant Zitzman worked his way through a heavy concentration of 5-mines equipped with trip wires in complete darkness and in the presence of the enemy to evacuate and bring aid to four American soldiers trapped in a mine field. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Lieutenant Zitzman resulted in saving four soldiers from a possible fatal situation. Entered military service from Rochester, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

888th Glider FA Bn.

RAYMOND E. FISHER, 35 252 063, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Detachment A, *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 8 August 1944 near Velletri, Italy. Without regard for his own life and safety, Technician Fifth Grade Fisher greatly aided in saving the life of a fellow soldier by extinguishing gasoline flames burning fiercely about the body and clothes of his fellow soldier. Entered military service from Corydon, Indiana.

888th Ordnance Co.

ELVIN L. JENNINGS, 36 796 802, Private, Ordnance, *** Ordnance Company (Ammunition), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 27 August 1944, on the road from St. Raphael to Cannes, France. Private Jennings entered an enemy mine field alone and rescued a seriously wounded British sailor who had set off a mine, the explosion having wounded one of the sailors and killed his companion. Private Jennings again entered the mine field, together with two American officers, and recovered the body of the deceased British sailor. Private Jennings demonstrated prompt action, initiative, and unselfish courage in rescuing this wounded sailor. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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~~80th Engineer Regiment~~

FRANCIS E. GOSENTZ, 33 035 142, Private, Medical Corps,
*** Engineer Regiment (Combat), for meritorious service in action
on 10 April 1944 near Nettuno, Italy. Entered military service
from Westmoreland, Pennsylvania.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President
under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943,
as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander
to the following named individuals:

~~80th AAA Brigade~~

LUTHER L. STORMS, W 2 122 833, Chief Warrant Officer, AUS,
Headquarters, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade for meritorious
service from 25 January 1944 to 5 June 1944 near Anzio and Rome,
Italy. Entered military service from Okemah, Oklahoma.

~~80th Engineer Regiment~~

JOHN A. ZAPPITELLO, O1 111 480, Second Lieutenant, Company E,
*** Engineer Regiment (Combat), for meritorious achievement in
action on 10 April 1944 near Nettuno, Italy. Entered military
service from Conneaut, Ohio.

V -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of
the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22
September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded,
posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named
individual:

~~First Special Service Force~~

RAYMOND G. BRIDDON, B-80-158, Private, Infantry, First Company
First Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for
heroic service in action near Anzio, Italy on 10 to 11 May 1944.
Next of Kin: Mrs. Emilio Briddon (Mother), 188 North Cliff, Toronto
Ontario, Canada.

VI - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President,
under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943,
as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Army Commander to
the following named individual:

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CLARENCE S. DONNELLY, O 279 813, Colonel, Chaplains Corps,
Headquarters, Seventh Army, for wounds received as a result of
enemy action on 18 September 1944 at Lyon, France. Entered
military service from Oak Hill, West Virginia.

VII - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction
of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45,
22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air
Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named
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AWARD OF THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH
BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

VI Corps Artillery

OSCAR G. GOODHAND, JR., O 285 119, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters *** Corps Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 1 March 1944 to 10 June 1944. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

AWARD OF THE SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

VI Corps Artillery

CLOYD V. TAYLOR, O1 166 980, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Corps Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 21 May 1944 to 4 June 1944. Entered military service from Hughes Springs, Texas.

AWARD OF THE FIRST AND SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF
CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

463rd Parachute FA Bn.

GEORGE W. SCHOENECK, O1 188 188, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Liaison Pilot from 20 April 1944 to 5 June 1944. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

VIII-AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual.

41st Field Artillery Bn.

HENRY BROWNLEE, O1 179 314, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 30 March 1944 to 4 May 1944 at Anzio, Italy. Entered military service from Trimble, Illinois.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

FRED L. WALKER, O3 O29, Major General, United States Army, Commandant, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, for extraordinary heroism in action from 30 May 1944 to 5 June 1944 in the vicinity of Velletri and Rome, Italy. On 30 May the Fifth Army stood poised before final, savagely defended positions barring the entrance of Allied Armies into Rome. After issuing his orders for a brilliantly conceived attack, General Walker moved forward to the line of departure of the attacking battalion. Throughout the viciously contested assault he was always forward with the leading rifle squads, issuing orders and giving words of encouragement to the men, while incessant small arms, mortar and artillery fire swept the wooded, rocky hills nearby. As the attack pushed on beyond Velletri, friendly tanks advancing to seize a vital road junction were held up by ingeniously placed, enemy self-propelled guns. General Walker reconnoitered this position and, despite heavy hostile shelling, led his infantry in smashing a vicious obstacle. Relentlessly pressing their advantage, the attackers rushed on into the village of Marino, where the infantry, tanks and tank destroyers were brought to a halt by stubborn enemy forces. General Walker again quickly maneuvered and directed his units in wiping out this opposition. He then mounted one of the lead tanks, ahead of the infantry, and quickly organized a mobile armored force from his available tanks and tank destroyers. With the infantry mounted on the sides of the vehicles, his units rushed onward, driving enemy resistance before them to a point a few miles south of Rome. On 5 June, after a junction was made with the *** Armored Division, he led his improvised armored and infantry force, preceded only by reconnaissance elements, through the sniper

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infested city of Rome. Time after time, under death-defying circumstances, General Walker valiantly directed accurate artillery and small arms fire which destroyed all resistance as the attack proceeded. In climaxing the monumental accomplishment of the fall of Rome, he constantly directed the formation of his units along the Tiber River and continued to press the attack against the demoralized enemy troops. During the entire period his contempt for personal safety, his intrepid leadership and unconquerable determination to defeat the enemy and achieve his objective inspired every fighting man of his combat units to follow his sterling example. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

First Special Service Force

ROSS W. ORR, C 75 979, Staff Sergeant, Fifth Company, Second Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Villeneuve-Loubet, France on 26 August 1944. When the only route for urgently needed supplies was cut off by three enemy machine guns emplaced along the road, Staff Sergeant Orr, without orders, elected to remove this obstacle. After selecting three men to provide covering fire, he approached alone to within seventy-five yards of the first gun. Armed with a sub-machine gun, he jumped into the middle of the road and demanded surrender. The enemy gunner immediately opened fire on him, but Staff Sergeant Orr stood his ground and seriously wounded both of the crew with effective fire. Under continued assault by this four-man team, the other two machine gun crews finally surrendered and the road was opened to desperately needed supplies. Soon afterward the Fifth Company occupied a castle on a hilltop to protect this supply route and Sergeant Orr immediately organized the area against counter-attack. The enemy, two hundred strong, strove continuously and fiercely to dislodge his group from this stronghold. In the face of death-defying circumstances, Sergeant Orr with his sub-machine gun put an enemy machine gun which was covering an approaching enemy demolition party out of action. The demolition party was dispersed with severe losses by rifle fire and hand grenades effectively used under Sergeant Orr's direction. In another similar counter-attack, Sergeant Orr fired his sub-machine gun from a blazing barn into an attacking enemy formation. This attack was broken up and resulted in heavy losses to the enemy. Approximately one hundred and fifty enemy casualties were sustained during the day. A great many of these casualties were inflicted by Sergeant Orr and his platoon. His superb leadership and inspiring personal example throughout the battle were a major contributory factor in the destruction of an enemy defense line that seriously threatened to delay the advance of the entire regiment. Entered military service from Huntington, Quebec, Canada.

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III- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

33rd Armored Field Artillery Bn.

JOHN W. BEDSOLE, O1 171 455, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "C", *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, on 26 May 1944 near Priverno, Italy. This unit moved into a firing position under direct enemy observation. The battery no sooner got into position than the enemy began to cover the entire area with an intense artillery barrage, destroying one enlisted man, and wounding one officer, and nine other enlisted men. First Lieutenant Bedsole, with utter disregard for his own safety, voluntarily came forward while this enemy artillery and mortar fire assault continued, and assisted in moving the wounded to the Battalion Aid Station. The heroic action displayed by First Lieutenant Bedsole in this incident undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his wounded fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Graceville, Florida.

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

74th Signal Co. (Special)

LEE H. DYER, 38 015 003, Private, Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, near Drammont, France. Just before dark, enemy aircraft appeared and released several bombs in an attempt to disrupt operations on the beach. One bomb struck a loaded LST as it approached the beach, setting it afire and inflicting a number of casualties aboard ship. Private Dyer quickly removed his clothing and plunged into the sea to go to the aid of the men, many of them wounded or burned, who had leaped from the ship. In spite of the danger from exploding ammunition and burning fuel oil Private Dyer made numerous trips between the shore and the stricken ship, assisting the wounded and removing them from the water. The heroic action of Private Dyer inspired other soldiers on the beach to assist in aiding the wounded and those who could not swim. By his gallant action and utter disregard for personal safety, Private Dyer made an important contribution in saving the lives of many fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

First Special Service Force

WALTER H. REEVE, L-41 387, Sergeant (then Private), Sixth Company, Third Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action in Rome, Italy on 4 June 1944. When his platoon was engaged in a fierce fire fight with enemy holding forces, an enemy light tank came up to support the enemy infantry with machine gun and light cannon fire. Sergeant Reeve, on his own initiative, worked his way to within rifle grenade range, rapidly

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fired three rifle grenades at the tank and destroyed two of its crew. Immediately, Sergeant Reeve observed another tank approaching. He changed position, and at point blank range fired more rifle grenades and knocked out the tank. The second tank was followed by an enemy truck. His supply of rifle grenades by this time being exhausted, he fired his pistol, destroying the driver and his assistant seated beside him. The prompt, aggressive initiative displayed by Sergeant Reeve materially aided his platoon in routing the enemy. Entered military service from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

First Special Service Force

A. GENTILE, D-132 112, Sergeant, Infantry, Second Company, Second Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action near Cisterna, Italy on 23 May 1944. When his company was ordered to withdraw before a fierce counter-attack by enemy infantry and eleven Mark VI tanks, Sergeant Gentile, a radio operator, saw a crew member of a friendly stricken tank jump from his vehicle and fall seriously wounded. Undaunted by the terrific fire from machine guns and 88mm tank cannon, Sergeant Gentile leaped from the shelter of a drainage ditch and dashed across the open fire-swept terrain to the assistance of the wounded soldier. Lifting the man to his shoulders, Sergeant Gentile then rejoined his company. Unable to crawl as his comrades were doing because of his heavy burden, Sergeant Gentile carried the wounded soldier a half mile to the nearest medical aid station, walking upright through intense enemy fire. By Sergeant Gentile's courage and unflinching determination in the face of almost certain death the life of a wounded soldier was saved. Entered military service from Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

7th Signal Co. (Special)

QUENTON SEAROY, 38 053 346, Staff Sergeant, Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, near Drammont, France. Just before dusk enemy aircraft appeared and released several bombs in an attempt to disrupt operations on the beach. One bomb struck a loaded LST as it approached the beach setting it afire and inflicting a number of casualties aboard ship; Staff Sergeant Searoy quickly removed his clothing and plunged into the sea to go to the aid of the men. Many of them were wounded or burned as they leaped from the ship. In spite of the danger from exploding ammunition and burning fuel oil Staff Sergeant Searoy made numerous trips between the shore and the stricken ship, assisting the wounded and removing them from the water. The heroic action of Staff Sergeant Searoy and his other two helping companions inspired other soldiers on the beach to assist in aiding the wounded, and those who could not swim. His gallantry in action and utter disregard for personal safety served as a strong incentive to many others to help and resulted in the saving of many lives. Entered military service from Ponta, Texas.

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V -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~188th Engineer Bn. Pontoon Co. (Provis)~~
CLIFFORD L. HARRISON, 36 387 592, Private, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Engineer Heavy Pontoon Battalion (Provisional), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 26 May 1944, near Mostaganem, Algeria. While engaged in practice landings on the shore of the Cheliff River, the motor of one boat went dead. In the ensuing process of towing the boat to a repair point, a member of the engineer pontoon unit, who was busily engaged in holding the drifting boat by means of paddles, was thrown overboard. The endangered man, unable to swim, shouted for help. Private Harrison disregarded the treacherous undertow present, and without regard for his own safety, dived after the drowning soldier. He succeeded in bringing him to the top of the water and both were picked up by a nearby boat. On reaching the shore, Private Harrison administered artificial respiration which was undoubtedly the cause for the soldier's immediate and complete recovery. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

~~11th Evac. Hosp.~~
LLOYD W. MCNAIR, OI 541 357, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, *** Evacuation Hospital, Semimobile, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 7 October 1943, at Mondello Beach, Palermo, Sicily. After being seized with cramps, and while attempting to swim through a heavy surf to a raft, a stricken soldier called for help. Lieutenant McNair, without regard for his own safety, swam to his aid. Because of a high sea which rendered the location of the struggling soldier difficult, he directed one of the men on a nearby raft to guide him by shouting the man's position. By this means and through his own heroic effort he brought the soldier a considerable distance to the shore and subsequently revived him by the use of artificial respiration. By this valor and calm determination, Lieutenant McNair saved the life of a nearly drowned man. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

VI - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~71st Signal Co. (Special)~~
MARVIN H. EULER, OI 637 375, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), for heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Ste Maxime, France from 15 August 1944 to 20 August 1944. Entered military service from Merrill, Wisconsin.

~~40th Engineer Combat Bn.~~
TOMI MACHINO, 36 355 490, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for heroic action at Ste Maxime,

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France, on 15 August 1944. Entered military service from Thayer, Illinois.

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LOUIS T. SHACKELFORD, O1 168 908, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in action during the period 11 May 1944 to 11 July 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Aubrey, Arkansas.

VII- AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~100th Field Artillery Bn.~~

FLOYD G. CRAFT, O1 179 046, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights during the period 6 December 1943 to 29 January 1944. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

VIII- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~41st Field Artillery Bn.~~

CLAUDE A. PERSON, 18 113 729, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 14 February 1944 to 20 April 1944 at Anzio, Italy. Next of Kin: Richard Perry Person (Father), Hastings, Oklahoma.

IX - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - RESCISSION OF AWARD.

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So much of Section I, General Orders No. 66, this headquarters 12 August 1944, as pertains to Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to First Lieutenant John W. Bedsole, O1 171 455, Field Artillery, Battery C, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion is rescinded (see Sec. III).

By Command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

OFFICIAL:

W. G. CALDWELL
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~7th Signal Co. (Special)~~

JOHN J. BROUTHERTON, 18 035 883, Private, Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944 near the town of Drammont, France. Just before dark, enemy aircraft appeared and released several bombs in an attempt to disrupt operations on the beach. One bomb struck a loaded LST as it approached the beach, setting it afire and inflicting a number of casualties aboard ship. Private Broutherton quickly removed his clothing and plunged into the sea to go to the aid of the men, many of whom were wounded or burned, who had leaped from the ship. In spite of the danger from exploding ammunition and burning fuel oil Private Broutherton made numerous trips between the shore and the stricken ship, assisting the wounded and removing them from the water. The heroic and exemplary action of Private Broutherton incited other soldiers on the beach to speedily assist in aiding the wounded and those who could not swim. Private Broutherton's courage in action and utter disregard for personal safety was highly contributory to saving many of his fellow soldiers' lives. Entered military service from Pampa, Texas.

~~8th Engineer Regt.~~

ROBERT B. IRVIN, 01 101 509, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage du Drammont, France. Captain Irvin landed as shore party commander and leader of the reconnaissance party, with the mission of locating beach extremities, mine fields, road exits and beach obstructions. This mission was accomplished under direct enemy observation and fire from small arms, machine guns and artillery located in the hills surrounding the beach. Due immeasurably to Captain Irvin's splendid courage, his perseverance and exemplary behavior, his men were incited to carry on under extremely hazardous circumstances. Captain Irvin was painfully wounded during an enemy artillery barrage, but insisted his men be given medical attention before he would accept treatment and be evacuated by the Medical Detachment. As a result of his leadership and action beyond the call of duty, the one and only beach available at the time for

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landing an entire division was speedily opened up and proved a determining factor in the accomplishment of a major military operation. Entered military service from Big Run, Pennsylvania.

~~340th Engineer Regt.~~
PAUL S. LAWRENCE, O 211 619, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, *** Quartermaster Truck Battalion (DUKW), for gallantry in action on 18 March 1944, near Anzio, Italy. Colonel Lawrence was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire laid on the port of Anzio, Italy. As a result of the concentration of the enemy fire, the Traffic Control Point, vital center of shore operations, was neutralized and numerous casualties inflicted. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Colonel Lawrence, under the direct fire of enemy long range guns, single handedly supervised the evacuation of the casualties. The Traffic Control Point had no sooner been re-established when a shell hit and set ablaze a DUKW on the beach entrance road. Colonel Lawrence, fully cognizant of the added hazard that was created by the rapidly congesting traffic immediately set out in the direction of the stricken DUKW, boarded the flaming vehicle, and there, personally extricated the wounded. He then ordered the vehicle brought to the side of the road where the fire was extinguished. Through the gallantry, foresight and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Lawrence, the Traffic Control Point was maintained, roadways cleared, the congestion of vehicles eliminated and the wounded given immediate aid. Entered military service from Valley Stream, Long Island, New York.
~~340th Engineer Regt.~~

ROBERT G. MILLS, O1 112 328, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action near Plage du Drammont, France, on 15 August 1944. During the initial landing, First Lieutenant Mills was in charge of a pioneer road building platoon, and personally supervised the construction of the beach exit roads across very difficult terrain while being subjected to artillery fire. He then took charge of traffic on the beach and diligently stayed at his post keeping personnel and vehicles moving during the heavy artillery barrages. During one of these barrages First Lieutenant Mills led his men aboard an LCT which had been set afire and at great personal danger led his men in completing the unloading of the ships and prevented the fire from spreading to nearby craft. It was mainly through the efforts of First Lieutenant Mills that this situation was brought under control until the naval fire-boats arrived and extinguished the blaze. In spite of another ship being hit, and with total disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Mills continued working under very hazardous conditions until his mission had been successfully completed. Entered military service from Stroud, Oklahoma.

~~51st Parachute Infantry.~~
RICHARD J. SEITZ, O 375 939, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Second Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944 at Les Arnes, France. In order to effectively direct the action of his battalion during the assault against an

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enemy held town Lieutenant Colonel Seitz established an advanced Command Post which was soon spotted by the enemy and subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire. Refusing to vacate his exposed command post because of its excellent tactical location, Lieutenant Colonel Seitz, with complete disregard for his own safety, continued to direct the action of his battalion until its tactical mission had been accomplished. Throughout the entire action Lieutenant Colonel Seitz demonstrated qualities of leadership, gallantry and devotion to duty that were an inspiration to every officer and enlisted man of his command. Entered military service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

840th Engineer Regiment

✓ ROBERT O. BELLMAN, 37 201 491, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineer Regiment, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 August 1944 near Plage du Drammont France. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

303d Armored Field Artillery Bn.

✓ STANLEY H. MEANS, 36 397 448, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion for heroic achievement in action from 11 May 1944 to 17 May 1944 in Italy. Entered military service from Dixon, Illinois.

2nd Ass. Surgical Group.

✓ HOWARD B. SHORBE, O 551 767, Major, Medical Corps, *** Auxiliary Surgical Group, for meritorious service from 9 March 1944 to 17 September 1944, during the Italian and French Campaigns. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

840th Engineer Regiment.

✓ BERT SONS, 36 076 748, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineer Regiment for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage du Drammont, France. Entered military service from Orchardville, Illinois.

303d Armored Field Artillery Bn.

✓ RALPH J. YANKE, 37 514 862, Private, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 11 May 1944 to 17 May 1944 in Italy. Entered military service from Falls City, Nebraska.

III- AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

303d Field Artillery Bn.

✓ JACK MARTIN, 14 051 509, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while

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participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 2 June 1944 to 18 June 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

~~180th Field Artillery Bn.~~

~~ARTIE F. SVOBODA~~, OI 180 360, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 3 June 1944 to 18 June 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Kansas.

IV - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~VI Corps Artillery~~

~~ROBERT L. GIBSON~~, OI 173 965, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Corps Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 20 May 1944 to 29 August 1944, in Italy and in France. Entered military service from Lothair, Kentucky.

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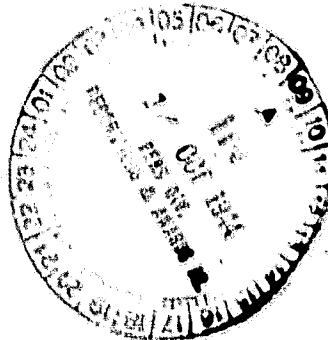
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- Award, Missing in Action, of the Silver Star II
- Award of the Soldier's Medal III
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

840th Engineer Regt.
HARRISAN MCKINNEY, 39 843 350, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage du Drammont, France. Technician Fifth Grade McKinney was assigned the task of removing beach obstacles and constructing beach exit roads to facilitate the movement of personnel, vehicles and supplies across a landing beach. Due to the rocky terrain, and to the craters caused by our rockets, bombs, and naval artillery, a great amount of bulldozer work was necessary in order to make possible the continuous flow of military traffic. Corporal McKinney worked without relief during the whole of this day under small arms, machine gun, mortar and heavy artillery fire, widening and improving many exit roads. As this was the only beach available at the time for the landing of an entire infantry division, and as these roads were speedily opened up in order to provide a means of reinforcement for our troops moving inland, Corporal McKinney, by his courage, determination, and skill under extremely hazardous conditions, made an important contribution to the success of a major military operation. Entered military service from Chester, California.

II -- AWARD, MISSING IN ACTION, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the award, missing in action, of the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

1st Special Service Force
A. A. WALLER, C 1 371, Sergeant, Second Company, Second Regiment, *** Special Service Force, Canadian Army, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1944 near Radicona, Italy. When a letter bearer section which he volunteered to guide to its objective was stopped by intense artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant Waller volunteered to deliver blood plasma to the regimental aid station on hill 702; later he was found in a shocked and dazed condition.

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at the foot of hill 702, and it was established that he successfully completed his mission even though his route, forward and return, had been constantly subjected to heavy shelling and small arms fire from the enemy. Sergeant Waller's courage and devotion to duty without any concern for his own safety was instrumental in contributing to the ultimate success of an important military mission. Next of kin: Mrs Hazel Waller (Mother), 24 Colborne Street West, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~110th AAA Co. (Trk)~~

ALFRED R. HORTON, 31 142 038, Private, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Company (Trk), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 22 August 1944, near Cavalaire, France. Private Horton, who was driving a truck loaded with gasoline, pulled into a waiting line of loaded trucks at a gasoline dump. Soon afterwards, while still in line to be unloaded, his truck caught fire. At the risk of his life he entered the cab of the blazing truck, which was enveloped with dangerous fumes and on which gasoline cans were exploding. He then started the truck and drove it away from the pile of gasoline cans on the ground and the other trucks in the dump which were loaded with gasoline. In the performance of this heroic act Private Horton prevented the loss of much valuable government property and supplies. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~15th French Army B~~

WELLINGTON GLOVER, O 234 431, Lieutenant Colonel, Army Detachment, Allied Liaison Service, French Army *** Artillery, for meritorious service from 18 August 1944 to 28 August 1944, near Toulon, France. Entered military service from Burlington, Vermont.

~~107th AAA Bn~~

KENNETH E. EVENS, 36 161 371, Technician Fifth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for heroic achievement on 19 July 1943, near Gela, Sicily. Entered military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

~~20th AAA Bn~~

JOSEPH A. SOUTHWELL, 11 015 994, Corporal (then Private), Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Truck Company, for meritorious service from 3 February through 10 June 1944, at Anzio, Italy. Entered military service from Burlington, Vermont.

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WELB B. STERN, 36 032 440, First Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Truck Company, for meritorious service from 3 February 1944 through 10 June 1944 at Anzio, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

V -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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CHARLES G. BRILTON, of 183 037, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 14 September 1944, near Mollans, France. Entered military service from Boise, Idaho.

~~See also (Mobile)~~
JOHN T. KOULERS, of 384 303, Captain, Field Artillery, *** Civil Affairs Regiment (Overhead), for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy from 25 October 1943 to 10 September 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

~~See also (Mobile)~~
JOSEPH H. HINDRICK, of 454 875, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy on 14 September 1944, near Mollans, France. Entered military service from St. Paul Minnesota.

~~See also (Mobile)~~
PAUL E. SKIFFSTAD, of 180 717, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy from 27 February 1944 to 10 September 1944. Entered military service from Ames, Iowa.

VI -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART - RESCISSION OF AWARD.

Section VI, General Orders No. 81, this headquarters, 22 September 1944, is rescinded.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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EDWARD C. FRITCHMAN, 33 620 123, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944, near Agay, Southern France. In the presence of the enemy, Private Fritchman made his way in the dark through a heavy concentration of S-mines equipped with trip wires in an attempt to bring aid to two American soldiers who were wounded and trapped in the mine field. While attempting to evacuate these men, Private Fritchman was wounded by an exploding S-mine. His courage and display of heroism in attempting to rescue his stricken comrades are in keeping with the highest ideals of the United States Army. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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ROBERT A. STECHER, 32 278 321, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944, in Southern France. Learning that two wounded fellow soldiers were trapped in a mine field, Private Stecher unhesitatingly entered this mine field in the dark and in the presence of the enemy to give aid to the stricken men. After working his way for about one thousand yards through a heavy concentration of S-mines equipped with trip wires, in an attempt to bring aid to and evacuate the wounded soldiers, one of these mines was detonated and Private Stecher was mortally wounded. Private Stecher's heroism and unselfish self-sacrifice reflect the highest ideals of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Anna Stecher (mother) 840 Prospect Avenue, Newark, New Jersey

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III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~3287th~~ ~~Service Co.~~

VIENNA OLIVER, 33 204 170, Technician Fifth Grade, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Service Company, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy near Frejus, France on 27 August 1944. While Technician Fifth Grade Oliver was acting corporal of the company guard, a soldier under the influence of liquor entered the company dispensary, fired at the dispensary attendant and robbed him of alcohol at the point of a rifle. Technician Fifth Grade Oliver advanced with his rifle toward the dispensary in order to arrest the offender who fired at him and then took cover in the dispensary where he prepared to fire again. Technician Fifth Grade Oliver, holding his fire, continued to advance toward the dispensary and ordered the soldier to throw down his rifle and surrender. Witnessing this display of fearless courage, the soldier surrendered to Technician Fifth Grade Oliver. By his exemplary courage and calm determination, Technician Fifth Grade Oliver undoubtedly saved many fellow soldiers from bodily harm. Entered military service from Chase City, Virginia.

IV - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~3287th~~ ~~Mobile~~
DAVID FARJON, 32 001 080, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, *** Quartermaster Battalion Mobile (DUKWS), for heroic achievement in action on 22 August 1944 near Cavalaire, France. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

Hq. 7th Army
JAMES F. TWEEDY, O 274 995, Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 April 1944 to 14 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy, and Southern France. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

Hq. 7th Army
HOWARD J. BUTLER, 32 239 110, Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Coast Artillery Corps, Antiaircraft Section, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944 in North Africa, Italy, and France. Entered military service from Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

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307th AAA Bn.
JOHN K. COCHIN, 35 261 103, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, *** Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 22 July 1943 to 14 November 1943, during the Sicilian Campaign. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

34th AAA Brigade
EDWARD H. GOLD, 01 042 035, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, for meritorious service from 11 May 1944 to 31 May 1944 in Italy. Entered military service from Hollis, New York.

1st Bn, 307th Hq. Co. (AAA)
ROLAND R. GRENIER, 6 146 810, Corporal (then Private First Class), Coast Artillery Corps, Detachment B-2, Allied Liaison Service, *** Headquarters Company (Overhead), for heroic achievement in action on 20 August 1944, near St. Tropez, France. Entered military service from Newcastle, New Hampshire.

377th M. Escort Guard Co.
RALPH G. HALLEN, 56 272 088, Sergeant, Corps of Military Police, *** Military Police Escort Guard Company, for meritorious service in action from 18 August 1944 through 26 August 1944 near Cavalaire, France. Entered military service from New Richmond, Wisconsin.

304th M. Railroad Co.
CLYDE H. JACKSON, JR., 01 573 871, Captain, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Railroad Company, for meritorious service from 22 August 1944 to 22 September 1944 in Southern France. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

3036th M. Gas Supply Co.
MARTIN W. PARCEL, 0 415 508, Captain, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Gas Supply Company, for meritorious service from 20 August 1944 to 30 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Greensboro, North Carolina.

VI - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

117th Cav. Reg. (Mech.)
WILLIAM A. CARROLL, 20 244 007, Technician Fifth Grade, Cavalry, Troop C, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic achievement in action on 21 June 1944, near Montopescali, Italy. Next of Kin: Mrs Mary Dunn Carroll (Mother), 48 Columbia Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

40th Eng. Combat Regt.
CHARLES E. RUGH, 6 909 066, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for heroic achievement on 16 August 1944, near St. Tropez, Southern France. Next of Kin: Mr. John S. Rugh (Father), Rose Stop, Rural Route #1, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

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VII- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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GEORGE E. McCLEMENTS, O1 166 327, Captain, Field Artillery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy from 22 August 1944 to 28 August 1944 in the vicinity of Montelimar, France. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

VIII-AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - RESCISSION OF AWARD. So much of section II, General Orders No. 70, this headquarters, 1 September 1944, as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Technician Fifth Grade William A. Carroll, Cavalry, Troop C, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), is rescinded. (See Sec. VI).

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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26 272 088

17 July 1961

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 81, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 18 October 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Ralph G. Hallen, 26 272 088, which reads "Ralph G. Hallen," is amended to read "Ralph C. Hallen".

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I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

Det. of Patients, 45th Gen. Hosp.

EDGAR C. DOLEMAN, O19 131, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Detachment of Patients, *** General Hospital (then Battalion Commander, Third Battalion, *** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action on 22 September 1943, near Acerno, Italy. During the attack on Acerno, Italy, Colonel Doleman advanced between his assault companies. Under his direction the attack rapidly gained momentum. Despite intense enemy fire, Colonel Doleman placed himself in full view of the enemy in order to direct his men and maintain personal control. The explosion of an enemy mortar shell nearby painfully wounded Colonel Doleman, but he refused medical aid and continued to maneuver his battalion in preparation for an anticipated counter-attack. When some of his men attempted to withdraw, Colonel Doleman advanced ten yards beyond the most forward position and ordered them to return. He then ran a considerable distance through withering machine gun fire to deploy the riflemen and weapons of one of his companies. Subsequently, when one of his assault companies was temporarily halted by an enemy machine gun, Colonel Doleman directed the destruction of the enemy weapon then hastily made his way three hundred yards through heavy fire to join his other assault company. Despite tank shells which exploded close to him, Colonel Doleman contacted the leading elements of this company and led them into the town. By personal bravery and outstanding leadership Colonel Doleman made a direct and important contribution in the capture of a strategic strong point held by superior enemy forces. Entered the United States Military Academy from Washington, D. C.

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II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

540th Engineer Regt.

RICHARD E. GRUBB, 35 401 740, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944, during the landing in Southern France. Technician Fifth Grade Grubb worked his way through a heavy concentration of S-mines equipped with trip wires. This was done during darkness and in the presence of the enemy to evacuate and bring aid to four American soldiers wounded and trapped in the mine field. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Grubb in successfully accomplishing the difficult evacuation of the four casualties undoubtedly resulted in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from McConnelville, Ohio.

III- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

71st Signal Company

THOMAS B. WHALEY, 6 367 759, Private, Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 May 1944 near St. Leu, Algeria, North Africa. While three soldiers were swimming near the Company beach, one of them was caught by an undertow and was being pulled under. The other two swam to help the endangered man, but they too, were caught in the undertow, became exhausted and called for help. Three more soldiers from the shore went out to help, but they also were nearly drowned. Private Whaley, who was ashore also, went to the aid of the man farthest from shore and reached him just as he was going down. Private Whaley, at the risk of his own life, managed to pull the stricken man ashore, even though exhausted himself.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

Spst. B. Boyle, Hq. 7th Army.

FRANK P. BOYLE, JR., O 375 649, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Army, from 18 August 1944 to 28 August 1944, near Toulon, France. Entered military service from Waverly, New York.

1st Headquarters 7th Army

JOHN S. DENNEY, 6 938 506, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Sedalia, Missouri.

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86th Engr. Combat Regt.

EDWARD L. FIZDALE, O1 100 286, Captain, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Combat Regiment, from 5 July 1944 to 6 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Headquarters 7th Army

HENRY V. GRAHAM, O 398 163, Major, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944 in Italy and France. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

MO, 1st Signal Battalion

HAROLD G. HACKATHORN, 35 010 677, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, *** Signal Battalion, from 5 August 1944 to 17 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Ashtabula, Ohio.

Headquarters 7th Army

RALPH M. LUMAN, O 350 086, Major, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

Headquarters 7th Army

FREDERIC J. OGDEN, O 343 480, Major, Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944 in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Peru, New York.

Headquarters 7th Army

LAURENCE H. WALLENEURN, 17 001 315, Master Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944 in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Branson, Missouri.

V -- AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

182nd Field Artillery Bn.

RAYMOND E. BIBB, 20 404 821, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy from 10 September 1943 to 10 June 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

VI - CORRECTED CITATION PERTAINING TO AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 65, Headquarters, Seventh Army, 1944, as reads:

86th Engr. Regt (G)

Lieutenant Patterson's platoon was in direct support of an attacking infantry company which was forced to withdraw when it met greatly superior enemy forces. Under his direction, the platoon covered the successful withdrawal of the infantry ahead. Lieutenant Patterson, despite these injuries, remained with his platoon all that night and participated in the successful attack the following day. Incited to supreme effort by Lieutenant

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Patterson's leadership, devotion to duty, and sacrifice, his men evacuated the wounded, held their defensive positions that night, attacked successfully the following day and reached their objective, completing their mission. Entered military service from Jackson, Mississippi."

is corrected to read:

Lieutenant Patterson's platoon was in direct support of an attacking infantry company which was forced to withdraw when it met greatly superior enemy forces. Under his direction, the platoon covered the successful withdrawal of the infantry ahead. Lieutenant Patterson was wounded by shrapnel in the lower back and severely sprained his right ankle in the early action. Lieutenant Patterson, despite these injuries, remained with his platoon all that night and participated in the successful attack the following day. Incited to supreme effort by Lieutenant Patterson's leadership, devotion to duty, and sacrifice, his men evacuated the wounded, held their defensive positions that night, attacked successfully the following day and reached their objective, completing their mission. Entered military service from Jackson, Mississippi.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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Award of the Distinguished Service Cross	I
Award of the Soldier's Medal	II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal	III
Award of the Air Medal	IV

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual: **280th Infantry Regiment**

CHARLES W. SHIELDS, 31 282 146, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 12-13 September 1944, near Cubrial, France. Just before dusk Company B was ordered to attack a strongly defended enemy hill. Before the company had gone half way up the hill, the enemy opened fire with automatic weapons from hidden positions and from an adjoining forest. Disregarding his own safety and at great personal risk, Sergeant Shields went about placing his guns in position and directing their fire, neutralizing numerous enemy machine guns and rifle positions. Without regard for the intense gun fire which was being placed on the sector occupied by his section, he continued to direct the fire of his men until friendly troops had forced the enemy to withdraw and seized the hill. Sergeant Shields immediately made plans for the defense of these newly won positions in expectation of an enemy counter-attack. At dawn the following morning enemy automatic weapons opened fire from the front and both flanks and enemy infantry advanced in overwhelming numbers to retake the hill. Sergeant Shields repeated his performance of the previous day, under terrific enemy small arms fire, by directing the gun fire of his section. When orders came for the company to move to an alternate position, Sergeant Shields manned his left flank machine gun to cover the movement. As the enemy attempted to envelop his position, he cut down large numbers of them with accurate, sustained machine gun fire. Tracers from his own machine gun disclosed his carefully selected position and the enemy concentrated heavy fire upon him. Although he was severely wounded, he remained with his gun until his company had reached its new position. By his heroic actions in the face of mortal danger, Sergeant Shields substantially aided his company in taking a difficult objective. Entered military service from Oakfield, Maine.

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II - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

540th Engineer Regt.

JAMES J. FIUME, 35 610 397, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 28 September 1944, near Dole, France. While on duty on a Storm Boat operating on the Doubs River, a member of Private Fiume's boat crew was drowning after their Storm Boat had filled with water and turned over. Private Fiume left his place of comparative safety on the top of the overturned boat and swam to the aid of his comrade. He held him above water until he received assistance from another Storm Boat. Private Fiume's courageous action aided in saving the life of his fellow soldier, and his performance reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Pittston, Pennsylvania.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal (for meritorious service) is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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WILLIAM L. BATT, JR, 01 292 821, Major (then Captain), Infantry, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 25 September 1944, in Italy, North Africa, and Southern France. Entered military service from Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

Hq. 7th Army

ROBERT H. BENNETT, 0 519 167, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 25 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Matawan, New Jersey.

Hq. 7th Army

JOHN G. BERRY, 0 294 690, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy, and France. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

Hq. 7th Army

OSCAR M. GUNDERSON, 0 920 549, Major, Transportation Corps, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Hq. 7th Army

GEORGE W. HOLDER, 32 396 855, Technician Third Grade, Infantry, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 June 1943 to 18 August 1944, in Sicily, North Africa, and Southern France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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REUBEN R. KASMAN, O1 9-5 389, First Lieutenant, Transportation Corps, Headquarters, *** Army, from 18 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Hq. 7th Army

DANIEL M. LEWIS, JR., O 317 436, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, *** Army, from 23 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Tallahassee, Florida.

Hq. 7th Army

ROBERT B. NEILSON, 39 844 450, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters, *** Army, from 20 February 1944 to 17 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Hq. 7th Army

NORMAN E. PEATFIELD, O21 027, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), Medical Corps, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Hq. 7th Army

HENRY K. RAY, JR., 35 590 996, Technician Third Grade, Infantry, Headquarters, *** Army, from 1 June 1943 to 18 August 1944, in Sicily and Southern France. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

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JOSEPH RICH, O20 562, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), Medical Corps, Headquarters, *** Army, from 28 June 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Forestville, Connecticut.

Hq. 7th Army

VINCENT J. SCLAFANI, 32 170 833, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters, *** Army, from 3 October 1942 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Sicily and Southern France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

1st Signal Bn.

DANIEL K. SHEPPARD, 39 676 034, Technician Fourth Grade, Signal Corps, Company C, *** Signal Battalion, from 17 December 1943 to 16 January 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

1st Signal Bn.

THOMAS G. SMITHWICK, 6 296 144, Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Signal Corps, Company C, *** Signal Battalion, from 10 July 1943 to 14 July 1944, in Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Roswell, New Mexico.

Hq. 7th Army

CLARENCE E. STUART, O 379 607, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Army, from 27 June 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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~~107th AAA Bn.~~

THOMAS W. WALLACE, 20 441 878, Technical Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious achievement in action on 19 July 1943, near Gela, Sicily. Entered military service from Dillon, South Carolina.

IV - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~VI Corps Artillery~~

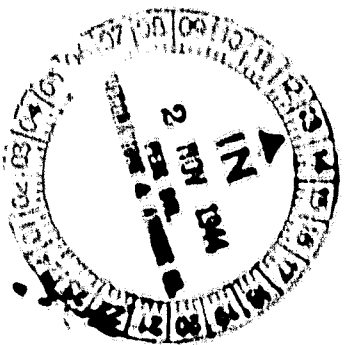
CARL A. BAHR, O2 604, Brigadier General, Army of the United States, *** Corps Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 19 March 1944 to 15 September 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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- Award of the Soldier's Medal. I
- Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal. II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal. III
- Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. IV
- Award of the Air Medal. V

I -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~See En. Ind. 66.~~
CLYDE H. JACKSON, Jr., O1 575 871, Captain, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Railhead Company, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 4 September 1944, at Meyrargues, France. Upon being awakened when a car of empty gasoline cans caught fire in the middle of a train in the railway station area, Captain Jackson ran to the burning car, and with assistance, uncoupled the car. He then commandeered a truck, attached tow chain to the cars below those which were burning and towed them to safety. He then directed and assisted in putting out the fire which had spread to the station and a clothing car. Through his courageous action the remainder of the cars containing rations, gasoline and ammunition were saved and a more serious fire avoided. Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

~~See En. Ind. 66.~~
WILLIAM J. VEECH, 31 119 385, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Gas Supply Company, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 4 September 1944, near Meyrargues, France. A box car of empty gasoline cans caught fire on the main track where a complete supply train was placed. Sergeant Veech ran from the railroad station to the main road and obtained a two and one-half ton truck. He brought the truck to the burning cars where he uncoupled a car of burning blankets from the burning empty gasoline car, and then pulled all the other cars free of the burning cars. Sergeant Veech, by his fearless action, saved a trainload of supplies, a railroad building, and possible injury to personnel in the vicinity. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

II - AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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ROBERT E. HOLMAN, O 304 526, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 15 August 1944 to 22 September 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Florence, South Carolina.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~Eq. 7th Army~~
STEVEN J. BOXA, 37 462 144, Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 15 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Gregory, South Dakota.

~~Eq. 7th Army~~
WILLIAM S. BRANDON, 35 450 865, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Medical Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Piqua, Ohio.

~~Eq. 7th Army~~
ALFRED R. BURRELL, 34 268 220, Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 15 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

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JOSEPH EPSTEIN, 32 512 620, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 26 June 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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ARTHUR M. ERWIN, O 409 291, Captain, Corps of Military Police, *** Military Police Company, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Sharon, South Carolina.

~~Eq. 7th Army~~
ROBERT J. HERMANN, O 318 855, Major, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters *** Army, from February 1944 to October 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

~~Eq. 7th Army~~
DANIEL T. MCCARTY, O 318 816, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 23 March 1944 to 14 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Ft. Pierce, Florida.

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ALPHONSE M. FARA, 32 029 549, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 15 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Hammondsport, New York.

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IV - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~800th FA Bn.~~
CLARENCE A. NORDBERG, O1 691 876, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 30 May 1944 to 8 October 1944 in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~9th FA Bn.~~
DONALD L. CLANCEY, O1 176 920, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 March 1944 to 21 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Sioux City, Iowa.

~~3rd Inf. Div. Art.~~
WARREN T. RIES, O1 691 867, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 14 April 1944 to 12 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Elyria, Ohio.

~~10th Inf. Div. Art.~~
ALFRED W. SCHULTZ, O 467 235, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 29 February 1944 to 22 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

AWARD OF THE FIRST AND SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~100th FA Bn.~~
BURTON B. BURRIS, O1 703 062, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 3 June 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Wewaka, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~30th FA Bn.~~
WILLIAM A. RICHARDS, O 524 159, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 May 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

~~875th FA Bn.~~
RALPH L. STOTTS, O1 174 157, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion from 29 May 1944 to 21 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

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V -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~39th FA Bn.~~

AUDIE N. HARPER, O1 169 557, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 August 1944 to 29 August 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Evergreen, Alabama.

~~10th FA Bn.~~

PAUL J. MATTHEWS, JR., O1 176 124, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 September 1944 to 2 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Gore, Oklahoma.

~~18th FA Bn.~~

WILLIAM E. SYNAN, O1 172 686, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 August 1944 to 10 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from North Dighton, Massachusetts.

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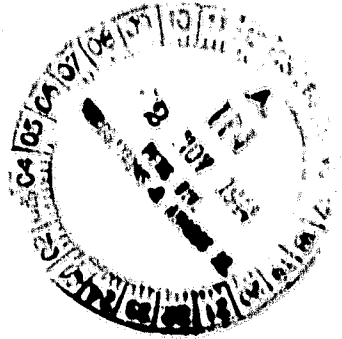
JEFFERSON R. WATTS, O 584 084, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 12 July 1943 to 16 August 1944, in Sicily. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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Award of the Soldier's Medal.	I
Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.	II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.	III
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Award, Posthumous, of the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster.	V
Award of the Air Medal.	VI

I -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

20th Machine Records Unit (Mobile)

JACOB W. DENIG, O2 046 430, First Lieutenant, Adjutant General Department, *** Machine Records Unit (Mobile), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 26 June 1944, near Pozzuoli Beach, Italy. While First Lieutenant Denig was in swimming a very strong undertow and high waves came up. Not being an expert swimmer, he started for shore. But nearby an enlisted man shouted that the undertow was pulling him out and he was not able to swim in. Lieutenant Denig, without regard for his own safety, swam out to the enlisted man, pulled him up, and swam with him to shallow water. Due to the enlisted man's helpless condition, Lieutenant Denig undoubtedly, by his heroic act, saved the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from Ridgewood, Long Island, New York.

20th Engineer Regt. (GS)

WILLIAM H. LAWSON, 14 121 143, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 20 September 1944, in Southern France. Corporal Lawson was a member of a detachment of his Company on duty in the preliminary stages of erecting a railroad bridge over the Doubs River. The only available means for crossing the river at the site at that time was by means of a row boat which was operated by a French civilian. While making a crossing, the French civilian lost control of his boat and fell into the river. Unable to swim, the civilian was in imminent danger of drowning. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal Lawson dived into the river, grasped the drowning man and safely brought him ashore. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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II - AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 30-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

Lt. 7th Army.

SAMUEL E. GRAHAM, O1 576 054, Major, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 15 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Lt. 7th Army.

RUSSELL M. HOSTETLER, 35 155 592, Master Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 15 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Peru, Indiana.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

Lt. 7th Army.

ERNEST T. BARCO, JR., O 381 566, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Army, from 12 January 1944 to 23 March 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Gainesville, Florida.

800th FA Bn.

ROLAND A. BENDER, 20 713 505, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 November 1943 to 29 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Princeton, Minnesota.

Lt. 7th Army (Award by Lt. 105. Nov 4, 1944) MAJOR

JOHN H. BYRD, O 383 880, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Army, from 25 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from El Reno, Oklahoma.

Lt. 7th Army

THOMAS G. CAREY, O 325 545, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Army, from 25 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Lt. 7th Army

JOHN F. CLEMENTS, 37 153 735, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Third Grade), Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Army, from 12 January 1944 to 5 July 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Kansas.

Lt. 7th Army

SHELDEN D. ELLIOTT, O 519 860, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters *** Army from 1 February 1944 to 14 September 1944.

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in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Falls Church, Virginia.

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WALTER F. FREY, O 302 270, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 January 1944 to 15 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Perryton, Texas.

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WARREN C. FULTON, 13 062 313, Master Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 15 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Danville, Virginia.

Hq. 7th Army

SAMUEL S. GREGORY, JR., O 395 753, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Java, Virginia.

Hq. 7th Army

ALBERT E. SUTCLIFFE, W2 130 718, Warrant Officer (JG), United States Army, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 9 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Brighton, Massachusetts.

IV - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE SECOND AND THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

181st FA Bn.

WALLACE T. HIGGINS, O1 173 284, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 June 1944 to 21 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Houstonia, Missouri.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

28th FA Bn.

WILLIAM R. SCHREMP, O1 173 087, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group, from 23 August 1944 to 19 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

AWARD OF THE FIRST AND SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

181st FA Bn.

KENITH C. LARSEN, O1 166 537, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 June 1944 to 22 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from St. James, Minnesota.

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V -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight and the First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, are awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

100th PA Bn.

PAUL U. AVRITT, O1 178 691, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 31 May 1944 to 9 September 1944, in Italy and France. Next of Kin: Mrs. Gen Avritt (Mother), South 8th Street, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

VI - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

8th PA Group

MELVILLE B. COBURN, O 019 973, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 December 1943 to 6 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

8th PA Bn.

EDGAR M. HILL, O1 172 494, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 May 1944 to 25 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

8th PA Bn.

SELWYN D. SMITH, JR., O2O 194, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 November 1943 to 13 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Champaign, Illinois.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSO,
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GENERAL ORDERS)

3 November 1944

NUMBER 104)

- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross I
- Award of the Silver Star II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal III
- Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal IV
- Award of the Air Medal (Correction in General Orders) V

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

MELVIN A. PRESLEY, 38 Old 233, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 888 Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy at Meximieux, France, on 1 September 1944. Sergeant Presley was in command of an anti-tank gun squad covering a road block which was violently attacked by enemy infantry forces supported by tanks and self-propelled guns. Throughout the intense fighting which followed, Sergeant Presley forsook the cover of his gun's armored shield and stood exposed in his determination to have the maximum possible observation of the results of his fire. Sergeant Presley succeeded in obtaining a hit on the leading self-propelled gun which was then abandoned. Meanwhile, however, a shell from a second enemy self-propelled gun landed near the anti-tank gun and a fragment seriously wounded Sergeant Presley. He dropped to his knees and, although in great pain and still exposed at the side of his gun, continued to control the fire of his squad until finally a shell destroyed the gun and mortally wounded him. The stubborn resistance at this road block for which Sergeant Presley was mainly responsible, provided time for the forming of defenses which subsequently withstood a prolonged attack by enemy armor and infantry. Sergeant Presley's brilliant leadership and heroism under fire reflect great credit upon the Army of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Mable Presley (Mother), 2205 N. Franklin Street, Springfield, Missouri.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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JAMES C. CONNELLY, 33 076 508, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Observation Battalion. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

KENNETH L. GARDNER, 01 167 850, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, *** Field Artillery Observation Battalion. Entered military service from Warsaw, Illinois.

LOUIS HENKIN, 32 095 562, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery A, *** Field Artillery Observation Battalion. Entered military service from New York, New York.

SAMUEL E. JARRETT, 14 030 271, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery A, *** Field Artillery Observation Battalion. Entered military service from Newton, North Carolina.

RUFUS S. PLONK, JR., 02 055 879, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Observation Battalion. Entered military service from Bessemer City, North Carolina.

For gallantry in action on 25 August 1944, near Toulon, France. These officers and enlisted men were members of a survey party engaged in the mission of installing a Flash Ranging Base on a hill overlooking Toulon and vicinity. As the party, riding in three jeeps, rounded a curve, there were three enemy officers armed with machine pistols blocking the road. The entire survey party quickly leveled their small arms at the enemy and demanded their surrender. Likewise, the enemy demanded that the Americans surrender with the added threat that they had a whole company nearby. The advantage was gained by rushing the enemy officers and disarming them. Negotiations were then initiated. The enemy stated that they did not intend to surrender but would fight their way to their lines further North. The survey party cleverly led the enemy to believe that they were surrounded and induced them to surrender without a small arms engagement in which the enemy would have had a superiority of numbers. As a result, a total of seven enemy officers and sixty-seven enemy soldiers were taken prisoners along with much equipment and maps showing American and French positions. In addition, a wounded American officer and an enlisted man with a jeep and other equipment were rescued. Such outstanding performance in the face of the enemy is a commendable example of courage and resourcefulness and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

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III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

MAHLON F. FISKE, O 321 475, Major (then Captain), Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Quartermaster Battalion Mobile (DUKWS), from 1 November 1943 to 15 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from North Little Rock, Arkansas.

IRVING KATZ, O1 575 391, Captain, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Railhead Company, from 15 August 1944 to 30 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GLENHART D. MANTECH, 36 336 613, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineers (GS), from 18 June 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Dixon, Illinois.

ROBERT C. SALE, O 903 542, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Regimental Headquarters, *** Engineers (GS), from 23 March 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Park Ridge, Illinois.

HOWARD M. SUPPLEE, 32 266 254, Master Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Engineers (GS), from 1 December 1942 to 14 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Pitman, New Jersey.

IV - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

HERMAN M. GRIZZLE, O1 173 627, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 2 May 1944 to 3 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Marietta, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

EDWARD R. MAI, O2 056 284, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery Headquarters Battery, *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 12 June 1944 to 27 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Wakeeney, Kansas.

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AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

STANLEY J. LINDBERG, O1 170 463, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, from 30 June 1944 to 16 October 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN E. SAMSA, O1 183 755, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 April 1944 to 5 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Bessemer, Pennsylvania.

V -- AIR MEDAL. So much of Section IV, General Orders No. 96, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1944, pertaining to Brigadier General CARL A. BAEHR, AUS, as reads "Milwaukee, Wisconsin", is corrected to read "Minneapolis, Minnesota".

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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GENERAL ORDERS) (TYPED BY JULIA KIBBEL - 2/2/45)
NUMBER 105)

4 November 1944

- Award of the Distinguished Service Cross I
- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal III
- Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal IV
- Award of the Air Medal V
- Award, Missing in Action, of the Air Medal VI
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Correction in General Orders) . . VII

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

MARVIN COHEN, 36 598 600, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, *** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action on 11 September 1944, near La Demie, France. Private First Class Cohen, a light machine gunner, led his squad in a two hundred yard dash through intense enemy machine gunfire in order to bring automatic fire to bear on enemy forces which had halted the advance of his company. Although all of his men were either killed or seriously wounded, Private First Class Cohen nevertheless made his way to a slight rise one hundred yards beyond the foremost elements of his company, deposited his machine gun on the ground and then ran to the body of his number two man five yards away where he retrieved the tripod and ammunition then returned to his weapon. After firing his machine gun until he ran out of ammunition, Private First Class Cohen, despite severe machine gunfire which barely missed him, ran fifty yards to the side of a dead Ammunition Bearer, obtained two boxes of ammunition and again returned to his weapon through continuing heavy fire. In the course of the hour-long fire-fight, Private First Class Cohen succeeded in either killing or wounding thirty enemy soldiers while delivering effective fire which enabled his company to take its objective without further loss or opposition. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

JOHN N. MEGOWN, Jr., 19 018 555, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in

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action on 24 - 25 May 1944, near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy. Private First Class Megown, a BAR gunner, organized and led a five-man patrol for one hundred fifty yards across open terrain in broad daylight to a firing position about fifty yards from an enemy machine gun. During this movement, he was fired at directly by the machine gun which killed one and wounded a second member of his patrol. In a brief fire-fight, all three members of the enemy crew were wounded. As two more enemy came out of a ditch approximately twenty yards beyond the machine gun and ran toward it, Private First Class Megown charged them alone, killing both with hand grenades just as they reached the weapon. At once, he became the target of intense machine pistol and rifle fire from the ditch. Without waiting for his three remaining comrades to catch up, he assaulted the ditch, firing his BAR from the hip, thereby forcing a group of thirty-eight enlisted men and one officer to surrender. The following day, Private First Class Megown led his squad in an attack against an enemy machine gun that had halted digging in operations of his company. Abandoning the cover of a building, he charged the machine gun nest, approximately one hundred yards away. Private First Class Megown was killed after taking several steps. As his squad was preparing to follow his courageous example, another friendly unit attacked the enemy position, taking approximately three hundred prisoners. Next of Kin: Mrs. Bessie L. Megown (Mother), 224 Alabama Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

WARREN AKIN, O1 015 734, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 20 March 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Cartersville, Georgia.

DONALD W. ANDERSON, 35 427 134, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineers (GS), for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Anderson, West Virginia.

WALTER V. COX, 15 076 236, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineers (GS), for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Bethany, West Virginia.

WILLIAM M. FONDREN, O 366 487, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters ***, for meritorious service from 20 March 1944 to 15 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Mississippi.

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RODNEY FUKUI, 30 104 690, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

ZEFFRO V. GIANETTI, W2 130 717, Warrant Officer (JG), United States Army, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 20 March 1944 to 14 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Franklin, Massachusetts.

FRANK S. GIVENS, Jr., O 304 204, Major, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 15 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Wise, Virginia.

KURT HENRY GORMAR, 6 535 836, Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 27 January 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Sicily and Southern France. Entered military service from Fontanelle, Iowa.

CHARLES R. GREGORY, Jr., 35 479 822, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 20 January 1944 to 12 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

EUGENE C. HASTINGS, 11 007 143, Technician Fourth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** AAA Group, for meritorious service from 16 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

LOREN E. JESTER, 35 563 146, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 20 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHARLES W. LIPPHARDT, 35 452 322, Master Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Engineers (GS), for meritorious service from 17 October 1943 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

GEORGE W. PRICHARD, O 333 396, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, *** *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for meritorious service from 18 July 1944 to 20 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

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ERNEST R. SCHOFIELD, 11 051 351, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, *** Engineers (GS), for meritorious service from 9 February 1944 to 10 October 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

FRED P. YOUNGMAN, 37 284 506, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), for heroic achievement on 9 September 1943, near Paestum, Italy. Entered military service from Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

IV - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

JOHN J. SUSKI, 01 179 642, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 March 1944 to 28 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

ERWIN ROSNER, 01 173 440, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 April 1944 to 20 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

V -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

PAUL ALPERT, 01 168 997, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 August 1944 to 6 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Sedalia, Missouri.

THOMAS A. BANK, 0 452 934, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 August 1944 to 9 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

AMERICO CORSO, 01 183 046, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 September 1944 to 7 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from South Barre, Massachusetts.

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VI - AWARD, MISSING IN ACTION, OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the award, missing in action, of the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

WILFRED M. BOUCHER, O 447 327, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 June 1944 to 6 September 1944, in France. Next of Kin: Mr. Charles L. Boucher (Father), 116 Second Street, Hamden, Connecticut.

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VII - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of Section III, General Orders No. 101, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1944 that reads JOHN H. BYRD, O 383 880, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Field Artillery, is corrected to read JOHN H. BYRD, O 383 880, Major, Field Artillery.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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- Award of the Distinguished Service Cross. I
- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal. III
- Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal IV
- Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. V
- Award of the Air Medal. VI

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

Formerly 80th Inf. Regt.

MAURICE L. BRITT, O 410 196, Captain, Infantry, formerly Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on the evening of 24 January 1944, north of Campo Morto, Italy. When his company was temporarily stopped by intense small arms fire from all sides, Captain Britt moved to an exposed position seventy-five yards from the enemy main line of resistance and directed devastating 4.2 chemical mortar and artillery fire on the enemy positions, inflicting heavy casualties. While at this exposed OP, an enemy tank opened direct fire on him from a haystack three hundred yards away, knocking a brick stairway he was using as his OP directly from under him. Even though this fire continued, Captain Britt fearlessly directed tank destroyer fire which set the tank to flight. Captain Britt then crossed seventy-five yards of open terrain to a house located seventy-five yards from the enemy positions, placed a heavy machine gun in the second floor window, and aided in firing the gun until all visible enemy personnel were either killed or had taken cover. After directing mortar and tank destroyer fire which knocked out at least three enemy machine guns, two personnel carriers and several mortars, Captain Britt led his men in the final attack which resulted in seizure of the crossing on the morning of 26 January 1944. Captain Britt then personally supervised his men in digging in defensive positions at three key points commanding all approaches. Entered military service from Lonoke, Arkansas.

1484 Inf. Regt.

MICHAEL D. HANNIFAN, O1 307 156, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 20 June 1944, in the vicinity of Grosseto, Italy. Lieutenant Hannifan was assigned the mission of leading his platoon in a daylight attack against strong enemy positions situated on high ground. When the enemy spotted his platoon and pinned it to the ground with heavy fire from mortars and machine guns, Lieutenant Hannifan pressed forward alone in order to locate the machine gun which had stopped his platoon. Ten yards from the machine gun position he was fired upon. Instantly dropping to the ground he hurled grenades into the emplacement with deadly effect and eliminated the machine gun

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nest. He then led his platoon up the hillside through heavy mortar fire directed from an OP on the summit of the hill. Lieutenant Hannifan discovered an enemy communication wire, followed it to within twenty yards of the OP but the enemy spotted him and began firing directly at him as he continued to advance up the hill. Lieutenant Hannifan charged the OP and with accurate fire destroyed the post and with the threat of mortar fire removed, gained the ascendancy of the high ground. Entered military service from Putnam, Connecticut.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

30th Inf. Regt.

CLAUDE L. CONWAY, 34 872 375, Private, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 3 June 1944, near Cave, Italy. While the company to which he was attached as sole aid man was engaged in a fire fight with the enemy, an intense enemy artillery concentration fell on the hill Private Conway and his comrades were occupying. As a result of numerous tree bursts, heavy casualties were inflicted. Heeding the cries of the wounded, Private Conway unhesitatingly left his foxhole and after running fifteen yards through shell fire was suddenly hit in the leg. Despite his agonizing wound, Private Conway in thirty minutes crawled seventy-five yards, five to ten yards at a time, over hilly terrain, under almost continuous shell and machine gun fire, to administer first aid to fourteen wounded men. This completed, Private Conway crawled another thirty-five yards to the extreme left flank of his company's position in response to the cries of a fifteenth wounded man. When he had almost reached this soldier, Private Conway was hit by a burst of machine gun fire and was mortally wounded. His outstanding heroism and complete devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Adelaide Conway (Mother), Rural Route #2, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

74th Signal Co. Spec.

JOHN T. DEVITT, 37 287 479, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special), Entered military service from Red Wing, Minnesota.

74th Sig. Co. Spec.

LEWIS A. EDMONDS, 53 122 912, Private, Signal Corps, *** Signal Company (Special). Entered military service from Brunswick, Virginia.

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Technician Fourth Grade John T. Devitt and Private Lewis A. Edmonds, for heroic achievement on 9 September 1943, near Paestum, Italy. During the amphibious assault on the mainland of Italy, communications between the CP's of Regimental Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters were entirely dependent upon portable radios that had been rendered unserviceable by enemy artillery fire. As members of a trouble shooting wire crew, these men volunteered to lay two field wire circuits between the CP's of these units. Despite enemy artillery, machine gun, and mortar fire, and the danger of working through an unmarked mine field, they moved forward with the job. Unmindful of personal safety, they helped to successfully establish vitally needed communications.

~~Both AAA Co.~~

JOSEPH DOMANICK, 12 026 440, Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 19 March 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Sicily and Southern France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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GORDON A. EWING, 01 578 436, Captain, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from February to August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

~~Hq. 7th Army.~~

EDWARD FOX, O 490 172, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Adjutant General Department, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 10 July 1943 to 15 August 1944, in Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Lexington, Kentucky.

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GLENN A. HENRY, 01 000 783, Captain, Adjutant General Department Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 6 January 1944 to 15 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

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OSCAR PAULSEN, W2 102 190, Chief Warrant Officer, United States Army, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from October 1943 to August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

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STANLEY PETHASKA, 31 118 341, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, *** Engineers (GS), for meritorious service from 29 March 1944 to 31 March 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Thompsonville, Connecticut.

~~Both AAA Group~~

AARON E. PROUT, 36 504 967, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service from 16 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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HOWARD A. SPOHR, O 885 889, Captain, Adjutant General Department, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 9 July 1943 to 14 September 1944, in Sicily, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, New York.

~~8888 Eng. (GS) Regt.~~

JOHN E. TANNER, 35 428 249, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineers (GS), for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Freeburg, Kentucky.

IV - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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PAUL S. CLARK, O1 640 936, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Company C, *** Signal Battalion, for meritorious service from 18 November 1943 to 20 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Next of Kin: Mrs. F. D. Clark (Mother), Fiberville Road, Canton, North Carolina.

V -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~802d FA Group~~

FRANK M. HOLCOMB, O1 177 004, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Field Artillery Group, from 6 April 1944 to 29 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~104th FA Group~~

CARL M. KAUFMAN, O1 175 761, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Field Artillery Group, from 14 August 1944 to 8 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~100th FA Bn.~~

FLOYD G. CRAFT, O1 179 046, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion from 29 January 1944 to 16 February 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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VI - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the award of the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~88th Inf. Div. Army.~~

JAMES W. DARTER, O1 183 483, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 16 August 1944 to 9 September 1944, in Southern and Eastern France. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

~~180th FA Bn.~~

ROGER L. DAVIS, O1 165 841, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 August 1944 to 12 October 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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MATHEW Y. FOSTER, O 307 029, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 15 August 1944 to 12 September 1944, in Southern and Eastern France. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.

~~10th FA Bn.~~

ROBERT N. PETERSON, O1 182 440, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 August 1944 to 8 October 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Iron Mountain, Michigan.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~117th Cav. Reg.~~
KENNETH N. LAWSON, 20 244 517, Staff Sergeant, Cavalry, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mech), for extraordinary heroism in action on 3 September 1944, in Montreuil, France. Encountering dismounted infantry forces in a side street while on an important mission, Sergeant Lawson halted his tank column. Exposing himself to intense enemy fire, he climbed on top of the turret, manned the 30 calibre machine gun and fired into the enemy infantry until their position had been neutralized. When his tank was hit by a seventy-five millimeter shell, Sergeant Lawson was wounded. Disregarding his injury, he continued to direct the operation of his platoon. Opposed by intense enemy tank, machine gun, and rifle fire, Sergeant Lawson ordered his tanks to turn around. While executing this maneuver his tank stalled directly in front of an enemy force consisting of four Mark V tanks and numerous machine guns. Ordering his crew to abandon the tank, Sergeant Lawson remained at his post in the face of certain death in order to cover their withdrawal and divert the enemy's fire. During this heroic action he was mortally wounded by an enemy shell. The extraordinary heroism which he displayed throughout this action is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Mrs Rolland B. Lawson (Mother), 393 7th Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

II -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~80th Inf. Reg.~~
LIONEL C. MCGARR, 017 825, Colonel, Infantry, Commanding Officer, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 6 September 1944, near Besancon, France. Colonel McGarr

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assumed command of the point squad of his assault battalion when it was subjected to intense machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire from an enemy position only two hundred yards distant. Although machine gun bullets barely missed him, Colonel McGarr deployed the squad and then ran from man to man, designating targets and urging the men forward in an aggressive attack. As the fire-fight progressed, two twenty millimeter flak guns opened fire on Colonel McGarr, yet he refused to take cover, electing instead to continue working his men toward the enemy. Noting two eighty-eight millimeter guns in firing position on the objective, Colonel McGarr made certain that the men of the point were in the best possible positions and then, despite fragments from twenty millimeter shells which narrowly missed him, ran to a position two hundred yards down the road and led his supporting tanks to a position immediately behind the point. Directing fire, first on the two eighty-eight millimeter guns, then on the two flak guns and the enemy infantry, Colonel McGarr succeeded in completely routing the enemy. With this obstacle removed, the infantry battalion continued its advance, taking the objective without further opposition. Entered the United States Military Academy from Phoenix, Arizona.

Formerly 7th Inf. Regt.

FRANK C. SINSEL, O 236 381, Major, Infantry, formerly Headquarters 1st Battalion *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 31 January 1944, near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy. His battalion having been reduced by formidable enemy resistance from eight hundred to hardly two hundred men, Major Sinsel reorganized it while under fire, and led his men in a resumption of the attack. Exposing himself fearlessly for fifteen minutes to small arms fire at point blank range and devastating shell fire which inflicted many casualties among his men, Major Sinsel directed the fire of supporting armor on enemy machine guns, destroying many of them and thus facilitating the battalion's advance. During the attack, because of the shortage of officers, Major Sinsel moved from company to company through intense machine gun and rifle fire, which killed and wounded men at his side, directing the movements forward and encouraging his troops. After gaining a mile and a half of ground, he again reorganized his battalion and they dug in against an expected counter-attack. During an attack by an enemy combat patrol which had worked its way to within fifty yards of the battalion's right flank, Major Sinsel immediately left the cover of his foxhole to personally direct, amid automatic fire and bursting hand grenades, a successful defense by his troops. Inspired by their commander's fortitude, the one hundred remaining men clung to the ground they had bought so dearly until they could be relieved that night. Entered military service from Meridian, Idaho.

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III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~107th Inf. Regt.~~
EDWARD Y. OKAZAKI, 30 106 012, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 October 1944, in Bruyeres, France. When Sergeant Okazaki and four other men were wounded by shrapnel during an artillery barrage, he dragged his companions to the safety of a building in the midst of the barrage and, despite his wounds, proceeded to render them first aid. When the aid men arrived and, discovering his bleeding arm, attempted to administer first aid to him, he refused medical attention, insisting that he was not seriously wounded. It was not until the four other men had been treated that he consented to receive treatment himself. It was then discovered that he had received three wounds - one in his arm and two in his left leg. Sergeant Okazaki's conspicuous courage, utter disregard for personal safety, and determination were an inspiration to the men of his company. Entered military service from Pain, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

IV - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~107th Inf. Regt.~~
PAUL O. AVRITT, 01 178 691, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 30 August 1944, in the vicinity of Beurepaire, France. Lieutenant Avritt, while flying behind the enemy lines, noticed that a "Spitfire" had been hit by anti-aircraft fire while strafing an enemy column, and was being forced to make a landing in an open field that was entirely controlled by the enemy. Lieutenant Avritt, completely ignoring all personal danger and aware that he was in enemy territory, made an emergency landing, rescued the uninjured pilot and returned him safely to the Division Artillery Air OP Strip. Next of Kin: Mrs Con Avritt (Mother), South Eighth Street, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~107th Inf. Regt.~~
WALTER H. BERKMAN, 35 262 120, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery,

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*** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service on 19 July 1943, at Ponte Olivo Airfield, near Gela, Sicily. Entered military service from West Union, Adams County, Ohio.

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LEO J. BORDI, 37 173 775, Technician Third Grade, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from September 1942 to August 1944, in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Harvey, North Dakota.

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PETER J. GAYNOR, JR., O 381 877, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters ** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

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NICHOLAS H. KUOK, 32 332 966, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineer Regiment (OS) for meritorious service from 31 August 1944 to 8 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Maspoth, New York.

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JOSEPH V. LATOUR, 33 032 173, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Third Grade), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from North Charlot, Pennsylvania.

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HENRY E. MARSTON, 31 118 518, Private First Class, Chemical Warfare Service, Company D, *** Chemical Battalion Motorized, for heroic achievement in action from 7 October 1944 to 8 October 1944, near Zainvillers, France. Private First Class Marston was engaged in the highly important task of installing and maintaining communication lines under enemy fire, making it possible to deliver accurate mortar barrages on the enemy. On 7 October Private First Class Marston voluntarily led a patrol into enemy occupied territory to bring to safety two missing infantrymen. On 8 October, notwithstanding the hazard to his own life, he left a sheltered position and proceeded across an area exposed and subjected to enemy observation and gunfire to administer first-aid to wounded men. Entered military service from Paris, Maine.

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FERRILL L. PETTYJOHN, 38 212 064, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from November 1942 to August 1944, in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Forrest City, Arkansas.

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MANUEL A. RODRIGUEZ, 32 192 612, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from September 1942 to August 1944, in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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~~4884 Eng. Regt. (M)~~

WILLIAM E. SCOTT, 39 308 009, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, formerly Company B, *** Engineer Regiment (GS) for meritorious service from 20 April 1943 to 1 April 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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CLARENCE B. T. SMITH, 38 092 320, First Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Truck Company, for meritorious service from 15 April 1943 to 3 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

VI - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE FIRST AND SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~88th FA Group~~

JAMES A. SHELTON, O 465 969, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group (then assigned to Headquarters *** Corps Artillery), from 5 April 1944 to 28 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Cisco, Texas.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~129th FA Bn.~~

ROBERT DEAN, O1 185 845, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 May 1944 to 18 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

~~88th FA Group~~

WENDELL E. WINDECKER, O1 683 304, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group, from 17 April 1944 to 7 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Oakley, Iowa.

VII- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~100th FA Group~~

CARROLL W. ANDERSEN, O 408 458, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group, from 10 December 1943 to 11 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Davenport, Iowa.

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~~189th FA Bn.~~

JOSEPH P. DANAS, O 183 841, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 March 1944 to 21 August 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

~~684th FA Bn.~~

GORDON F. SANDEFUR, O 430 065, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 August 1944 to 29 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

~~89th Area FA Bn.~~

HARRY P. SMITH, O 345 244, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 August 1944 to 28 August 1944, near Montelimar, France. Entered military service from East St. Louis, Illinois.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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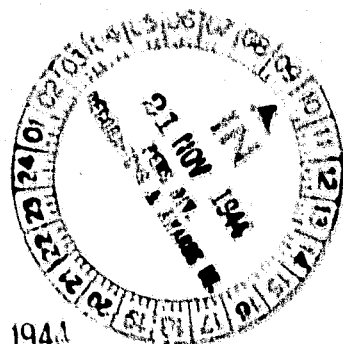
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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 107, Headquarters 7th Army, dated 11 November 1944, pertaining to the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Herman B. Lawson, service number 20 244 517, which reads "Eugene H. Lawson" is amended to read "Herman B. Lawson".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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15th Infantry Regiment

WILLIAM L. KELLUM, 34 803 794, Private, Infantry, Battle Patrol, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 May 1944, near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy. Private Kellum jumped from a ditch, where he lay concealed, into the middle of a column of sixty enemy infantrymen, firing his Thompson sub-machine gun from the hip. Pivoting on his heel and firing continuously at enemy elements so close to him that they could have touched the muzzle of his weapon, Private Kellum spread panic and death, transforming the enemy company in a matter of seconds into a disorganized mob. As the Battle Patrol opened fire on the terrified enemy from the ditches flanking the road, Private Kellum received a fatal burst of enemy fire and fell forward, squeezing the trigger as he died. The suddenness and fury with which he assaulted the enemy company, at the deliberate sacrifice of his life, enabled his organization to kill twenty of the enemy, capture the remaining forty and allow none to escape, at the cost of only three casualties. Next of Kin: Sophronia C. Kellum (Mother), Parish, Alabama.

10th Eng. Combat Bn.

STANLEY E. LARSON, O 447 252, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Commanding Officer, Company C, *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 23 May 1944, during the initial stages of the breakthrough from the Anzio Beachhead, Captain Larson advanced alone under intense 150 mm and machine gun fire, to clear mines from the road into Ponte Rotto, Italy, in preparation for an armored attack. Unwilling to risk the lives of his men in this exceptionally perilous mission, Captain Larson ordered them to remain under cover while he removed the mines alone. Although shells exploded within fifteen feet of him and bursts of fire from two machine guns grazed his body, he worked without pause, probing the road shoulders for enemy box mines which could not be located by mine detectors. Although his men urged him to desist until the artillery fire lifted, Captain Larson, knowing the urgency and

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crucial importance of his task, refused. For forty-five minutes he worked in full view of the enemy. He was killed by the detonation of a hostile mine, but his heroism and leadership inspired his men to complete the task he had begun. The road was cleared; supplies and armored support moved forward to reinforce the infantry; as the attack progressed, enemy lines were ruptured and the enemy stronghold of Cisterna di Littoria was isolated. Next of Kin: Mrs. S. E. Larson (Wife), 2134 Parker Street, Berkeley, California.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

179th Infantry Regiment

FRANK E. BEST, 32 930 008, Corporal, Infantry, Company A, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action near Coriolio, Italy on 31 May 1944. When a well-entrenched machine gun nest threatened to hold up the advance of his company, Corporal Best exposed himself to enemy fire in order to deploy his squad effectively for an assault on the next objective. While moving among his men, he was wounded in the shoulder, but he refused aid. Instead, he crawled alone to the enemy emplacement and, using hand grenades, knocked out the machine gun, destroying one of the crew manning it and wounding two others. Corporal Best's gallantry under fire is exemplary of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

179th Infantry Regiment

HARRY H. DUNBAR, 39 910 461, Staff Sergeant, Company C, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action from 1 May 1944 to 4 May 1944 at Anzio, Italy. Sergeant Dunbar, with his platoon, was assigned to hold a bitterly contested point north of Padiglione, Italy, known as house No 4. During four days of intense activity, through his intrepidity and daring, he successfully directed the defense of this sector against numerous attempts by the enemy to break through. Leading numerous aggressive patrols, he was instrumental in capturing and destroying many of the enemy and obtaining much valuable information. During one attack, Sergeant Dunbar succeeded in forcing the enemy to withdraw only after throwing five boxes of hand grenades into their midst. He was seriously wounded on the third day of the action by enemy sniper fire. Despite his serious shoulder wound, he continued leading his men, inspiring them by his aggressive spirit. Only after his platoon had been relieved of its assignment did he consent to be evacuated and to receive treatment for his wounds. Sergeant Dunbar's extraordinary heroism during the action and unrelenting devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Boulder City, Nevada.

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III- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 2 October 1944, near Camp de la Val Bonne, France. While operating on the Rhone River, a two and one-half ton amphibian truck capsized and sank. In order to effect the rescue of the four occupants who were struggling against the treacherous current, the four individuals cited below, piloted a small power boat at high speed through rapids and submerged rocks with complete disregard for their personal safety. Their heroic action was responsible for saving the lives of four fellow soldiers.

85th Eng. Heavy Ponton Bn.

JOHN A. CITERA, 32 109 405, Technical Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

85th Eng. Heavy Ponton Bn.

HARRY FELDMAN, 32 081 904, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

85th Eng. Heavy Ponton Bn.

JOHN L. MITCHELL, 32 834 349, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

85th Eng. Heavy Ponton Bn.

WALTER E. NAGEL, 01 108 193, Captain, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

IV - AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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JOHN A. CHAMBERS, O 251 918, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 through 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from South Effingham, New Hampshire.

Hq. 7th Army.

HERBERT P. SCHOWALTER, O 210 991, Colonel, Ordnance, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 19 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from West Bend, Wisconsin.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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FORREST R. BLACKBURN, O1 177 287, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, at Bruyeres, France. Lieutenant Blackburn, an Artillery Forward Observer, located his Observation Post on the forward slope of a hill three hundred yards in front of the attacking infantry companies, overlooking the town of Bruyeres, which was strongly held by the enemy. When the infantry attack jumped off, the enemy threw a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and self-propelled gun fire on the hill. One of the companies reported a tank advancing toward them from Bruyeres. In spite of the heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Blackburn voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole to obtain better observation of the artillery fire he was adjusting in support of the attack. Despite wounds received from shell fragments, he remained at his post until he had completed his mission. The infantry was able to advance and occupy the northern section of the town of Bruyeres. This display of courage, with utter disregard for his own safety, was an inspiration to the officers and men serving with him. Entered military service from Lyndon, Kansas.

80th AAA Group

CLARENCE J. BUTTERWORTH, 6 148 963, Technician Fourth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service from 16 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

Hq. 7th Army

HOWARD B. COLMAN, O 325 894, Major, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 11 March 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Cooperstown, New York.

Hq. 7th Army

ROBERT FRAME, 32 065 298, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

2685d Movement Control Group

LLOYD A. HORNBERGER, O 912 629, First Lieutenant, Transportation Corps, *** Movement Control Group, Railway (Ovhd), for meritorious service from 27 September 1944 to 25 October 1944, near Dole, France. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

5224 FA Bn.

SUSUMU ISHIMOTO, 30 104 509, Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 14 October 1944 through 30 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. Entered military service from Waipahu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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AMBROSE F. JOHNSTON, O 335 687, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 14 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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FELIX F. KIZIUKIEWICZ, 32 168 516, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Union, New Jersey.

83d Chem. Bn.

RAYMOND J. LAKEY, O 417 999, Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, Company D, *** Chemical Battalion, for meritorious service from 17 July 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Bozeman, Montana.

Hq. 7th Army

CLAUDE A. LOFLIN, JR., O 358 887, Major, Ordnance, Headquarters, *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Clarinton, Pennsylvania.

343d Eng. (GS) Regt.

LEON E. NOWICKI, 32 281 214, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for meritorious service from 29 March 1944 to 31 March 1944, near Castelforte, Italy. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

822d FA Bn.

GEORGE SHIOZAWA, 39 914 153, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. Technician Fifth Grade Shiozawa was a radio operator with an artillery forward observer party which was supporting an infantry attack. The Observation Post was located on a hill, three hundred yards in front of the infantry, overlooking the town of Bruyeres which was strongly held by the enemy. When the infantry attack jumped off, the enemy threw a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and self-propelled gun fire on the hill. One of the companies reported a tank advancing toward them from Bruyeres. In spite of the heavy enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Shiozawa accompanied the observer, leaving the comparative safety of his foxhole in order to maintain communications with his battalion. Technician Fifth Grade Shiozawa remained with the observer, who was wounded, and kept communications intact. By his courage, tenacity and devotion to duty, he materially aided the forward OP in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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~~7th Infantry Regt.~~

NICHOLAS F. VALENTINO, 32 358 203, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 31 January 1944, near Ponte Rotto, Italy. Sergeant Valentino seized a heavy machine gun, together with its tripod and a box of ammunition, and carried it forward one hundred yards through intense seventy-seven millimeter, machine gun and machine pistol fire which had halted the advance of his battalion. Staggering under his one hundred and twelve pound load, Sergeant Valentino reached a point within seventy-five yards of the enemy. Although he was fatally wounded as he put his weapon in position, he nevertheless engaged the enemy as his life ebbed away, and succeeded in killing six of them. Then, in an effort on supporting his battalion to the very last, Sergeant Valentino shifted his fire to an enemy-held house three hundred yards away, delivering effective fire until his death two minutes later. Next of Kin: Gertrude Valentino (Wife), 417 46th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~44th Infantry Regt.~~

HIROBHI F. SAWADA, 39 379 943, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 August 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. Private First Class Sawada volunteered to act as lead scout for a four-man patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering the Southern Arno River bank. The night was dark and very quiet. While moving through a sparse vineyard, he suddenly motioned his comrades to stop. He then advanced ten yards with his patrol leader. At this point they heard an enemy patrol advancing toward them. He held his fire until his patrol was observed by the enemy. Then, as the enemy patrol prepared to take up positions, he opened fire. In

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the resulting skirmish, the entire enemy patrol of seven men was either killed or wounded. Soon, six or seven enemy machine guns, attracted by the fire fight, swept the field with grazing fire. When the patrol was ordered to withdraw, Private First Class Sawada remained behind to cover their movement with his fire. He silenced one automatic weapon on his right flank, then engaged another. Only after the patrol had reached a covered position did he join his comrades. The determined aggressiveness, courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Sawada enabled his patrol to withdraw without suffering a single casualty. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

III- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the individuals cited below, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 7 September 1944, near Ste. Maxime, France. While approximately one ton of engineer explosives was being loaded on trucks at an ammunition dump, an explosion occurred which fatally wounded about twenty men and seriously injured thirty members of a group of Allied soldiers. Two trucks were blown up and a third set on fire. Hearing the explosion, the eight men cited below rushed to the scene of the accident. At the risk of their own lives, they immediately set about carrying the wounded men to safety, giving first aid to the less seriously wounded, and evacuating those in greater need of prompt medical and surgical treatment. As a result of their superior courage, self-composure and disregard for personal safety, these men saved the lives of many fellow soldiers. Their courageous action reflects much credit upon the Army of the United States.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

THEODORE W. ALBRECHT, 36 334 767, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

ROBERT D. CERNOCH, 36 285 576, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Antigo, Wisconsin.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

CLINTON W. HEDBERG, 36 189 172, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Newberry, Michigan.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

DONALD M. JORGENSEN, 37 432 547, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

JAMES D. KILBRIDE, 36 338 277, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Essex, Illinois.

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40th Engineer Combat Regt.

JOHN R. LOVELACE, 36 416 326, Corporal (then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Gaylord, Michigan.

40th Engineer Combat Regiment.

BERNARD L. MARZARI, 36 188 779, Sergeant (then Corporal), Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Bessemer, Michigan.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

BENJAMIN L. STRASSMAN, 36 518 115, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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WOOD R. BEST, 34 021 539, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 30 May 1944, in the vicinity of Prossedi, Italy. When his section was under fire from enemy self-propelled artillery, Sergeant Best received orders to withdraw to a safe place of cover. Two enlisted men in his section failed to hear the orders and continued their duties, one of the men receiving a wound from shell fragments. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Best left his place of cover and exposed himself to the enemy shells to search for the two men. Upon reaching them, he gave the wounded man first aid and then led them to safety. Sergeant Best's courage under fire and devotion to the men under him served as an outstanding example to the other men of his organization. Entered military service from Fayette, Alabama.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

AUBREY E. GASS, 37 376 094, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Carthage, Missouri.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

BRUNO W. GAWLIK, 36 334 172, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

ROBERT W. MUTHER, 01 106 333, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Newton Center, Massachusetts.

40th Engineer Combat Regt.

WARREN E. NYSTRON, 19 176 954, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Combat Regiment. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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For heroic achievement in action on the 16th, 17th and 18th of August 1944, near St. Tropez, France. As members of a mine removal squad, the individuals cited above were assigned the task of clearing exit roads for the supply of the advancing troops. The terrain through which these roads were to pass was thickly mined and booby trapped. Severe bombing made the removal of mines extremely difficult and hazardous. Although six casualties were incurred and three bulldozers wrecked, these men, with complete disregard for their personal safety, were determined and successful in their efforts to clear the necessary exits. Roads were finally opened for the many tons of supplies and reinforcements that poured through in direct support of the advancing infantry.

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KENNEDY G. WARD, 20 906 538, Technician Third Grade, Ordnance Department, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Hq. 7th Army

MELVIN G. WEBBER, 39 004 328, Technician Third Grade, Ordnance Department, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 18 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

Hq. 7th Army

ARTHUR W. WHALEN, 33 033 014, Master Sergeant, Ordnance Department, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. G. Caldwell
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Colonel, AGD, '92 P
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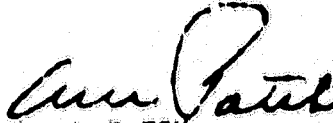
TO BE READ TO ALL TROOPS

SOLDIERS OF THE 79TH DIVISION: Following your continuous action from D-Day in NORMANDY until late October, you were committed to the attack only a few days after a short rest. Breaking through the enemy defenses north of BACCARAT, you continued to advance in the face of powerful enemy resistance, overrunning the enemy defenses and capturing many prisoners. During the brilliant action which followed, you captured the towns of BLAumont and CHAY, reducing the main enemy positions and effecting a breakthrough which permitted the Second French Armored Division to advance rapidly to the northeast and exploit the successes which you had achieved.

Having bewildered the enemy and scattered his forces, you continued the pursuit to the northeast, thus preventing him the opportunity to regroup and make a stand west of the Vosges.

Without pausing for rest, you continued your tireless pursuit of the enemy toward SAVERNE, capturing numerous towns, enemy strongpoints and large numbers of prisoners in three days. Within eight days you had driven the enemy from the area of SAVERNE and SARREBOURG and were preparing to drive him from his last positions west of the SAVERNE GAP.

This difficult assault and tenacious pursuit has contributed nobly to the success of the Seventh Army operation as a whole. It indicates a state of training and discipline of the highest order as well as a plan soundly conceived and energetically carried out. You have achieved a significant victory. I have full confidence in your ability to continue your relentless pursuit until the final victory.


A. M. PATCH,
Lieutenant General, USA.,
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SOLDIERS OF THE 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION: First introduced into combat the latter part of October in the Eastern part of the FORET DE PAFROY, you drove the Germans from their remaining strongpoints in the forest and by continued and active patrolling kept the enemy from any offensive action in this section.

As the left assault division of the XV Corps, in its attack to capture the SAVERNE GAP you attacked on the morning of 15 November overcoming strong enemy resistance after heavy fighting. By a brilliant flanking movement you captured VACOURT and succeeded in destroying a large German force defending BOIS DE LA GARLINE. On the 17th, striking swiftly to the East you captured BOIS DE LA GARENNE in the face of savage enemy counter-attacks.


The same day you struck suddenly toward the important road center of RECHICOURT, keeping the enemy off balance, forcing him from his prepared positions, pursuing his scattered units tirelessly, and liberating AVICOURT, HOUSEY, AUTREPIERRE. Without respite, you continued to attack and by the 19th had taken RECHICOURT, ST GEORGE and FOULCNY. Hundreds of prisoners and much equipment were captured. By this action you assisted immeasurably in accomplishing the final defeat and disorganization of the bewildered enemy in your sector.

Your tireless efforts and relentless pursuit of the enemy resulted in the liberation of SAUTZBOURG on 30 November.

By nightfall of the 21st you stood ready to reduce the few remaining positions guarding the northern entrance to the SAVERNE GAP.

Your outstanding accomplishments against a strong and experienced enemy indicate a high standard of training and discipline and reflect a splendid morale on the part of your Division.

Men of the 44th Infantry Division, by your valor, skill and determination you have contributed another bright page in the history of your fine Division.


A. M. PATCH,
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.,
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SOLDIERS OF THE SECOND FRENCH ARMORED DIVISION: Following your brilliant achievement during the swift Allied drive across Northern France, the liberation of PARIS, and a juncture with the Seventh Army, you seized a line southeast of LUNEVILLE and west of BACCARAT, protecting the right flank of the XV United States Corps.

In order to secure a line of departure for the attack on the SAVERNE GAP you were given the mission of seizing a line through MONTIGNY and HERBEVILLER. On 31 October you attacked and by a series of brilliant small-unit actions succeeded in seizing BACCARAT, securing intact the bridge in that town and accomplishing in the first day of the attack more than your assigned mission. During the next three days you continued your relentless pursuit of the enemy and liberated nine more towns east and northeast of BACCARAT. This bold and rapid action caught the enemy entirely by surprise resulting in the capture and destruction of hundreds of the enemy, and breaching all established defenses in that area.

During the attack of the XV United States Corps to breach the defenses of the SAVERNE GAP, you held the line of departure of the Corps, supporting the initial advance of the infantry elements by the fire of your artillery and armor. You captured many more towns including MONHIGNY and MONTREAUUX with only a small task force, by this action securing the right flank of the Corps and having the bulk of your division ready for immediate action to exploit the success of the infantry elements. Passing through the infantry of the two United States divisions you initiated a series of lightning thrusts which in two days advanced from twenty-five to thirty miles through well defended enemy positions.

One of your armored columns, in a brilliant maneuver coupled with remarkable audacity, broke through the enemy's main defensive positions west of PHALSBOURG, completely routing the enemy forces protecting the SAVERNE GAP on the north.

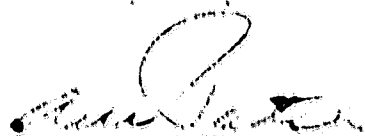
To the south, you drove ruthlessly into the vital enemy defensive positions protecting the southern entrance to the SAVERNE GAP, thrust through the Vosges in the vicinity of DOUBS, and broke into the plain south of SAVERNE.

This action resulted in the complete demoralization of the enemy forces protecting the SAVERNE GAP. The outstanding results

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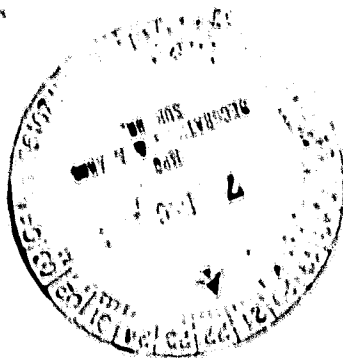
accomplished by this attack reflect brilliant planning and faultless execution of armored tactics. This would have been impossible but for the skill of the commander and the training and discipline of the division as a whole.

It is an honor to have an Allied Division of such gallant soldiers assigned to my command. I am proud to have you with me in the fight for the liberation of France and in the pursuit of the common enemy. I am confident your fine division will continue to gain signal successes until the final defeat of the foe.



A. M. PATCH,
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OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE XV UNITED STATES CORPS: Assigned the task of forcing the SAVERGE GAP and throwing the enemy back from their strongly defended positions in the Vosges mountains. In this operation you have accomplished your mission and achieved additional successes far beyond those which were required of you. The divisions of your command have routed the enemy everywhere; he has been thrown back in disorder and has lost much valuable equipment and hundreds of prisoners. Having bewildered the enemy and scattered his forces, you prevented him the opportunity to regroup and make a stand west of the Vosges. Without pausing for rest you continued your tireless pursuit of the enemy, capturing the highly important strongpoint of SAVERGE within eight days after launching your initial assault.

This difficult assault and tenacious pursuit has contributed significantly to the successes of the Allied forces in Western Europe. It indicates a high state of discipline, as well as a plan soundly conceived and energetically executed. You can be justly proud of your outstanding achievements.



A. M. PATCH
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- Announcement of Assignment of Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5. I
- Award of the Distinguished Service Cross, Missing in Action II
- Award of the Distinguished Service Cross. III
- Award of First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal. IV
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal. V

I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT OF ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5

Announcement is made of the assignment of MAJOR JOSEPH L. CANBY, O 479 289, AUS, as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, this headquarters.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, MISSING IN ACTION.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

117th Cavalry Recon Sq. (Moss)

PADRAIG M. O'DEA, O1 030 181, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, Troop B, 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Moss), for extraordinary heroism in action on 3 September 1944, at Montrevel, France. By directing effective mortar and machine gun fire from his observation post in the window of the upper floor of a building, Lieutenant O'Dea successfully prevented vastly superior forces of enemy armor and infantry from entering the town of Montrevel until our forces could be withdrawn. When enemy artillery and machine guns began to shell the road into the town, he accurately directed machine gun fire which forced them to abandon their positions. In the face of intense enemy fire, he ran to his Command Post, returned to his observation point with a mortar crew and, by the skillful adjustment of mortar fire, repulsed several enemy attempts to infiltrate infantry and vehicles into the town. Then, enemy tanks and artillery opened fire on his position, systematically attempting to destroy the building. Although he could have withdrawn, he held fast and, by the skillful employment of mortar fire, continued to delay the attacking force until a direct hit by an enemy shell destroyed his Observation Post. Lieutenant O'Dea's heroic actions and complete disregard for personal safety are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of Kin: Mr. Padraig S. O'Dea (Father), 85 Fourth Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

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III- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:
Formerly 7th Infantry Regt.

SAMUEL W. POLLARD, 19 014 817, Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 25 May 1944, in Cisterna di Littoria, Italy. Sergeant Pollard, an acting mortar section leader, on his own initiative organized a nine-man patrol to clean out sniper nests in Cisterna di Littoria. Instructing his men to cover him, he assaulted the first house with a Thompson sub-machine gun and took four prisoners. Sergeant Pollard then proceeded to search every house on the street, braving intense point-blank machine gun, machine pistol, and rifle fire each time he exposed himself. Aware that an enemy force was delivering heavy fire from the last house on the street, Sergeant Pollard nevertheless charged toward it across approximately twenty yards of open space, shooting his gun as he ran. With streams of bullets barely missing him, he entered through a large hole in the house and wounded three enemy soldiers downstairs. Putting a new magazine in his weapon, he fired through an open doorway, mounted a flight of stairs and captured twenty more of the enemy. After turning these prisoners over to guards, Sergeant Pollard led four men on another check of the street. As he came to the last house again, he observed three enemy soldiers descend a ditch and disappear into a large tunnel dug into the far bank. Going forward to the mouth of the tunnel alone, Sergeant Pollard fired into it and called on its occupants to surrender. One hundred and seven enemy soldiers filed out and surrendered, bringing Sergeant Pollard's grand total of prisoners to one hundred thirty-four. Entered military service from Parma, Idaho.

IV - AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:
Headquarters 7th Army.

JAMES D. HILLEKE, O 379 221, Major, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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WILLIAM J. BAUMAN, O 902 833, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 31 August 1944 to 5 October 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.
Hq. 7th Army.

PHILIP W. BIERMAN, O 265 081, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio. (GS)
S334 Eng. Regt (GS)

RICHARD ELANCHARD, 11 051 308, Private First Class (then Private), Corps of Engineers, Company E, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 1 March 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.
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FRED H. BOESSEL, JR., 35 164 205, Private First Class, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, from 1 September 1943 to 31 December 1943, in Sicily. Entered military service from Hobart, Indiana.
Hq. 7th Army.

HAROLD J. CUMMINGS, 32 096 011, Master Sergeant, Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Beacon, New York.
S334 Eng. Regt (GS)

HARRY J. DEWE, 39 605 547, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company F, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.
S334 Eng. Regt (GS)

PETE GARABEDIAN, 39 238 676, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company D, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 29 August 1944 to 31 August 1944, near Cavallion, France. Entered military service from Fresno, California.
S334 Eng. Regt (GS)

ROBERT N. GREENE, JR., 32 139 447, Technical Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 17 October 1943 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Batavia, New York.
S334 Eng. Regt (GS)

EZEKIEL A. HAMILTON, O 338 374, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company B, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 31 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Speed, Indiana.

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CHARLES D. HURST, O 900 952, Major, Corps of Engineers, Regimental Headquarters, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

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NEIL B. MITCHELL, 39 308 612, Technical Sergeant, Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

3434 Eng Regt (GS)

RALPH O. OHLHAUSER, O 902 937, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company C, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 20 August 1944 to 9 October 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

3434 Eng Regt (GS)

HILDING A. PEARSON, 31 118 275, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company F, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

Hq. 7th Army.

DANIEL W. PETTENGILL, O1 691 544, Second Lieutenant (then Master Sergeant), Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 24 April 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

3434 Eng. Regt (GS)

JESSE E. POWELL, 38 171 200, Master Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from 19 October 1943 to 7 May 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

3434 Eng Regt. (GS)

LOUIS J. SANDERS, 18 080 519, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters And Service Company, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), from December 1942 to August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Aurora, Illinois.

Hq. 7th Army.

EVERETT C. SMITH, O 489 754, Major, Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Hq. 7th Army.

HAROLD C. WAFLER, O 315 943, Major (then Captain), Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Ithaca, New York.

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WILLIAM H. WALDSCHMIDT, O 326 040, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Signal Corps, Headquarters *** Army, from 1 February 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Cannelton, Indiana.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

HAROLD G. BAKER, 15 069 209, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 6 September 1944. Entered military service from Bolivar, Ohio.

JOHN E. BLANCHARD, 12 052 144, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 6 August 1944 to 12 September 1944. Entered military service from Smyrna, New York.

WILLIAM J. BLUNDON, 13 061 197, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JAMES R. BRYCE, 18 083 906, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 12 September 1944. Entered military service from Bonita, Texas.

IRVING A. BURKA, 13 043 642, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 4 August 1944 to 9 September 1944. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

JOHN C. CARROLL, 12 098 978, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 9 September 1944. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

RICHARD H. CAUDLE, 12 207 775, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 3 October 1944. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

IVAN C. CLEMENTS, 15 126 402, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 30 July 1944 to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

RALPH R. CLIFFORD, 11 082 238, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 8 September 1944. Entered military service from Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

All personnel listed herein: 7th Liaison Squadron.

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SIDNEY W. DALE, 20 366 234, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 9 September 1944. Entered
military service from South Norfolk, Virginia.

ROBERT S. DINGER, O 815 289, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 1 October 1944. Entered
military service from Washington, D. C.

CLARKE L. EARTHMAN, 6 263 756, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 23 September 1944.
Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

FRANK E. HALL, 15 170 006, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 9 August 1944 to 6 October 1944. Entered
military service from Buckhannon, West Virginia.

RUSSELL C. HUBBARTT, 16 019 627, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 14 October 1944. Entered
military service from Taylorville, Illinois.

GEORGE E. KOSCHO, 13 059 974, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 18 September 1944. Entered
military service from Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

VERNON R. PARRISH, 16 041 050, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 21 August 1944. Entered
military service from Benton, Illinois.

HAROLD G. RESCH, 33 160 726, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 16 September 1944. Entered
military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

ANDREW J. SANISLO, 11 065 638, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 22 September 1944. Entered
military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

WILBURT T. SIMPLER, 14 106 735, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 6 October 1944.
Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

JOSEPH T. SIPKOVSKY, 35 029 797, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 5 August 1944 to 7 October 1944. Entered
military service from Lorain, Ohio.

LESTER R. SLOAN, 18 063 804, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 12 September 1944. Entered
military service from Deport, Texas.

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EDWIN L. SMITH, 13 059 962, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 6 August 1944 to 26 October 1944. Entered
military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM A. STORMS, 13 031 429, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 4 September 1944.
Entered military service from Penbrook, Pennsylvania.

MARVIN W. STRADLEY, 14 065 521, Master Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 3 October 1944. Entered
military service from Shannon City, Iowa.

ROBERT F. STRETTON, 16 077 196, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 11 September 1944.
Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

GERALD L. WALKER, 35 155 375, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 15 September 1944. Entered
military service from Frankfort, Indiana.

JAMES E. WALL, 39 682 866, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 6 September 1944. Entered
military service from Kinzua, Oregon.

RUSSELL S. WALLACE, 14 037 292, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 6 September 1944. Entered
military service from Chester, South Carolina.

EUGENE W. WOODS, 13 049 265, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 31 July 1944 to 1 September 1944. Entered
military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

JOSEPH W. YATES, JR., 14 102 855, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 8 September 1944.
Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

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ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~11th Cav. Recon Sqd (Mec)~~
* JAMES L. HOBBY, 20 453 723, Corporal, Cavalry, Troop C, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mec), for extraordinary heroism in action on 15 August 1944, near St. Maxime, France. During a reconnaissance mission, Corporal Hobby's squad ran into a strongly defended and well concealed road block consisting of five enemy pill boxes, only one of which was clearly visible. When his squad was fired upon from these enemy held positions, they left their vehicle and took cover in a ditch. An armored car from the main body of the patrol soon arrived and, unaware of the existence of the other pill boxes, concentrated its fire on the one which was visible. In order to allow the remainder of his squad to escape, Corporal Hobby jumped from his covered position, manned the machine gun on his vehicle, and opened fire on the nearest pill box. At the same time, he picked up the radio handset and informed the armored car commander of the position of the four concealed pill boxes. Calling for supporting fire from the armored car, he alternately fired his machine gun and adjusted the fire of the armored car by radio. Corporal Hobby continued to fire on the enemy positions until he was mortally wounded by a burst of enemy fire. Next of Kin: Mrs. Carrie Hobby (Mother), 1009 Angier Avenue, Durham, North Carolina.

* PHILIP E. NICKERSON, 31 283 804, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 29 February 1944, near Campo Morto, Italy. When his company was stopped by enemy machine gun fire from an outpost one hundred yards to their front, during a counter attack, Private First Class Nickerson ordered his light machine gun squad to withdraw. When a second enemy gun opened fire, he directed his squad

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gun crew's fire against it. Disregarding enemy machine gun bullets striking within a foot of him, as well as mortar fire that was covering the area, he twice crawled thirty-five yards to secure additional ammunition for his gun. When the second enemy gun had been silenced, he directed fire on enemy troops thirty yards away, but his gun jammed. Ordering his squad to place rifle fire on the enemy, he calmly disassembled the weapon and cleaned it. Before he could place it back in operation, however, an enemy mortar shell fragment struck the tripod and destroyed it. Private First Class Nickerson then picked up the weapon and fired it from the hip, personally destroying ten enemy soldiers, wounding four and forcing four more to surrender. Next of Kin: Mrs. Annie J. Nickerson (Mother), Stockton Springs, Maine.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

4441 Inf. 1944
EDWARD OGAWA, 39 913 809, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 18 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. The platoon of which Private First Class Ogawa was a member, was assigned the task of occupying an isolated farmhouse in order to secure the battalion's right flank while it advanced against an enemy held hill. This farmhouse was situated on open flat terrain covered by enemy fire. As his platoon dashed across the open field to the farmhouse, a hundred yards away, Private First Class Ogawa ran along the right flank of the group and screened their movement by firing his BAR at four enemy machine gun positions which he had previously spotted. By thus pinning down the enemy machine gunners, he enabled his platoon to reach their objective with only one casualty. After reaching the farmhouse he placed himself at a strategic but exposed position and resumed fire on the enemy positions. It was while he was so engaged that he was mortally wounded by a sniper. By his heroic conduct Private First Class Ogawa contributed materially to the success of his battalion's mission. Next of Kin: Thomas Ogawa (Father), c/o Temple Needle House, Salt Lake City, Utah.

III- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

4441 Inf. 1944
GEORGE H. GRANDSTAFF, 01 307 223, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 22-23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France

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When it was discovered that the major portion of his battalion was surrounded by the enemy one and one-half miles from friendly front lines and in serious need of rations, ammunition and water, Captain Grandstaff personally organized and led a supply train through enemy held territory to the encircled battalion. Although Captain Grandstaff and his train twice encountered enemy patrols which ventured to come within ten yards of them and were fired upon several times from emplaced enemy positions, by superior leadership and the audacity of his actions, he was able to successfully reach the besieged battalion with the supply train intact. His gallant leadership and fearless determination were largely responsible for enabling the battalion to hold its ground, and subsequently achieve a significant local advance. Entered military service from Azusa, California.

IV - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

504th Sig. Co.

HOWARD L. WAMBAJA, 16 070 717, Private, Corps of Military Police, Company C, *** Military Police Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict on 6 July 1943, on the Mediterranean Sea between Tunis and Sousse, Tunisia. Having accidentally fallen overboard with a fellow soldier from a ship of a fast moving convoy, Private Wambaja, despite his own precarious and dangerous position, swam to the aid of his comrade who could not swim and whose life-belt had failed to become inflated. He kept his comrade above water until an approaching ship picked up the helpless soldier. He himself was rescued by another ship. Without the assistance of Private Wambaja, the life of a fellow soldier would probably have been lost. Private Wambaja's courage and disregard for his own safety are a credit to his organization and to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

4580th Signal Co. 607 2 1945

JOHN BENNETT, 33 103 904, Staff Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Truck Company, for meritorious service from 1 November 1943 to 7 October 1944, in North Africa and France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

205th Sig. Depot Co.

HYMAN FRANKEL, 33 199 389, Technical Sergeant, Signal Corps, *** Signal Depot Company, for meritorious service from 2 August 1943 to 8 September 1944, in Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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~~34th Engr. Regt. (C)~~
MAX N. GOLDFARB, O 904 972, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Regimental Headquarters, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for meritorious service from 28 September 1943 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Charleston West Virginia.

~~34th AAA Brigade~~
EDWARD G. HANSEN, 32 256 156, Technician Fifth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Brigade, for meritorious service from 6 March 1944 to 8 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

~~34th AAA Bn.~~
EDWARD J. HICKEY, O1 041 789, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 1 April 1943 to 20 July 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

~~34th AAA Bn.~~
GEORGE K. JOHNSON, O1 175 181, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Replacement Depot (then Battery A, *** Field Artillery Battalion), for heroic achievement on 4 July 1944, in Montecatinni, Italy. Lieutenant Johnson braved enemy shelling to enter the city of Montecatinni, not yet occupied by friendly troops, and conducted artillery fire on enemy tanks and infantry less than one thousand yards from his observation post. Without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Johnson continued to direct fire on enemy artillery and observation posts in the face of continuous enemy shelling and patrol activity within the city. As a result of the artillery fire directed by Lieutenant Johnson, enemy resistance was considerably lessened when friendly troops advanced to push beyond the city. Entered military service from Iron River, Michigan

~~34th Engr. Regt.~~
ERNEST H. LUEHRING, 39 307 417, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Engineer Regiment, for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 6 September 1944, near St. Raphael, France. Entered military service from Albany, Oregon.

~~34th AAA Bn.~~
GLENARD I. MECUM, 36 059 427, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, for meritorious service from 1 May 1943 to 1 September 1944. Entered military service from East St. Louis, Missouri.

~~34th AAA Bn.~~
CARL F. OHMAN, 18 070 345, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 December 1943 to 25 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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ERWIN H. ROSE, 19 013 381, Private First Class (then Private), Coast Artillery Corps, *** Antiaircraft Balloon Battery (VLAS), for heroic achievement on 16 August 1944, near St. Raphael, France. While driving along a road in Southern France, Private First Class Rose was stopped by a road block. A group of Engineers drove up in a truck, parked the truck by his vehicle and proceeded on foot down the road to remove the obstruction. As the Engineers approached, a group of enemy riflemen opened fire on them, seriously wounding one man and injuring another. Private First Class Rose, in the face of enemy fire, immediately drove his vehicle to where they were, loaded them into it and brought them back to safety. His coolness and courage is deserving of high commendation. Entered military service from Gridley, California.

9224 FA Bn.

GILBERT R. SWEDIN, 20 713 572, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery A, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 19 November 1943 to 4 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Foreston, Minnesota.

212th AAA Gun Bn.

GEORGE P. THORNE, W2 108 303, Warrant Officer (JG) (then Technical Sergeant), AUS, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (formerly a member of the *** Broadcast Station Operating Detachment), for meritorious service from 10 October 1942 to 27 December 1942, in North Africa. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

9334 FA Bn.

HARRIS S. WEIDEMAN, 37 117 002, Technician Third Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 December 1943 to 25 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

VI - AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual for wounds received in action on 2 November 1944, in France:

6218th Agr. Mine Clearance Co.

FLOYD A. BIDDIX, JR., M4 599 847, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Mine Clearance Company (Armored) (Prov). Entered military service from Oteen, North Carolina.

VII - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for wounds received in action on 2 November 1944, in France:

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~~6038th Infr. Mine Clearing Co.~~

KAY I. FENSTERMACHER, O1 692 584, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Mine Clearance Company (Armored) (Prov). Entered military service from Drexel Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

~~6038th Infr. Mine Clearing Co.~~

CHESTER C. THOMAS, 18 167 963, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Mine Clearance Company (Armored) (Prov). Entered military service from Leslie, Arkansas.

~~6038th Infr. Mine Clearance Co.~~

EDWARD W. WIELKOPOLAN, 36 127 235, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Mine Clearance Company (Armored) (Prov). Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

VIII-AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SEVENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

~~45th Inf Div. Arp.~~

WILLIAM H. MCKAY, O 452 551, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Infantry Division Artillery, from 3 June 1944 to 7 August 1944, in Southern France. Next of Kin: Mr. W. H. McKay (Father), Arp, Texas.

IX - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

~~93d Infr. Arp.~~

HUGHES D. RUDD, JR., O 534 008, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, from 3 June 1944 to 22 September 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~36th Infr. Arp.~~

CHARLES G. CHILTON, O1 183 037, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion. (On 14 September 1944, near Mollans, France, Lieutenant Chilton, Field Artillery Observation Pilot, was registering the artillery fire of his battalion on a crossroad in enemy territory. As he was flying low over the front lines, several enemy Flak Wagons opened fire.)

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Despite the fact that he was warned to return to friendly territory, he remained in a position to observe by dodging and weaving the aircraft. By his daring, and disregard for personal safety, Lieutenant Chilton completed the registration of the battalion with good effect. Entered military service from Boise, Idaho.

AWARD OF THE SECOND AND THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

VI Corps Artillery Air OP
GERALD J. PRIEBE, O 358 621, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Corps Artillery Air OP, (from 27 March 1944 to 17 October 1944, in Italy and France.) Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

X -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER THERETO.
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, are awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

622d FA Bn.
JOHN A. COOLEY, O 520 737, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 June 1944 to 22 August 1944, near Firenze, Italy. Entered military service from Savanna, Illinois.

623d FA Bn.
JOSEPH C. POLANCIC, O1 173 745, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 June 1944 to 5 September 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Winneboro, Louisiana.

XI - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

624th FA Bn.
ROBERT J. ELY, O 446 633, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion (then *** Battalion, *** Field Artillery Regiment), from 17 July 1943 to 17 December 1943. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

17th FA Group
RODNEY C. WALKER, O 413 810, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group, from 5 June 1944 to 8 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

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20th FA Bn.

XII- ~~AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL - RESCISSION OF AWARD~~. So much of Section V, General Orders No. 88, this Headquarters, 4 October 1944, as pertains to the Award of the Air Medal to Charles G. Chilton, O1 183 037, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 20th Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded. (See Sec. IX).

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

CHARLES S. MACEK, 36 409 791, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 3rd Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 18 September 1944, near Bonnaf, France. When the agent corporal of his platoon was wounded, Corporal Macek volunteered to deliver a message through an area covered by enemy machine gun and mortar fire. When he received orders that his platoon was to occupy an alternate position, Corporal Macek started back to his platoon area only to discover that the enemy was infiltrating behind it. While crossing an open stretch of terrain, he was wounded in the arm by an enemy sniper. Nevertheless, he crawled to his platoon leader, informed him of the new orders, then rejoined his squad. When his squad was ordered to displace to the alternate position, Corporal Macek remained at the forward position to cover the movement. Using one hand to manipulate and fire his machine gun, he successfully covered the movement of his squad. Corporal Macek was killed by enemy mortar fire, but his heroic performance remains as a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. Next of Kin: Mrs. Antonia Macek (Mother), Route #1, Decatur, Michigan.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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100th Inf.

CHESTER G. CRUIKSHANK, O 330 679, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action during the period 25 May 1944 to 3 June 1944 at Anzio, Italy. Prior to launching an attack against strong enemy positions, Colonel Cruikshank selected and occupied a forward observation post which he maintained in spite of intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, directing the attack of his battalion. When the enemy launched a determined counter-attack, Colonel Cruikshank proceeded across fire swept terrain to his forward companies to direct the defense of the battalion's sector. Moving among his harassed men while they were engaged in close combat with the enemy, Colonel Cruikshank skillfully and courageously coordinated organic and supporting weapons in disrupting the enemy counter-attack. On one occasion when an enemy mortar barrage wounded seven men in the battalion observation post, Colonel Cruikshank went out into the barrage to treat the wounded men and assist in their evacuation. Inspired by their commander's bravery and disdain for personal safety, the Second Battalion succeeded in breaking fierce enemy resistance and captured all of their objectives, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. Entered military service from Delta, Colorado.

1st Lt.

CARL J. KASPER, O1-171 213, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion (Prisoner of War), for extraordinary heroism in action on 16 February 1944, at 0600 hours, near Carano, Italy. Lieutenant Kasper elected to remain at his post in the foremost infantry positions in order to adjust artillery fire on enemy troops which were attacking in overwhelming force. Although three enemy tanks fired directly on his position and machine gun bullets which came through his observation window made his task exceedingly hazardous, Lieutenant Kasper nevertheless brought the massed fire of an entire field artillery battalion directly on the enemy. When enemy forces overran his position, causing friendly infantry to withdraw, Lieutenant Kasper elected to brave almost certain death by bringing the massed fire of twelve 105 millimeter howitzers directly on himself. His last fire adjustment order came over the radio "Five zero over." When advised "That is your position", he replied, "I know, fire on me." Lieutenant Kasper then sent his radio men to a position of safety. When last seen, he was standing in the open doorway firing his pistol at the advancing enemy. His radiomen had reached a point only fifty yards distant when Lieutenant Kasper's Observation Post disappeared in a cloud of dust and smoke as friendly artillery exploded directly upon it. The massed artillery fire, adjusted by Lieutenant Kasper, caused the enemy thrust to lose its momentum, preventing a breakthrough. Lieutenant Kasper was captured by enemy forces which overran his position. Next of Kin: Rita F. Kasper (Wife), 1210 Condit Street, Huntington, Indiana.

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100th Inf Regt
JOHN B. MYERS, O 426 031, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 3 October 1944, at Fremifontaine, France. When his company was ordered to seize an enemy held town and the high ground beyond it, Lieutenant Myers skillfully led his men to within one hundred and fifty yards of the enemy positions. After building up a base of fire, he crawled forward to an enemy strongpoint and directed effective fire on it. As the enemy ran out of the house, Lieutenant Myers killed two and wounded three with his M-1 rifle. With rifle grenade fire, he neutralized an enemy sniper post, and, calling for the leading platoon to follow him, began clearing the town. He personally cleared the first two buildings. After leading his men to the far edge of town, he was fired upon by a hidden group of enemy soldiers. Ordering his men to covered positions, Lieutenant Myers crawled forward alone, under intense fire, to within twenty yards of the enemy, killed seven of them, and forced five others to surrender. His brilliant leadership and disregard for personal safety resulted in the successful seizure of the company objective, and exemplify the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Orangeburg, North Carolina.

III- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander, to the following named individuals:

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THOMAS T. MEKATA, 30 102 090, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20-21 August 1944, near Riglione di Piza, Italy. When an enemy patrol approached his machine gun position, Corporal Mekata, after instructing his assistant to man the weapon, left his place of safety at the machine gun emplacement and crawled toward the enemy patrol in order to determine its exact position and direct effective fire against it. While returning to his gun position, he was seriously wounded by a rifle grenade fired by a member of the enemy patrol. Despite his wound, and at the risk of drawing additional enemy fire, Corporal Mekata called out the position of the enemy patrol to his assistant gunner. By this means, his assistant was able to effectively direct fire against the enemy patrol, causing it to withdraw. His undaunted determination and utter disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Dolores H. Mekata (Wife), 817, Cloud Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

GERALD A. PLAUTZ, O1 032 263, First Lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", *** Chemical Battalion, Motorized, for gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, near St. Am, France. While acting as forward observer for his mortar platoon, Lieutenant

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Plautz, without regard for his own safety, crawled over one hundred yards ahead of the infantry, under direct enemy observation and machine gun fire, to take up a position from which he could observe enemy emplacements. After reaching the position, and still under machine gun and sniper fire, Lieutenant Plautz accurately directed mortar fire seventy-five yards in front of himself upon the enemy machine gun nests and troops that were holding up the advance. The mortar barrage directed by him forced the enemy to withdraw. By his courage and coolness under fire, Lieutenant Plautz enabled the infantry to continue its advance. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Clara H. Plautz (Wife), 4333 North Morris Boulevard, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

449d Inf. Regt.

PAUL E. CORBIN, OI 289 550, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When it was discovered that the major portion of his battalion was surrounded by the enemy one and one-half miles from friendly front lines and in serious need of rations, ammunition and water, Lieutenant Corbin assisted in organizing and leading a supply train through enemy held territory to the encircled battalion. Although Lieutenant Corbin and his train twice encountered enemy patrols which ventured to come within ten yards of them and were fired upon several times from emplaced enemy positions, by superior leadership and the audacity of his actions, he was able to successfully reach the besieged battalion with the supply train intact. His gallant leadership and fearless determination were largely responsible for enabling the battalion to hold its ground, and subsequently achieve a significant local advance. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

V - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

60d AAA Gun Bn.

ROBERT W. RUNKLE, 32 034 909, Private, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "C", *** Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 18 October 1944, at Marseille, France. When a fellow soldier was wounded by an exploding anti-personnel mine, Private Runkle, with complete disregard for his own safety, entered a heavily mined area and administered first aid to the wounded man. His heroic action played

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an important part in saving his wounded comrade's life. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

HENRY W. VITOUS, 6 888 827, Private, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "C", *** Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 18 October 1944, at Marseille, France. When a soldier was seriously injured by the explosion of an anti-personnel mine, Private Vitous, with complete disregard for his personal safety, entered a heavily mined area and assisted in the removal of the injured man. His prompt and fearless action materially aided in saving the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

VI - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

JOSEPH P. BOURGEOIS, 14 016 954, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "E", *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 25 August 1944, in France. Next of Kin: Mrs. Eva Mary Bourgeois (Mother), Gonzales, Louisiana.

VII- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

PAUL P. ADKINS, 35 640 646, Private, Medical Department, *** Medical Collecting Company, for heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. As a member of a litter squad, Private Adkins evacuated a wounded soldier from a forward position in full view of the enemy position and in an area that was at the time under heavy shell fire and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he assisted in the removal of the casualty through the difficult and exposed terrain to a place of safety. His determined courage and unhesitating action reflect the highest traditions of the United States Medical Department. Entered military service from Prichard, West Virginia.

BENJAMIN J. ANGSTADT, 33 363 519, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Depot Company, for meritorious service from 16 August 1944 to 4 November 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

JOHN N. BARRESI, 71 363 020, Private First Class, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters Detachment, *** Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile, for meritorious service from 3 March 1944 to 20 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Everett, Massachusetts.

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JAMES E. BARTOIS, JR., O 330 807, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, *** Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, for meritorious service from 14 July 1944 to 15 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Frederick, Maryland.

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CHARLES A. BROWELL, JR., 33 028 218, Master Sergeant, Ordnance Department, *** Ordnance Maintenance Company (AA), for meritorious service from 1 October 1943 to 1 May 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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ROBERT CLARK, JR., W2 130 713, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 15 April 1944 to 1 December 1944, in Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from East Providence, Rhode Island.

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HARRY W. COMPTON, 20 234 332, Technician Fourth Grade, Adjutant General's Department, *** Machine Records Unit (Mobile), for meritorious service on 23-24 July 1943, in Sicily. Entered military service from Irvington, New Jersey.

~~9884th Bn.~~

WILLIAM R. CULMER, O 448 348, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 December 1943 to 25 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Mooresville, Indiana.

~~200th FA Bn.~~

JOSEPH W. DIZEL, 20 118 482, Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service from 20 April 1943 to 10 August 1944, in Africa, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica. Entered military service from Milton, Massachusetts.

~~200th FA Bn.~~

RAYMOND E. DRAKE, 34 021 628, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 December 1943 to 25 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Georgiana, Alabama.

~~200th FA Bn.~~

JOE L. DUCK, 34 021 580, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 December 1943 to 6 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Fayette, Alabama.

~~200th FA Bn.~~

GORDON K. FAIRFIELD, O1 041 142, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, *** Quartermaster Truck Company, for meritorious service from 3 December 1943 to 13 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Saco, Maine.

~~200th FA Bn.~~

WILLIAM H. FLOWERS, 20 425 438, Staff Sergeant, Medical Department, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 December 1943 to 25 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

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~~344th~~ ~~Inf.~~ ~~Regt.~~
CLEMENT GILCH, O1 692 553, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for heroic achievement on the night of 22-23 August 1944, near Condillac, France. Lieutenant Gilch voluntarily led four successful reconnaissance patrols, under cover of darkness, into enemy held territory in front of a defensive position occupied by a friendly unit. During this action, he obtained valuable information of the enemy situation which permitted plans to be prepared for the resumption of the offensive. His outstanding achievement was an inspiration to the officers and men of the company to which he was attached. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

~~377th~~ ~~Med. Dep.~~ ~~Co.~~
ALTON F. HUNSINGER, 37 331 302, Private, Medical Department, *** Medical Collecting Company, for heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. As leader of a litter squad, Private Hunsinger led his squad in the evacuation of a wounded soldier from a forward position, in full view of the enemy positions and in an area that was at the time under heavy artillery and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he directed the removal of the casualty to a place of safety through the difficult and exposed terrain. His determined courage and leadership served as an inspiration to his squad and effected the rapid and efficient evacuation of the wounded soldier. Entered military service from Boulder, Colorado.

~~372d~~ ~~MP~~ ~~Escort~~ ~~Co.~~
VICTOR M. KING, 31 208 411, First Sergeant, Corps of Military Police, *** Military Police Escort Guard Company, for meritorious service from 16 August 1944 to 20 August 1944, near St. Tropez, France. Entered military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

~~6th~~ ~~Chem~~ ~~Depot~~ ~~Co.~~
LEVIN W. LANE, O 375 593, Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, *** Chemical Depot Company, for meritorious service from 10 October 1944 to 10 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Williamsburg, Virginia.

~~540th~~ ~~Eng~~ ~~Regt.~~ ~~(GS)~~
CHARLES F. LEWIS, O 254 507, Major, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for meritorious service from 4 January 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

~~170th~~ ~~TA~~ ~~Batt~~
ALBERT A. LIEGL, 37 040 829, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service from 25 January 1943 to 16 September 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Marion, Iowa.

~~170th~~ ~~TA~~ ~~Batt~~
MANUEL L. MENENDEZ, O1 178 562, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement on 17 August 1944, near Camp Gallieni, France.

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Lieutenant Menendez and his Naval Shore Fire Control Party of five men encountered several groups of enemy troops in a wooded area. By promptly assuming command of the situation and obtaining the assistance of two other Americans in the vicinity, Lieutenant Menendez engaged the enemy with small arms fire and by flanking their positions effected the capture, without loss to his party, of approximately one hundred and sixty enemy soldiers including five officers. Entered military service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

~~48th Ord. Bn.~~

WILLIAM A. NEWELL, OI 550 669, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Ordnance Department, Headquarters, *** Ordnance Battalion, for meritorious service from 1 June 1944 to 20 October 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

~~40th Engr. Combat Regt.~~

STEVE OLHAVA, 36 602 755, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "F", *** Engineer Combat Regiment, for heroic achievement on 16 August 1944, near St. Tropez, France. During an air attack on the beach where he was on duty, Private First Class Olhava received painful wounds from anti-personnel bombs dropped by the enemy. With danger of attack still imminent, Private First Class Olhava, in spite of his injuries and disregarding his own safety, went quickly to the assistance of his comrades. He directed litter bearing parties to the aid station, searched out wounded and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded in his company's trucks. In spite of the gravity of his wound, he was one of the last to receive medical attention. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

~~833d FA Bn.~~

JAMES R. PRATT, OI 174 109, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "C", *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 2 September 1943 to 25 July 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

~~56th AA A Brigade~~

WALTER R. RIEDEL, JR., 32 130 513, Staff Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, for meritorious service from March 1944 to November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Tonawanda, New York.

~~3350th Trk. Co.~~

WILLIAM A. RUSSETSKY, 32 089 166, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Truck Company, for meritorious service from 3 February 1944 to 10 June 1944, at Anzio, Italy. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

~~450th Engr. Depot Co.~~

WILLIAM S. STEENMA, O 456 563, Captain, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Depot Company, for meritorious service from 1 June 1944 to 30 October 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Jackson, Michigan.

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0330 BUSTER D. TUCKER, O1 178 015, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 1 January 1944 to 25 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma.

VIII-AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 800-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

070000 RALPH L. STOTTS, O1 174 157, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 September 1944 to 29 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

780 Liaison Sq. JOHN C. CARROLL, 12 098 978, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 9 September 1944 to 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

780 Liaison Sq. IVAN C. CLEMENTS, 15 126 402, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 17 August 1944 to 4 October 1944. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

780 Liaison Sq. SIDNEY W. DALE, 20 366 234, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 10 September 1944 to 22 October 1944. Entered military service from South Norfolk, Virginia.

PAUL J. MATTHEWS, O1 176 124, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 September 1944 to 2 October 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Gene, Oklahoma.

780 Liaison Sq. VERNON R. PARRISH, 16 041 050, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 21 August 1944 to 26 September 1944. Entered military service from Benton, Illinois.

780 Liaison Sq. ANDREW J. SANISLO, 11 065 658, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 23 September 1944 to 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

780 Liaison Sq. WILLIAM A. STORRS, 13 031 429, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 4 September 1944 to 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Penbrook, Pennsylvania.

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72d Liaison Sq.

JAMES E. WALL, 39 682 866, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 6 September 1944 to 20 October 1944.
Entered military service from Kingua, Oregon.

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RUSSELL S. WALLACE, 14 037 292, Master Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 8 September 1944 to 11 November 1944.
Entered military service from Chester, South Carolina.

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EUGENE W. WOODS, 13 049 265, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 1 September 1944 to 22 October 1944.
Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

72d Liaison Sq.

JOSEPH W. YATES, JR., 14 102 855, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 9 September 1944 to 27 October 1944.
Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

IX - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER THERETO.
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regula-
tions 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal and the
First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, are awarded by the Army Commander
to the following named individual for meritorious achievement
while participating in aerial flight:

522d FA Bn.

VICTOR J. GERRIG, JR., O1 180 508, First Lieutenant, Field
Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion,
from 27 June 1944 to 2 September 1944, in Italy. Entered military
service from Pine City, New York.

X - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under
the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as
amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the
following named individuals for meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flight:

72d Liaison Sq.

JOSEPH W. KENNY, O1 320 385, First Lieutenant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 11 November 1944.
Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

522d FA Bn.

ARATA KIMURA, O1 692 545, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Ser-
geant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery
Battalion, from 6 July 1944 to 25 August 1944, in Italy. Entered
military service from San Jose, California.

72d Liaison Sq.

JAMES S. PERCY, O 426 030, Major, Air Corps, *** Liaison
Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 15 November 1944. Entered
military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

72d Liaison Sq.

GEORGE B. SCHERF, 13 137 431, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ***
Liaison Squadron, from 14 September 1944 to 6 November 1944.
Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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~~70th Liaison Squ.~~

ALBERT S. TOWNSEND, 13 048 568, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps,
*** Liaison Squadron, from 9 August 1944 to 6 November 1944.
Entered military service from York Springs, Pennsylvania.

~~1st Inf. Regt.~~

(MK) XI - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - RESCISSION OF AWARD. So much
of Section V, General Orders No. 69, this Headquarters, 30 August
1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Chester
G. Cruikshank, O 330 679, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 2d Battalion
*** Infantry, is rescinded. (See Sec. II).

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

1943 Infantry
* OSCAR C. BAKER, 38 038 546, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, * Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action on 16 September 1944, in the vicinity of Luxeuil Les Pains, France. While driving his company commander along a road in front of the forward elements of his organization, his vehicle was suddenly caught in a blast of sniper fire. Requesting permission to make his way forward alone in an attempt to rout the enemy, Private First Class Baker, in the face of enemy small arms fire, fearlessly advanced toward an abandoned American tank. Manning the machine gun mounted on the tank, he directed heavy fire into the enemy positions which immediately replied with terrific machine gun fire. Then, armed with hand grenades, he courageously crawled forward, in the face of intense enemy fire, to within ten feet of the enemy. Fearlessly exposing himself, he then hurled hand grenades at almost point blank range until he had successfully neutralized the enemy machine gun emplacement. While attempting to reach an adjoining area which afforded a better field of fire, Private First Class Baker was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Leona Baker (Mother), Route #1, Corona, Alabama.

675th Tank Destroyer Bn
* EDWARD R. VASLET, 31 065 135, Sergeant, Field Artillery, (Company "A") *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action on 14 September 1944, near Rang, France. Sergeant Vaslet's platoon was assigned the mission of supporting an infantry regiment in their advance. As the leading elements approached the edge of town, they were ambushed by intense enemy fire. The only cover afforded friendly infantry was an extremely sparse tree line. Sergeant Vaslet was ordered forward with his M-10 Tank Destroyer to take the enemy emplacement under fire. Selecting a position in full view of the enemy, he opened fire with a 3 inch gun, but upon firing two rounds, the breech of the gun jammed. Rather than withdraw, Sergeant Vaslet climbed from the turret of the destroyer and, standing on top of the deck, fired his 50 calibre machine gun until the ammunition was exhausted. Despite harassing enemy fire, he

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remained atop the turret firing his carbine until its ammunition was expended. Crawling back into the turret, Sergeant Vaslet assisted the gunner in repairing the jammed gun and then directed its fire against the enemy until they were forced to withdraw from their position. Next of Kin: Mrs. Carrie M. Vaslet (Mother), 778 South Main Street, Attleboro, Massachusetts.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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MURFORD O. BRYAN, 35 768 337, Private, Medical Department, *** Medical Collecting Company, for heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. As a member of a litter squad, Private Bryan evacuated a wounded soldier from a forward position in full view of the enemy positions and in an area that was at the time under small arms and heavy shell fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he assisted in the removal of the casualty through the difficult and exposed terrain. His determined courage and unhesitating action reflect the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

6826th Movement Control Gp.

CORNELIUS R. PUCHATAF, 33 161 286, Staff Sergeant, Transportation Corps, *** Movement Control Group, Railway (former member of the *** Movement Control Group, Railway, (Ovhd)), for meritorious service from 17 September 1944 to 10 October 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

377th Engr Regt (C&I)

RALPH W. CAMERON, O 265 696, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 15 November 1944; in Southern France. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

6826th Movement Control Gp.

WILLIAM J. HOMER, JR., 33 135 356, Staff Sergeant, Transportation Corps, *** Movement Control Group, Railway (former member of the *** Movement Control Group, Railway, (Ovhd)), for meritorious service from 17 September 1944 to 10 October 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

522d Field Arty.

TOSHIZO IWATA, 39 077 742, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 15 October 1944 to 1 November 1944, near Polmont, France. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

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* 522d F.A. Bn.

KAYO J. OTAGURO, 20 918 269, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 15 October 1944 to 1 November 1944, near Bolmont, Franco. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross I
- Award of the Distinguished Service Cross II
- Award of the Silver Star III
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal IV
- Award of the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal V

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

JOSEPH D. ALLEE, SS 005 177, First Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 1st Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 22 December 1943, near Cassino, Italy. When his Company's position was imperiled by enemy mortar and machine gun fire, followed by hand grenade action, Sergeant Allee, on his own initiative, left the Company Command post armed with hand grenades and a Tommy gun. With complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced fearlessly through the front line platoon, approaching an enemy mortar position, he hurled a hand grenade, demolished the emplacement, and captured six prisoners. He then advanced further into the enemy lines, using his Tommy gun and hand grenades in his effort to rout the hostile force. By this aggressive action, he destroyed large quantities of enemy material, inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy troops, and captured fourteen prisoners. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Sergeant Allee during this action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Pearl Allee, (Mother), 1728 Ninth Street, Berkeley, California.

JOE T. HAYS, O1 307 406, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "L", 1st Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 4 October 1944, near Fontenoy, France. Approaching a farmhouse suspected of containing an enemy headquarters, Lieutenant Hays ordered his reconnaissance patrol to take cover. He crossed a field under enemy observation and, singlehanded, attacked the house with hand grenades and rifle fire. With fearless determination, he jumped through a window into a room containing eight of the enemy and, after a sharp fight, destroyed or wounded two officers, and captured six of their men. Moving quickly into an adjoining room, Lieutenant Hays captured four more enemy soldiers. He continued his search of the building

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and, using hand grenades, caused the surrender of five more of the hostile force. His heroic performance resulted in the disorganization and capture of an enemy battalion headquarters and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Anna L Hays, (Mother), 311 North Sixth Street, Hannibal, Missouri.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

RAYMOND C. FRANDT, OI 015 284, Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, Troop "B", ~~1st~~ Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, (Missing in Action). For extraordinary heroism in action on 3 September 1944, near Montrovel, France. Leading his patrol in an attack against an enemy held crossroads, Lieutenant Frandt was fired upon by hostile troops who were armed with machine pistols and grenades. With undaunted determination, he moved forward alone, rushing from house to house, in an attempt to clear enemy snipers from their positions. Encountering a pocket of resistance on a roof top, Lieutenant Frandt, armed with a carbine and grenades, fearlessly attacked the position. Exposing himself to intense enemy fire, he made a fair yard dash to a building opposite the enemy emplacement. Although wounded by a sniper's bullet, he quickly made his way to the roof, and with a well aimed hand grenade, successfully neutralized this last enemy position. By his swift, aggressive capture of a strongly defended crossroads, Lieutenant Frandt was largely responsible for the surrender of an enemy garrison of seventy-one officers and men. Next of Kin: Mrs. Joy Frandt, (Wife), 4196 Park Avenue, New York City, New York.

III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-48, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

CHARLES BRUCE, 39 287 592, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", ~~1st~~ Engineer Regiment ("B"), for gallantry in action on 26 August 1944, near Grand, France. As motorcycle point of the advance party of his company, Private Bruce, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to direct enemy observation and heavy automatic weapons fire in order to warn his company that the town which they were approaching was occupied by hostile troops. By his fearless determination and devotion to duty, in the face of great danger, Private Bruce was mainly responsible for effecting the safe withdrawal of his company from an extremely hazardous position. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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CLARENCE M. KORIYAMA, 30 105 752, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 444th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. During an intense artillery barrage, Private First Class Koriyama and several of his comrades were wounded. Although suffering from a painful shrapnel wound, he crawled to the other wounded men and rendered them first aid. When the shelling lifted and aid arrived from the company, he refused to be treated before he had cared for the five wounded men. Only after having supervised the evacuation of all the casualties did he consent to receive treatment for his wounds. Private First Class Koriyama's disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

AKITA FONDO, 30 106 277, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 2d Battalion, 444th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Fondo and his mortar squad were pinned down in an open field. During the course of the barrage, one man was seriously injured. Sergeant Fondo, realizing that his men were dangerously exposed, ordered them to take cover. While going to the rescue of his wounded comrade, Sergeant Fondo was wounded. Despite his injury, he calmly administered first aid to the stricken soldier, then amid the terrific artillery barrage, he carried him to safety. Sergeant Fondo's daring rescue of a wounded comrade in the face of intense enemy artillery fire exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

ARTHUR TASAKA, 32 978 923, Private, Infantry, Company "G", 2d Battalion, 444th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy held position, two squads of his platoon were pinned down on an exposed embankment by fierce bursts of enemy fire. When one of his comrades was wounded, Private Tasaka, with complete disregard for his own safety, braved withering rifle fire to aid his injured companion. With exceptional coolness, he administered first aid to the seriously wounded man. Private Tasaka's courageous action was in a large measure responsible for saving the life of his comrade. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

IT IS A HONOR ON THE HONOR STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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RAYMOND B. WINTER, 36 350 600, Corporal, Field Artillery, 244th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 19 November 1943 to 4 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Harvey, Illinois.

HERBERT J. EDWARD, 36 226 160, Technical Sergeant, Ordnance Department, 244th Ordnance Maintenance Company, (Antiaircraft), for meritorious service from 1 October 1943 to 1 May 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Escanaba, Michigan.

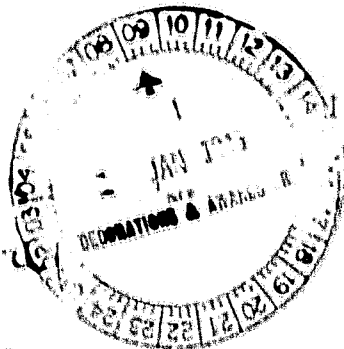
V -- AWARD OF THE THIRD CAL LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Third Cal Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

WILLIAM G. BARCLAY, O1 169 000, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 244th Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 August 1944 to 15 October 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

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J. G. CAMPBELL,
Colonel, AGP,
Adjutant General.



ARTHUR A. WISE,
Major General, G3,
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Award of the Distinguished Service Cross	I
Award of the Silver Star	II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal	III

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

1. SERGEANT STEAKS, 38 015 450, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 3rd Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 16 September 1944, near Geney, France. During an attack on the enemy held town, the company commander, who was with the leading elements, was cut off by enemy fire from the remainder of the company. Assuming command of the rear elements, Sergeant Steaks exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in an effort to deploy his widely scattered men in the most advantageous positions. When it became necessary to employ additional fire power, Sergeant Steaks proceeded under hostile fire to a disabled tank destroyer, removed its 37 caliber machine gun and placed it in action. While the enemy launched a counterattack, he crawled to an exposed observation post from which he directed effective artillery and mortar fire on the hostile forces and then continued to move among his men encouraging and aiding them in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant Steaks' gallant leadership was largely responsible for the success of the company's attack on the town and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Byron, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

1. RAIF CWO W. FORTER, 12 047 501, Technician Fifth Grade, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 32nd Chemical Battalion, Motorized. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, near Ste. Anne, France. While serving as a line man with a forward observation party, Technician Fifth Grade Forter crawled over one hundred yards in front of the enemy, under direct machine gun and sniper fire, in order to lay wire to the forward observer. After completing the installation of the wire, he crawled back down the line, under direct enemy observation and rifle fire, in order to repair it. By his courageous conduct under fire, he enabled the forward observer to place an accurate and highly effective mortar barrage on the enemy. Entered military service from Somerville, New Jersey.

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III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

JOSEPH W. BURNARD, 32 043 506, Technical Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, ~~843d~~ Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 19 March 1944 to 30 September 1944, in Sicily and Southern France. Entered military service from Greenfield Center, New York.

HARVEY E. CHADLER, 023 189, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, ~~843d~~ Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 30 October 1943 to 20 July 1944, in Italy. Entered the United States Military Academy from Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

PAUL G. DALY, 00 148 188, Colonel, Infantry, Commanding Officer, ~~843d~~ Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service from July 1944 to November 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Fairfield, Connecticut.

TUCAS JEC, 16 037 518, Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, ~~843d~~ Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 20 August 1944 to 5 September 1944, near Firenze, Italy. Entered military service from Rexburg, Idaho.

ALFRED I. JOHNSON, 32 034 276, Master Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, ~~843d~~ Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service from 20 April 1943 to 10 August 1944, in Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, and Corsica. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

CHARLES J. LEWIS, 0 254 507, Major, Corps of Engineers, ~~843d~~ Engineer Regiment (89), for meritorious service from 13 July 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

RICHARDO R. PEREZ, 0 318 809, Major, Signal Corps, ~~843d~~ Signal Information and Monitoring Company, for meritorious service from 1 August 1944 to 15 November 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

SMIL W. THIE, 35 154 236, Sergeant, Corps of Military Police, Company "G", ~~843d~~ Military Police Battalion, for meritorious service from 24 January 1944 to 25 April 1944, in Anzio, Italy. Entered military service from Intosville, Indiana.

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WILLIAM F. THOMAS, 34 147 122, Technician Fifth Grade, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 327 Chemical Battalion, Motorized, for heroic achievement in action on 17 August 1944, near Hyeres, France. During an intense artillery barrage on the advanced infantry, that caused numerous casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Thomas left a sheltered position and drove to where the men were hit. During subsequent barrages, he assisted in administering first aid and in evacuating the wounded infantrymen in his vehicle to a Clearing Station. His courage and disregard for his personal safety, played an important part in saving the lives of many of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

By command of Lieutenant General PATON:

ARTHUR A. MITCHELL,
Major General, G-1,
Chief of Staff.

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Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross.	I
Award of the Silver Star.	II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.	III
Award of the Air Medal.	IV

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

MASATO NAKAE, 30 102 831, Private, Infantry, Company "A", 1st Battalion, 44th Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 19 August 1944, near Iisa, Italy. When his sub-machine gun was damaged by a shell fragment during a fierce attack by a superior enemy force, Private Nakae quickly picked up his wounded comrade's M-1 rifle and fired rifle grenades at the steadily advancing enemy. As the hostile force continued to close in on his position, Private Nakae threw six fragmentation grenades into their midst and forced them to withdraw. During a concentrated mortar barrage which preceded the next assault by the enemy force, Private Nakae was seriously wounded by a mortar shell fragment. Despite his injury, however, he refused to surrender his position and continued firing at the advancing enemy. By inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy force he finally succeeded in breaking up the attack and caused the enemy to withdraw. His extraordinary heroism in the face of a greatly superior force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

RICHARD G. RYHAL, 33 271 172, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Cannon Company, 44th Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 29 August 1944, near Condillac, France. During a fierce enemy attack, friendly infantry were forced to withdraw, leaving the supporting cannon company crews completely surrounded. Armed with a sub-machine gun and fragmentation grenades, Technician Fifth Grade Ryhal, on his own initiative, fearlessly left his 75 millimeter self-propelled gun, and, despite terrific small arms, machine gun and artillery fire, advanced on the enemy, who were firmly entrenched in an adjacent woods. Holding his fire until he was at close range, Technician Fifth Grade Ryhal charged through the woods, seeking out and firing at the enemy positions until his ammunition had become exhausted. Undaunted, he returned to his gun position and secured additional ammunition. When he observed machine pistol fire coming from a nearby wooded area, he courageously advanced toward the pocket of resistance. During

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this action he was wounded by a burst of machine gun fire. Despite his painful wounds, he crawled forward until he was within throwing distance of the enemy force and hurled a concussion grenade into the enemy emplacement. While attempting to seek out additional enemy positions, he collapsed as a result of his severe wounds. Technician Fifth Grade Ryhal's indomitable courage, fearless determination and aggressive action inspired those about him to continue their bitter fight until they had successfully repulsed the enemy. Entered military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

MASAO KOMODA, 19 080 044, Private, Infantry, Company "G", 2d Battalion, 44th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Ambushed by the enemy, one platoon of Company "G" was pinned down by enemy fire. From the surrounding woods, two enemy "Tiger" tanks, supported by fifty riflemen, suddenly appeared. When his squad leader seized a bazooka and commenced firing at the tanks, Private Komoda unhesitatingly exposed himself to direct tank and rifle fire in order to load the weapon. He thus enabled his squad leader to fire three rounds at the advancing enemy, disabling the leading tank and causing the enemy force to withdraw. Private Komoda's utter disregard for personal safety in the face of intense tank and rifle fire contributed immeasurably in repulsing a strong enemy force. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

EDWARD CASTLE, O 451 226, Major (then Captain), Coast Artillery Corps, 44th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (then Battery "F", 44th Coast Artillery Battalion, Antiaircraft). For heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Upon being notified, during an intense enemy artillery barrage, that two men had been seriously wounded, Major Castle personally organized a small group of men to evacuate the casualties. Arriving near the gun position, it seemed impossible to bring out the injured soldiers without suffering additional casualties. In spite of being thrown to the ground by the concussion of a nearby exploding shell, Major Castle successfully administered first aid to the wounded men and evacuated them from the area. The cool and resolute leadership displayed by Major Castle, in the face of intense artillery fire, contributed materially toward saving the life of one of the wounded men. Entered military service from Estill, Kentucky.

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JAMES S. PERCY, O 426 030, Major, Air Corps, ⁷²⁴ Liaison Squadron, for meritorious service from 28 July 1944 to 15 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

GEORGE L. PEUQUET, 32 130 520, Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, ⁷²⁴ Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade for meritorious service from March 1944 to November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Tonawanda, New York.

JOSEPH W. STEVENSON, O1 302 901, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, ⁷²⁴ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 November 1944, near La Cressette, France. While Captain Stevenson and his crew of wiremen were installing communication lines between a new regimental observation post and the Command Post, they were subjected to an intense mortar barrage as a result of which six of his men were injured. Despite the intermittent shelling in the immediate area, Captain Stevenson, without regard for his own safety, successfully rendered first aid to the injured men and effected their evacuation with a minimum loss of time. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

IV - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

HAROLD L. FUCK, 15 111 170, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ⁷²⁴ Liaison Squadron, from 4 August 1944 to 25 November 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Norwood, Ohio.

ROBERT G. MATHEWS, O 814 720, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, ⁷²⁴ Liaison Squadron, from 6 August 1944 to 19 November 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, G30,
Chief of Staff.

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Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal I
Award of the Air Medal II

I -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE SECOND AND THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

JEREMIAH P. HAWKINS, O1 173 276, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "C", ^{69d} Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 June 1944 to 16 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

AWARD OF THE FIRST AND SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

KELLY F. DONALDSON, O1 183 503, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, ^{69d} Armored Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 July 1944 to 26 October 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Grove, Texas.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

OTTO A. BOEHLKE, O1 182 068, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, ^{69d} Armored Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 June 1944 to 9 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

FRANK E. HALL, 15 170 006, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, ^{73d} Liaison Squadron, from 8 October 1944 to 18 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Buckhannon, West Virginia.

GEORGE E. KOSCHG, 13 059 974, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, ^{73d} Liaison Squadron, from 19 September 1944 to 19 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

MARVIN W. STRADLEY, 17 065 521, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, ^{73d} Liaison Squadron, from 3 October 1944 to 14 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Shannon City, Ohio.

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^{73d} ROBERT F. STRETTON, 16 077 196, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, 479 Liaison Squadron, from 12 September 1944 to 21 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

II - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following ~~individual for~~ meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

⁶⁹⁸⁴ JOHN W. ARNOLD, 01 182 500, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 87th Field Artillery Battalion, from 30 August 1944 to 15 October 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania.

By command of Lieutenant General FATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross.	I
Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal	II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.	III

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

PETER J. ASCENCIO, 32 884 575, Private, Field Artillery, Company "A", ~~332~~ Tank Destroyer Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action on 14 October 1944, near Fremifontaine, France. In order to fulfill the mission of providing close, assault fire for friendly infantry in an attack against enemy positions, it was necessary for the destroyer in which Private Ascencio was riding, to cross a stretch of open ground known to be under enemy observation. About half-way across the clearing, the destroyer was hit by artillery and set afire. Finding his clothing ablaze, Private Ascencio leapt from the destroyer and, by rolling on the ground, extinguished the fire on his person. He discovered that he had lost part of one foot in the explosion, and then noticed only one other member of the crew, the wounded destroyer commander, lying on the ground outside of the destroyer. Climbing back into the burning tank destroyer, Private Ascencio managed to drag the injured gunner to safety. He returned to save the driver and assistant driver, but was driven back by the raging inferno and exploding ammunition. Despite the heavy enemy barrage and his own weakness from loss of blood and severe burns, Private Ascencio went in search of assistance to evacuate his wounded comrades. The complete disregard for his personal safety and prompt action, in the face of extreme danger, demonstrated by Private Ascencio, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES M. HOBBS, 39 160 246, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", ~~332~~ Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 31 January 1944, during an attack toward Isola Bella, Italy, Sergeant Hobbs crawled a distance of one hundred yards over terrain devoid of cover into withering fire which had already stopped the advance of the rifle company to which his heavy machine gun section was attached. Reaching a previously chosen vantage point, he located the source of enemy fire, crawled back to his company and directed his section in the destruction of the enemy weapons. This enabled the rifle company to rush forward, capturing sixteen of the enemy.

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Later in the same afternoon, powerful concentrations of artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire unexpectedly burst on the company, again halting its advance. When the only available machine gun was silenced, and three of its crew wounded by this fire, Sergeant Hobbs unhesitatingly dashed forward over terrain swept by grazing fire to bring this gun back into action. In a single-handed, twenty-five minute duel with four enemy machine guns, firing from prepared positions and supported by a dozen riflemen, Sergeant Hobbs destroyed them, one by one, and killed at least twenty of the enemy. His action saved the company from heavy losses and enabled it to continue its forward movement. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

WENDELL M. PREECE, 6 581 439, Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action on 30 January 1944, near Campo Morto, Italy. Disregarding enemy automatic weapons fire which struck within inches of him, Private Preece unhesitatingly ran one hundred yards across flat, exposed terrain to assist wounded members of his company. He first assisted two wounded men on the right of the company front, carrying one seriously wounded man approximately two hundred yards to the rear under steady machine gun fire. Returning to the flat terrain about one hundred and fifty yards in front of the enemy lines, he aided two more seriously injured men and dragged them to cover. Completing this, he returned through grazing fire, which cut the ground all about him, to aid a third casualty. As he was rendering first aid to this man, Private Preece was wounded by a burst of machine gun fire which nearly severed his arm. Despite this serious and painful wound, he continued courageously to administer medical treatment. He next provided what attention he could for a fourth casualty, and then dragged himself seventy-five yards to a position from which he was evacuated about six hours later. His exemplary bravery was an inspiration to all those about him and reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Lewiston, Utah.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

GEORGE THOM, 12 093 313, Technician Fourth Grade, Ordnance Department, *** Ordnance Company, for meritorious service from 7 February 1944 to 24 February 1944, in Italy. Next of Kin: Mrs. Isabelle Thom, (Mother), 56 Old Road, Huntly-Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

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III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

ARTHUR F. ANNWEILER, O1 286 055, First Lieutenant, Corps of Military Police, Company "C", ~~500th~~ Military Police Battalion, for meritorious service from 22 January 1944 to 23 May 1944, in Anzio, Italy. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

WILLIAM B. KIELTY, 37 451 949, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "F", ~~40th~~ Engineer Combat Regiment, for meritorious service from 18 October 1943 to 1 October 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Norfolk, Nebraska.

CECIL L. LEMONS, 38 271 932, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "F", ~~40th~~ Engineer Combat Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 August 1944, near Saint Tropez, France. During an air attack on the beach where he was working, Technician Fifth Grade Lemons was painfully wounded by anti-personnel bombs dropped on the beach. Despite the fact that enemy planes were still overhead and that his left arm was useless, he immediately began a search for other injured members of his organization, and assisted in moving them on litters to the aid station. When the supply of litters was exhausted, he directed carrying parties to the vehicles. Technician Fifth Grade Lemons' untiring efforts contributed materially toward the successful evacuation of the wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Madill, Oklahoma.

FRANK R. SPITLER, O1 639 680, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, ~~40th~~ Signal Battalion, for meritorious service from 15 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Lufkin, Texas.

TRAVIS TATE, 20 422 302, Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army Hospital, Rome, Georgia, (formerly Battery "C", ~~40th~~ Field Artillery Battalion), for meritorious service from 2 September 1943 to 31 January 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Troy, Alabama.

ARTHUR T. WHITNEY, 10 600 016, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "A", ~~40th~~ Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service from 11 November 1942 to 26 June 1944, in North Africa and Sicily. Entered military service from Morristown, New Jersey.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
- Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross. II
- Award of the Silver Star. III
- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Flying Cross. V
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal. V
- Award of the Air Medal and First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto . . VI

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

SHERRELL LACKEY, 34 806 686, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, ~~700th~~ Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action, on 15 October 1944, near Grandvillers, France. When several members of the platoon to which he was assigned as aid man were wounded while in a deep ravine which was under enemy small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade Lackey left his sheltered position and entered the ravine to treat the wounded men. He administered first aid to one casualty, and while proceeding to another, was hit by enemy rifle fire. Despite intense pain, Technician Fifth Grade Lackey continued to dress the wounds of his patient until he collapsed. Recovering consciousness, he began crawling back to his platoon. Enroute, he encountered an exhaustion case whom he assisted in returning to friendly lines. Technician Fifth Grade Lackey's heroic devotion to duty remains as a lasting inspiration to his comrades, and reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Essie L. Lackey, (Mother), 20 Melrose Street, Sylacauga, Alabama.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

CHARLES T. BORRELLI, 32 809 666, Sergeant (then Pvt), Infantry Company "A", ~~700th~~ Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 1 June 1944, near Artona, Italy. When his company was fired upon from a brushy area thirty yards away, Sergeant Borrelli organized and led a seven man squad in an assault against an enemy force consisting of an estimated heavy weapons company plus rifle attachments. Although four members of his squad were fatally wounded as they entered the brush, Sergeant Borrelli continued to

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advance until a hand grenade fell at his feet. As he leapt backwards and threw himself to the ground, the enemy opened fire from well camouflaged emplacements a few yards away with machine pistol and rifle fire. Sergeant Borrelli then crawled to a foxhole and reached down to take the occupant prisoner. When the enemy soldier attempted to throw a grenade, Sergeant Borrelli shot him. He then proceeded further into the brush and succeeded, during a fierce fire-fight, in completely clearing the position of the enemy. As a result of his aggressive action and outstanding bravery, Sergeant Borrelli personally destroyed fifteen enemy soldiers, six 80 millimeter mortars and large quantities of ammunition, and was responsible for the successful annihilation of a strongly defended enemy position. Entered military service from Harrison, New York.

ORVILLE M. RONNING, OI 297 784, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", ~~7th~~ Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 28 May 1944, in the vicinity of Velletri, Italy. During an attack against the well fortified town of Velletri, Lieutenant Ronning and his platoon were suddenly caught in the cross fire of two hostile machine guns. When the security of his men was threatened, Lieutenant Ronning, without regard for his personal safety, advanced alone toward the gun positions. Although the terrain afforded little concealment or cover, he crawled forward to a spot which overlooked both emplacements. Quickly firing several grenades, he knocked out the guns, destroyed five enemy soldiers, and wounded a sixth. The platoon then continued its advance toward its objective. A short time later, it was again subjected to a concentrated counterattack, and forced to withdraw. When a heavy artillery barrage inflicted numerous casualties on the unit and aid men were unable to care for the many wounded, Lieutenant Ronning fearlessly moved about the shell blasted area, administering effective first aid to the seriously wounded, and directing those who could walk to positions affording cover from the incessant shell fire. His outstanding courage and aggressive spirit were an inspiration to the members of his command and contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of the platoon's mission. Entered military service from Alcester, South Dakota.

III- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

JOPH ITO, 39 003 716, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, ~~7th~~ Infantry. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. During a fierce enemy attack, the first platoon of Company "G" was subjected to intense sniper, machine gun, and artillery fire which seriously wounded five soldiers. Private First Class Ito, an aid man attached to the first platoon, exposing himself to the terrific hostile fire, left his

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covered position in a draw and ran one hundred and fifty yards across open terrain to the aid of the injured men. While administering first aid to one of the soldiers, Private First Class Itô was severely wounded in the back. Despite his painful wounds, he remained with the injured men for over five hours, constantly exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire. The complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Itô reflects great credit upon himself and contributed materially toward saving his comrades' lives. Entered military service from San Mateo, California.

IV - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Flying Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army ~~Commander to~~ the following named individual:

HUBERT A. BOONE, O1 180-429, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, ~~8th~~ Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. On 8 March 1944, near Cisterna Di Littoria, Italy, Lieutenant Boone flew over enemy lines in an effort to locate and adjust artillery fire on an enemy battery which had practically neutralized a firing battery of his battalion. Although enemy 20 millimeter antiaircraft and small arms fire filled the air around his unarmored plane, Lieutenant Boone remained over enemy territory for more than three quarters of an hour and finally succeeded in locating his quarry. As his observer was beginning to adjust the fire of his battalion, three enemy fighter planes attacked the fragile liaison plane. Tracer bullets from aircraft machine-guns bracketed him, yet Lieutenant Boone, by skillful maneuvering kept his plane in the air over his target until a spot was shot from his wing. Hastily returning to his airport, Lieutenant Boone obtained another liaison plane and flew back to the danger area, despite 88 millimeter antiaircraft fire which now joined the 20 millimeter and small arms fire in a desperate effort to shoot him down. Lieutenant Boone so maneuvered his aircraft that final adjustment on the target was completed. His observer then ordered his battalion to fire for effect and succeeded in neutralizing the enemy gun battery. Next of Kin: Mrs Olga D. Boone, (Wife), 139 - 1st Street, Coaldale, Pennsylvania.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

RICHARD F. HOFF, 20 810 147, First Sergeant, Corps of Engineer Company "D", ~~343d~~ Engineer Regiment (GS), for meritorious service from 29 September 1943 to 1 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from ~~Georgetown, Texas~~.

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FRANCIS P. IACOVONI, 33 140 748, Sergeant, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "D", ~~3rd~~ Chemical Battalion, Motorized, for heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, near Plage de Pampelonne, France. Landing with the first wave of infantry, Sergeant Iacovoni quickly directed his squad into positions to set up smoke pot stations. When enemy fire became extremely heavy, Sergeant Iacovoni personally reconnoitered for alternate positions, through a known mine field. Finding a safe path, he led his squad to the new position and continued the effective smoke screen. By Sergeant Iacovoni's initiative and devotion to duty, an effective smoke screen was maintained during the critical phase of the operation which contributed much toward keeping casualties among friendly troops to a minimum. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WALTER ONEY, W2 103 275, Chief Warrant Officer, United States Army, ~~3rd~~ Finance Disbursing Section, for meritorious service from 15 January 1943 to 16 October 1944, in North Africa, Sicily and Southern France. Entered military service from Gallia, Ohio.

VI - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER THERETO.
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto, are awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

~~3rd~~ JAMES C. GOODE, O1 179 079, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, ~~3rd~~ Field Artillery Group, from 1 June 1944 to 11 October 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Clementsville, Kentucky.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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GENERAL ORDERS)

27 December 1944

NUMBER 138)

- Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross. I
- Award of the Silver Star. II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal. III

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

OSCAR M. AMUNDSON, 17 016 962, Staff sergeant, Infantry, Company "L", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 1 February 1944, at 2300 hours, near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy, sergeant Amundson led six men in a furious assault on an enemy strongpoint where, in a bitter hand-to-hand struggle, he personally destroyed six enemy soldiers. The violence of his onslaught so terrified the surviving enemy force that they abandoned their positions in panic-stricken flight. As a result, the enemy resistance was broken in that sector and his company was able to secure its objective. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

SABURO HIGA, 30 104 534, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944, near Biffontaine, France. While engaged in an attack, Company "F" was pinned down by concentrated mortar and artillery fire which inflicted numerous casualties. Private Higa, volunteering to act as litter bearer and aid man, unhesitatingly left his covered position to render first aid to the wounded soldiers. Despite artillery fire, which fell dangerously close to him, he moved fearlessly toward one of the seriously wounded men. Quickly administering first aid, Private Higa then carried him to shelter. He again returned to the area and, while rushing to the assistance of another comrade, he was seriously wounded. Disregarding his painful injury, Private Higa continued to render first aid and to evacuate the wounded until he collapsed as a result of fatigue and pain. His courageous actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States entered military service from Hwa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

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MINORU KUNIEDA, 30 101 708, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "D", *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944, near Riglione di Pisa, Italy. When an enemy reconnaissance patrol infiltrated to within four yards of a machine gun position manned by Private First Class Kunieda and another soldier, their machine gun failed to function. Private First Class Kunieda, with complete disregard for his own safety and armed only with a 45 caliber pistol, forced the enemy patrol to withdraw. His courage and determination were instrumental in successfully defending an important position in his unit's sector against a superior enemy force. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

JOHN E. BRANNAN, 36 238 114, Staff Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, for meritorious service from 1 April 1943 to 18 May 1944, in Tunisia and Sicily. Entered military service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

G. KENNETH CROWELL, O 261 022, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), Infantry, *** Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, for meritorious service from January 1944 to November 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES F. DIVINCENLO, 32 140 162, Private First Class, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Gas Supply Company, for meritorious service from 1 August 1943 to 1 July 1944, in Sicily. Entered military service from Corning, New York.

CHESTER T. GALLAGHER, 36 120 006, Private First Class, Corps of Military Police, Company "B", *** Military Police Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 7 February 1944, near Nettuno, Italy. While Private First Class Gallagher was directing traffic on an important intercession, enemy planes attacked and bombed the area. Three trucks of ammunition were hit and numerous casualties inflicted. Despite terrific explosions and the danger of shell fragments from the burning ammunition trucks, Private First Class Gallagher immediately started the traffic moving. His quick thinking and disregard for his own safety were in large measure responsible for restoring a normal flow of traffic and supplies to the beachhead forces. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

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CLYDE W. HARRINGTON, 31 096 506, Staff sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, ~~385624~~ ^{***} Quartermaster Gas supply Company, for meritorious service from 25 August 1944 to 15 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from North Hanover, Massachusetts.

AKIYOSHI KURIYAMA, 50 100 588 Staff sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, ~~7022~~ ^{***} Battalion, ~~4422~~ ^{***} Infantry, for meritorious service from 22 September 1943 to 6 September 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Waianae, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, GSO,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
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2 March 1944.

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Pursuant to the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Circular No. 159, Hq. USAFICPA, 9 November 1943, Corporal Michael J. Opulski (Army serial No. 32240284) (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, and Private Robert C. Holden (Army serial No. 36745374), Infantry, United States Army, having been wounded during the Japanese air attack on the Gilbert Islands on 23 December 1943, are awarded the Purple Heart by the Commanding Officer, 7th Army Garrison Force.

By order of Colonel TENNEY:

EUGENE E. POWERS,
1st Lt., C.A.C.,
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27 March 1944

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Circular No. 159, Headquarters United States Army Forces Central Pacific Area, 9 November 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding Officer 7th Army Garrison Force, to CAPTAIN JOHN F. HARDIN, O1700502, MC, AUS for wounds received during enemy action in the Gilbert Islands, 23 November 1943.

By order of Colonel FERRIN:

THEODORE M. YANCEY,
2nd Lt., A. G. D.,
Assistant Adjutant.

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APO #758, US ARMY

15 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 3)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. I

AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. II

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander to the following named individuals:

ANTHONY E. MANDELA, 33 670 115, Tec 5, Infantry, then a member of the *** Infantry Regiment, *** Infantry Division, wounded in action in Italy on 22 December 1943. Entered service at Greensburg, Pennsylvania on 2 April 1943.

JOSEPH C. LEWIS, 11 015 073, Private, First Class, Infantry, then a member of the *** Infantry Regiment, *** Infantry Division, wounded in action in Italy on 31 May 1944. Entered service at Concord, New Hampshire on 5 September 1940.

II. AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, as amended, and upon recommendation of their Commanding Officer and their Chief of Section, the following named enlisted men of the Engineer Section, Headquarters, Seventh Army, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

Tec 5	Frank (M.I) Jacobs,	19 098 361	Entered service 11 May 42
Tec 5	Victor E. Jacoby	32 723 528	Entered service 5 Feb 43

By Order of Colonel STEVENSON:

REGINALD C. RICE
WOJG USA
Acting Adjutant

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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15 May 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL II

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander to the following named individual:

GLENN B. SMITH, 36 193 224, Private, Infantry, then a member of * * * Battalion, * * * Infantry Regiment, wounded in Italy on 17 March 1944. Entered service at Kalamazoo, Michigan on 1 September 1942.

II. AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, as amended and upon recommendation of his Commanding Officer and the Chief of the Section concerned, the following named enlisted man of Headquarters, Seventh Army, is awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

Tec 5 Hugo F. Malte 36 685 812 Entered service 19 Aug 43 JA Sec

By Order of Colonel STEVENS: N:

JOSEPH K. SNIDER
1st Lt., QMC
Adjutant

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30 May 1945

Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart I
Award of the Purple Heart. II

I. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander to the following named individual:

JAMES T. MARLINT, 39 595 286, Pfc 5, Inf, Headquarters, Seventh Army, then a member of Company "F", 30th Infantry, wounded at the Anzio Beach-head, Italy, on 11 May 1944. Entered service from Philadelphia, Penn.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander to the following named individuals:

LEONARD A. DYER, 39 797 301, Cpl, Inf, Headquarters, Seventh Army, then a member of the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, wounded at the Anzio Beach-head, Italy on 25 May 1944. Entered service from Bristol, Penn.

LOUIS E. JONES, 17 161 178, S Sgt, QMO, 202d QM Car Company, then a member of 6616th QM Car Company, Prov, Seventh Army, wounded in Palermo, Sicily on 24 August 1943. Entered service from Metropolis, Illinois.

BURNARD McPHILLIPS, 39 086 819, Pfc, QMO, 202d QM Car Company, then a member of 6671st QM Truck Company, wounded at Algiers, Algeria on 13 May 1943. Entered service from Willits, California.

ROLAND PROVOST, 31 007 473, Pfc, QMO, 202d QM Car Company, then a member of Company "A", 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, wounded at Saverne, France on 30 November 1944. Entered service from Holyoke, Mass.

LESLIE F. McCASLIN, 31 027 272, Pfc, Inf, 204th Military Police Company, wounded at Gela, Sicily on 11 July 1943. Entered service from Gardner, Maine.

By Order of Colonel STEVENS:

JOSEPH K. SNIDER
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7th Army, 11 Jun 45, cont:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENT. SERV.</u>	<u>SEC</u>
Pfc	Robert C. Alderman	35 626 083	29 Jan 43	Engr
Pfc	Glenn A. Harrison	14 070 101	26 Dec 41	G-3
Pfc	Willard S. Putman	31 361 227	10 Jun 43	G-2
Pfc	Wallace E. Root	33 419 130	6 Jan 43	G-2
Pfc	James B. Sundgren	42 094 096	29 Jan 44	G-2
Pvt	John B. Nielsen	16 175 055	28 Jul 43	G-2
Pvt	Harlan D. Vetterick	36 837 387	10 Nov 43	G-2

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, as amended and upon recommendation of his Commanding Officer, Private, First Class Sidney I. Jaffee, 39 720 967, Headquarters Company, Seventh Army, is awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity. Entered military service on 18 December 1943.

III. AWARD OF THE DRIVER'S BADGE. Under the provisions of AR 600-81, and upon recommendation of their Company Commander, the following named enlisted men of 202d QM Car Company, are awarded the Driver's Badge:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
T Sgt	Oscar E. Kondrick	33 049 075
S Sgt	Raynard K. Wills	20 715 689
S Sgt	Louis E. Jones	17 161 178
Cpl	John J. Lesko	31 088 482
Tec 5	Eugene T. Anderogg	39 540 454
Tec 5	Albert T. Brieger	32 371 646
Tec 5	James E. Devor	32 365 512
Tec 5	Wayne H. Fritz	37 446 750
Tec 5	Walter S. Grandzol	20 238 498
Tec 5	Edgar C. Graves	34 581 904
Tec 5	Guy S. Grogg	36 535 376
Tec 5	Melvin O. Kunselman	13 047 506
Tec 5	Roy D. McCollin	33 396 702
Tec 5	Jerome B. Miller	15 078 404
Tec 5	Marcel D. Molleur	11 102 695
Tec 5	Robert L. Plank	39 300 773
Pfc	Donald H. Adams	13 145 869
Pfc	Herbert Anderson	32 957 788
Pfc	Harold H. Dixon	31 216 857
Pfc	Charles R. Gayron	31 028 222
Pfc	Jesse D. Johnson	34 921 471
Pfc	Alfred J. Laurie	20 110 356
Pfc	Jeff J. Mason	17 160 821
Pfc	Walter E. Mendenhall	15 336 169
Pfc	Kenneth R. Monson	31 318 663
Pfc	Jack E. Mosley	18 193 624
Pfc	Forest Pickering	16 151 505
Pfc	Henry J. Warnock	33 332 366
Pfc	Gerald E. Westall	16 151 531
Pfc	Teddy J. Wisniewski	35 307 500
Pfc	Edward J. Zebron	13 050 370
Pfc	Bernard A. Zylka	17 154 221

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SPECIAL TROOPS, SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758, US ARMY

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NUMBER 9)

11 June 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Purple Heart	I
Award of the Good Conduct Medal	II
Award of the Driver's Badge	III
Award of the Mechanic's Badge	I

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander to the following named individuals:

CHARLES R. GAYRON, 31 028 223, Pfc, Inf, 202d QM Car Company, then a member of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, wounded at Valmontone, Italy on 2 June 1944. Entered military service from Lynn, Mass.

RALPH J. LOSTAGLIA, 33 245 877, Pvt, Inf, 1627th Engineer Utilities Detachment, then a member of Company C, 168th Infantry, 34th Infantry Division, wounded in Tunisia, El Guettar Area, North Africa, on 30 March 1943. Entered military service from Altoona, Pa.

II. AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer and their Chief of Sections concerned, the following named enlisted men of Headquarters, Seventh Army are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENT. SERV.</u>	<u>SEC</u>
S Sgt	James M. McLaughlin	37 379 943	20 Aug 42	Med
Sgt	Louis Cardella	19 082 958	17 Feb 42	G-2
Sgt	James R. Duffy	36 685 629	18 Aug 43	G-3
Sgt	Charles I. Eckel	42 055 056	19 Nov 43	G-3
Tec 4	Charles F. Combs	32 755 741	29 Mar 43	G-3
Tec 4	George G. Pullen	37 594 637	10 May 44	Med
Tec 5	Julius Frank	42 066 283	14 Jan 44	Med
Tec 5	Gordon T. Hemerson	37 585 122	31 Dec 43	G-3
Tec 5	Dale M. Houck	33 606 572	8 Jun 43	G-2
Tec 5	Royal D. Kincheloe	33 661 128	30 Dec 43	G-3
Tec 5	Frank L. Kinsey	16 154 153	8 Dec 42	G-3
Tec 5	Helmut Meyerbach	42 134 857	31 Aug 43	Med
Tec 5	Edwin R. Perry	31 021 359	28 Feb 41	Med
Tec 5	Alva W. Persons	39 711 783	28 Sep 43	G-2
Tec 5	Robert C. Schock	33 610 733	6 Mar 43	G-3
Tec 5	Joseph A. Silovich	37 557 000	26 Mar 43	G-3
Tec 5	John L. Werry	33 767 810	12 Jan 44	G-3
Tec 5	Gerrit Van Westrienen	36 884 732	7 Oct 43	G-3
Tec 5	Louis J. Wunder	32 995 758	6 Aug 43	G-3

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GO #9, Sec III, Hq, Sp Ops,
7th Army, 11 Jun 45, cont:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Pvt	Ralph C. Cifelli	32 141 562
Pvt	Charles A. Ringfiel	34 702 164
Pvt	Elmer Stevison	34 272 944
Pvt	Louis E. Wargacki	16 151 549
Pvt	Irvine M. Wycott	31 100 515
Pvt	Robert W. Young, Jr.	17 071 561

IV. AWARD OF THE MECHANIC'S BADGE. Under the provisions of AR 600-81, and upon recommendation of his Company Commander, Tec 5 Marcel D. Mollieur, 11 102 695, 202d QI Car Company, is awarded the Mechanic's Badge.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL STEVENSON:

JOSEPH K. SNIDER
1st Lt., QIC
Adjutant

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APO 758, US ARMY

31 July 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Purple Heart I
Award of the Good Conduct Medal II

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander to the following named individuals:

OTIS E. SEAGO, 36 069 011, Tec 4, Infantry, Hq, Seventh Army, un assigned, then Tec 5 and a member of the 532d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, wounded at Cassino, Italy on 4 February 1944. Entered military service from Fieldon, Illinois.

STANLEY W. JAROSZ, 32 097 250, Tec 5, CAC, Battery B, 108 AAA Gun Battalion, then a member of the 6616 QM Car Company (Prov), Seventh Army and on temporary duty with Artillery Section, Seventh Army, wounded at Gela, Sicily on 12 July 1943. Entered military service from Waterford, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68 as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer and their Chief of Sections concerned, the following named enlisted men of Headquarters Seventh Army are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENT. SERV.	SEC.
Pfc	Delmont J. Boudry	38 082 758	21 Apr 44	Sig
Pvt	Jack S. Kabin	38 939 532	16 May 44	Armed

BY ORDER OF COLONEL STEVENSON:

JOSEPH K. SNIDER
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Award of the Purple Heart I
Award of the Good Conduct Medal II

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. Under the direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 Sep 43, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Special Troops Commander, *CLARK* 36270786, Tec 3, Inf, Hq, Seventh Army, then a member of Company "L", 17th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, wounded at Cisterna, Italy on 30 May 1944. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, as amended, and upon recommendation of the Commanding Officer and their Chief of Section concerned, the following named enlisted men of Hq, Seventh Army are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

RANK	NAME	ASN	ENT. SERV.	SEC
Tec 4	George M Youhn	36778528	1 Nov 43	G-1
Tec 5	Paul E Flanders	36878845	1 Sep 43	G-1
Tec 5	Frederick O Fleming	32995526	5 Aug 43	G-1
Tec 5	Anthony A Jara	36767872	29 Oct 43	G-1
Tec 5	Richard H Morrifield	3680598	4 Aug 42	G-1
Tec 5	Lloyd K Miller	37899060	24 Jun 44	G-1
Pfc	Leland R Edmonds	3774527	5 Jun 44	G-1
Pfc	Christian F Kouck	36694525	23 Sep 43	G-1
Tec 5	James H O'Donnell	33803553	19 Oct 43	PRO
T Sgt	Walter M Wess	33786059	19 Jun 43	Ord
Tec 5	Robert B Rothman	33469546	19 Nov 42	Ord
Pfc	Edward A Frank	42088222	13 Mar 44	Ord

BY ORDER OF COLONEL STEVENSON:

JOSEPH K. SNIDER
1st Lt., AUS
Adjutant

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Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross. . . . I
Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal. . . . II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. . . . III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal - Rescission of Award. . . . IV

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

GEORGE MASITIS, 35 587 864, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 388th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action on 25 April 1944. As he was moving forward in a limited objective attack north of Carano, Italy, Sergeant Masitis was painfully wounded by shell fragments. Disregarding his wound, he advanced another one hundred yards and came under heavy machine gun fire which forced his platoon to seek cover. Despite bullets and shell fragments which struck all around him, Sergeant Masitis encouraged and led his platoon forward another fifty yards. At this point they came under fire from a second enemy machine gun. Ordering his platoon to stay under cover, he took three men with him and advanced toward the weapon. After running and crawling one hundred yards through continuous enemy machine gun fire that barely missed him, he worked his way to the rear of the enemy position. Then, using these men as a base of fire, Sergeant Masitis crawled forward, knocked out the gun with hand grenades and captured two enemy soldiers, enabling his company, which had knocked out the other machine gun, to overrun its objective. As he was returning to his company, Sergeant Masitis spotted an enemy counterattack force advancing toward the objective. He quickly crawled to an exposed knoll affording a good field of fire, opened fire with his M-1 rifle and, inflicting numerous casualties, caused the enemy to withdraw in confusion. Next of Kin: Mr. John Masitis, (Father), Superior Street, Maury, Ohio.

II - AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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GLENN W. WHEELER, 35 352 192, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery "B", ~~3rd~~ Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 21 August 1944 to 29 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Montpelier, Indiana.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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~~4360~~ KENNETH E. ABELN, 37 654 924, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, ~~3rd~~ Engineer Mine Clearance Company, (Armored) (Provisional). For heroic achievement in action on 2 November 1944, near St. Benoit, France. When his tank dozer was hit by enemy artillery fire which wounded several members of his crew, Technician Fifth Grade Abeln, although seriously wounded, remained at the controls of the tank and, displaying great initiative and courage, backed it away to a position of comparative safety. Entered military service from Bellevue, Iowa.

WILLIAM G. BLOOMGARDEN, 39 306 355, Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Quartermaster Corps, ~~3rd~~ Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, for meritorious service from 1 August 1943 to 16 May 1944, in Sicily. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

RUBEN FRAEHLING, 17 086 776, Staff Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, ~~3rd~~ Quartermaster Car Company, for meritorious service from November 1942 to November 1944, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

KENNETH C. LASHNER, 31 181 219, Technician Fourth Grade, Adjutant General's Department, ~~3rd~~ Machine Records Unit, (Mobile), for meritorious service from 10 July 1943 to 10 November 1944, in Sicily and France. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

ALBERT ZOLLER, Captain, French Army, for meritorious service from 1 June 1941 to 15 August 1944, in Africa, Corsica and Southern France. Entered military service from Casablanca, French Morocco.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - RESCISSION OF AWARD. So much of Section V, General Orders No. 117, this Headquarters, 30 November 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to John Bennett, 35 103 904, Staff Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, ~~4360~~ Quartermaster Truck Company, is rescinded.

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Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal . I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regula-
tions 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf
Cluster to the Bronze Star for meritorious service is awarded by
the Army Commander to the following named individual:

R. F. PRIEUR, Commandant, French Army, from 19 July 1944 to
23 September 1944 in Italy and Southern France. Home address:
Chatellerault, Vienna.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President,
under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943,
as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded
by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~Albert-Joseph, Aspirant (France) Award by Act 82-3775~~
*PIERRE AKERAD, Sous Lieutenant, French Army, from 25 July
1944 to 28 August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Home address:
Rodez, Aveyron.

JOSEPH M. BARECOT, Second Lieutenant, French Army, from 19
March 1944 to 21 September 1944, in Italy and France. Home address:
Washington, District of Columbia.

JEAN BELLIARD, Aspirant, French Army, from 25 July 1944 to 28
August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Home address: Algiers,
Algeria.

AUGUSTE CLARAZ, Chef d'Escadron, French Army, from 1 April
1944 to 31 May 1944, in Algiers, Algeria.

EDMOND ETIENNE ALEXANDRE JULLIEN D'HERBOIS, Sous Lieutenant,
French Army, from 12 July 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Italy and
Southern France. Home address. Algiers, Algeria.

J. A. DUCROT, Sous Lieutenant, French Army, from 21 March 1944
to 1 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Nancy,
France.

ROBERT DUFREZ, Captain, French Army, from March 1944 to
October 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Home address:
Algiers, Algeria.

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FRANCOIS FORTUNE FALCO, Adjudant, French Army, from 20 March 1944 to 15 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Home address: Bastia, Corsica.

ROGER GALULA, Aspirant, French Army, from 22 March 1944 to 15 August 1944, in North Africa and Italy. Home address: Marseilles, France.

JEAN F. GAROND, Lieutenant Colonel, French Army, from 1 June 1944 to 21 September 1944, in Italy and France. Home address: Meknes, French Morocco.

GEORGES GIROUD, Caporal-Chef Infirmier, French Army, from 1 August 1944 to 20 September 1944, in Italy and France. Home address: Mostaganem, Algeria.

JEAN PELTIER, Commandant, French Army, from 15 August 1944 to 20 September 1944, in France. Home address: Dijon, France.

JEAN-MARIE QUIGNARD, Chef d'Escadron d'Artillerie, French Army, from 12 July 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Home address: Paris, France.

FRANCOIS RODRIQUE-PEREIRA, Aspirant, French Army, from 15 August 1944 to 20 September 1944, in France. Home address: Casablanca, French Morocco.

PIERRE SAINCTAVIT, Major, French Army, from 1 July 1944 to 15 August 1944, in Italy. Home address: Paris, France.

XAVIER PHILIPPE MARIE BERINARD TURQUET, Captain, French Army, from 20 May 1944 to 18 August 1944, in North Africa. Home address: St. Lo, (Normandy), France.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

JEAN ALZIARI DE ROQUEFORT, First Lieutenant, Cavalry Reserve, French Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with obtaining vital military intelligence in occupied France from 15 August 1943 until the landings of the Seventh Army on 15 August 1944. Lieutenant de Roquefort organized the intelligence team whose information on coastal defenses, munitions dumps, and German Order of Battle in southwestern, southeastern and central France was the greatest single source of intelligence in France prior to the invasion of the Allied Forces on 15 August 1944. Lieutenant de Roquefort was parachuted into France on the night of 14 August 1943 near Lyon -- despite warnings from competent London authorities that the area was highly dangerous at that time and that they were cancelling all operations for the month. At the end of his year's operation under the constant hazard of torture and certain death if captured by the German Gestapo, he had build up an organization consisting of several hundred members and four complete radio stations which supplied, during the entire period, an uninterrupted supply of vitally needed intelligence to the United States Government.

MARC DUBARRY, Sergeant Chef, Radio Aviation, sous-officier de Carriere, French Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with obtaining vital military intelligence information from August 1943 to August 1944 in occupied France. Operating under the constant threat of torture and certain death if captured by the German Gestapo, Sergeant Dubarry, displaying outstanding daring and disregard for personal safety, was responsible for transmitting large volumes of vital intelligence information to the United States Government during this period. By his selfless devotion to duty and timely reporting of enemy coastal defenses, munitions dumps, and German Order of Battle in Southern France, Sergeant Dubarry contributed much toward the success of the Allied operations during the liberation of France.

JEAN LESCANNE, Captain, (active), French Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with obtaining vital military intelligence from September 1943 to 15 August 1944, in occupied France. As assistant organizer of his intelligence team comprising

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several hundred persons, it was necessary that he circulate constantly in Southern France, despite strict travel regulations and dangers of snap controls which would result in imprisonment and certain death should he be arrested. Although his presence was known to the German Gestapo, Captain Lescanne, with exceptional skill and superb courage, established and maintained two complete radio stations which transmitted daily, vital reports on the movements of German troops in Southern France. By his fearless determination and outstanding bravery while working in occupied France, under constant risk of arrest and execution, Captain Lescanne was largely responsible for one of the greatest single sources of intelligence in France prior to the landings of the Allied Forces.

MARIO MARRET, Private First Class, Aviation, French Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with obtaining vital military intelligence from August 1943 to August 1944 in occupied France. Throughout this period, as chief operator of an important intelligence team, Private First Class Marret maintained daily radio contact with his base in Algiers, despite constant possibility of detection by German Radio Direction Finding Units which were very active in his area. Conditions of operation were technically very difficult, in addition to being extremely hazardous due to the constant threat of arrest and certain death if captured by the German Gestapo. Although Private First Class Marret was finally arrested by the German Gestapo, during more than twenty-five separate questionings, accompanied by threats of excruciating torture, he did not reveal a single fact injurious to his team or the United States Government. Evidencing great personal bravery, he escaped from imprisonment at Lyon three days before it fell to Allied troops and made his way through enemy lines to contact intelligence representatives of the Seventh Army. When he came through the lines, he brought with him as prisoners, two Gestapo agents whom he had bribed, and much valuable information as to principles and methods of German Radio Detection Finding Systems.

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- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
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General Orders) V
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:
~~7th Infantry Regiment~~

HARRY J. LAWLOR, 35 668 507, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "L", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. At about 0530 hours on 3 March 1944, immediately following a strong German attack on his company's positions near Ponte Rotto, Italy, Sergeant Lawlor volunteered to engage and destroy a German Mark VI Tank. Accompanied by a soldier armed with Molotov cocktails, he advanced five hundred yards through the impact area of an artillery and mortar concentration toward the tank, which had been placed in hull defilade and was guarded by a machine gun nest and a force of dug-in riflemen. Proceeding with his suicide mission, he by-passed the German machine gun and, reaching a position fifty yards from the tank, opened fire with his light machine gun in a successful effort to draw the full volume of enemy fire upon himself and thereby enable his comrade to approach the German armored vehicle undetected. He continued this hopelessly uneven fight against the entrenched riflemen and against the tank crew, while his associate throw Molotov cocktails at the tank. When these gasoline bombs failed to set the tank ablaze, Sergeant Lawlor crawled to within twenty yards of the tank, hurled sticky grenades and silenced its fire. While covering the withdrawal of his comrade, he was mortally wounded by enemy rifle fire. Next of Kin: Mrs. Margaret T. Lawlor, (Mother), 1145 Isabella Street, Newport, Kentucky.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual:
~~10th Infantry Regiment~~

BENJAMIN A. BLACKMER, 01 287 652, Captain, Infantry, Company "G", *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 6 October 1944, near Brouvelieures, France. When his company

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was attacked by a strong enemy force, Captain Blackmer immediately proceeded to the most threatened points. There, despite heavy enemy fire, he moved among his men, encouraging them to repel the attack. Then, encountering a strongly contested defense line, Captain Blackmer led an assault against the hostile positions. When a machine gun temporarily stopped the advance of his company, he crawled forward and destroyed the three members of the enemy crew with his M-1 rifle. Then, finding the enemy well entrenched in the company objective, Captain Blackmer crawled to within close range of another machine gun position and, throwing a hand grenade into the enemy emplacement, destroyed both the gun and its crew. Captain Blackmer's courageous conduct was largely responsible for his company's successful defense against a fierce enemy counterattack and the subsequent capture by the company of its objective. Entered military service from Dorset, Vermont.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

30th PA Group

GORDON BENT, O 440 400, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service from 11 May 1944 to 10 October 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Lake Forest, Illinois.

30th PA Group

WALTON W. CROSSLEY, O 344 141, Major (then Captain), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service from October 1943 to October 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

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~~ATAKIO HEDANI, 30 101 519, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", *** Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. During an enemy attack, Sergeant Hedani and his squad of men were ordered to go to the aid of a carrying party who were pinned down by heavy hostile machine gun and machine pistol fire. Leading his men forward, he carefully worked them to within close range of an enemy held ridge where they dug in and held off repeated enemy counterattacks. Then, displaying outstanding leadership, Sergeant Hedani successfully detained the enemy until reinforcements arrived, then led an assault which effectively routed the hostile force. Entered military service from Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.~~

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SIMON SPIRA, 32 249 252, Technician Third Grade, Infantry, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 20 March 1944 to 1 October 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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~~Quartermaster Car Co.~~

RICHARD C. WINELAND, 35 503 900, Technician Fourth Grade, Quartermaster Corps, *** Quartermaster Car Company, for meritorious service from November 1942 to November 1944, in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered military service from Fendlay, Ohio.

IV - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 30 December 1944, in France:

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JAMES F. BRITTINGHAM, O5 746, Brigadier General, United States Army, Headquarters *** Army. Entered military service from Princess Anne, Maryland.

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DANIEL T. McCARTY, O 318 816, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters *** Army. Entered military service from Fort Pierce, Florida.

V -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS, So much of Section II, General Orders No. 126, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1944, that reads RAYMOND C. BRANDT, O1 O15 284, Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, is corrected to read RAYMOND C. BRANDT, O1 O15 284, First Lieutenant Cavalry.

~~344th Engr. Regt. (GS)~~

VI - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - RESCISSION OF AWARD. So much of Section VII, General Orders No. 121, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to CHARLES F. LEWIS, O 254 507, Major, Corps of Engineers; *** Engineer Regiment (GS), is rescinded. (See Section III, General Orders No. 128, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1944).

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
- Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross. II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal. III
- Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. IV

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

~~15th Infantry Reg.~~

JOSEPH M. BROWN, 39 600 283, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Battle Patrol, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 15 August 1944, at 0800 hours near Ste Tropez, France, Sergeant Brown charged a strong enemy position consisting of five sand-bagged and log covered machine gun emplacements manned with four machine guns and small arms. Although unexpected enemy fire confused his men, Sergeant Brown quickly ascertained that it came from a knoll to their front, and led his men in flanking the position, bringing them into firing positions twenty-five yards from the enemy. For thirty minutes he directed his men in a fire fight, exposing himself constantly to the intense fire of three machine guns and small arms which clipped the bushes around him as he made his way among his men. Realizing that no results were being obtained, he decided to make a one man assault despite the overwhelming odds against its success. Armed with his rifle and some hand grenades, he charged toward the enemy. They hastily threw a hail of machine gun and small arms fire at him as he zig-zagged forward. After covering one hundred and fifty yards, he paused to get his bearings and then made a one hundred yard dash up the knoll to the nearest of the emplacements. As bullets splattered about him, he quickly hurled a hand grenade through the fire opening and then dashed thirty yards to the side door of a second emplacement. Leaning against the door, he pulled the pin on a hand grenade and threatened the occupants into surrendering, capturing an enemy officer and two enlisted men. Prodding the officer in the back with his rifle, Sergeant Brown forced surrender of the entire enemy position, accounting for one enemy killed, ten enlisted men and one officer captured, in addition to demolishing the four machine guns and a large radio. Next of Kin: Joseph Brown, (Father), Outlook, Montana.

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II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

~~7th Inf. Regt.~~

RUDOLPH B. DAVILA, O1 692 556, Second Lieutenant. (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "H", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 28 May 1944, near Ardena, Italy. During the offensive which broke through the enemy mountain strongholds surrounding the Anzio Beachhead, Sergeant Davila risked death to provide heavy weapons support for a beleaguered rifle company. Caught on an exposed hillside by heavy grazing fire from a well-entrenched enemy force, his machine gunners were reluctant to risk putting their guns into action. Crawling to the nearest machine gun, Sergeant Davila set it up alone and opened fire on the enemy. Shooting from a semi-erect position in order to observe the effect of his fire over the waist-high wheat, he disregarded enemy fire which struck the tripod and even passed between his legs. Ordering a gunner to take over, he crawled forward to a vantage point and directed the fire-fight with hand and arm signals until both hostile machine guns were silenced. Bringing his three remaining machine guns into action, he drove the enemy to a reserve position two hundred yards to the rear. When he received a painful shell wound in the leg, he dashed to a burned tank and, despite the crash of bullets on the hull, fired at a second enemy force from its turret. Dismounting, he advanced in short rushes, crawled twenty yards and charged into an enemy-held house to dispatch the defending force of five with a hand grenade and rifle fire. Climbing to the attic, he straddled a large shell hole in the wall and opened fire on the enemy with a borrowed '03 rifle. Although the walls of the house were crumbling, he continued to fire until he had destroyed two more machine guns. His intrepid actions brought desperately needed heavy weapons support to a hard-pressed rifle company and silenced four machine guns, forcing the enemy to abandon their prepared positions. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

~~440th Inf. Regt.~~

GEORGE S. IIDA, 30105 400, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 4 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down by fierce bursts of machine gun fire, Sergeant Iida, spotting two of the guns, successfully neutralized one machine gun emplacement with his M-1 rifle and directed the fire of his BAR man in silencing another. Reorganizing his men who had become scattered by the barrage, he advanced forward alone to reconnoiter the area. Encountering an enemy rifleman, he shot him at point blank range. This action caused the enemy to open up with intense machine gun and pistol fire. Locating one of these hostile positions, Sergeant Iida crawled to within a few yards of it and throwing two hand grenades, destroyed the machine gun nest. Meanwhile his platoon leader was seriously wounded and Sergeant Iida

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was ordered to assume command of the platoon. Observing that the men were still held immobile by the concentrated enemy fire, he again advanced alone, located the hostile positions and heaved four more hand grenades into the emplacements, silencing the enemy weapons. By his fearless determination and outstanding bravery, Sergeant Iida successfully led his platoon in capturing their objective. Entered military service from Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

~~15th Inf. Regt.~~

DONALD K. SCHWAB, O1 290 315, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "E", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action, on 17 September 1944, near Lure, France. Meeting intense grazing fire, which burst without warning from a fringe of woods directly to his front, Lieutenant Schwab extricated his men from the attempted ambush and led them back to a defiladed position. Ordered to overwhelm the enemy line, he organized his men into a skirmish line and, with indomitable courage, again led them forward into the lethal enemy fire. When halted a second time, Lieutenant Schwab went from man to man to supervise collection of the wounded and organize the withdrawal of his Company. From defilade, he rallied his decimated force for a third charge on the hostile strongpoint, worked his way to within fifty yards of the enemy position and ordered his men to "hit the dirt". While automatic weapon fire blazed around him, he rushed forward alone, toward the key enemy machine pistol nest which had caused heavy casualties among his men. Reaching the enemy emplacements, he ripped off the shelter-half cover of the hostile firing pit, clouted the gunner on the head with his carbine butt and dragged him back, through a hail of fire, to friendly lines. His action so disorganized hostile infantry resistance that the enemy withdrew, abandoning their formidable defensive line. Lieutenant Schwab's gallantry and determination to carry on resulted in breaking a powerful German position. Entered military service from Hooper, Nebraska.

~~14th Inf. Regt.~~

EVERETT S. SIMPSON, O 405 521, Major, Infantry, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 28 September 1944, near Remiremont, France. During an attack on Hill "630", the leading elements of the 3d Battalion were subjected to intense enemy fire from both flanks. Major Simpson who was with the leading assault platoon, immediately ordered the establishment of a command post and aid station, then pressed forward with his companies. In the face of the hostile fire, he then set up a defensive position and moved from company to company to point out their positions and sectors of fire. While he was advancing across the fire swept area, he was seriously wounded by an exploding mortar shell. Despite his severe wound he refused to be evacuated by litter so that the other wounded men could be removed more promptly. While two aid men were assisting him to the battalion aid station, Major Simpson shouted orders to the soldiers he passed, encouraging them to push forward. Even at the aid station his first thoughts were for his

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men, and, while his painful wound was being dressed, he issued instructions concerning plans for a forthcoming attack. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

301 AAA Gun Bn.

REUBEN ALGAZE, 6 717 987, Staff Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", *** Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, from 24 February 1943 to 17 August 1943, in Tunisia and Sicily. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

307th CIC Det.

WELLS F. CHAMBERLIN, 36 359 266, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), *** Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, from 3 October 1944 to 13 October 1944, in Marseilles, France. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

30th INF

SAMUEL W. DART, 36 037 978, Technical Sergeant, Adjutant General's Department, *** Machine Records Unit, (Mobile), from 10 July 1943 to 1 November 1944, in Sicily and France. Entered military service from Oak Park, Illinois.

307th SIC Det.

WOODROW W. FRENCH, 01 998 090, Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), *** Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, from 3 October 1944 to 13 October 1944, in Marseilles, France. Entered military service from Collingswood, New Jersey.

36th FA Group

CLYDE A. LILLY, JR., 0 409 674, Captain, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Group, from 11 May 1944 to 21 October 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

307th CIC Det.

ALVIE L. McDUFF, 0 357 360, Major, (then Captain), Coast Artillery Corps, *** Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, from August 1944 to November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

IV - AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded by the Army Commander to the following units:

THE 46TH QUARTERMASTER GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY, is awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding devotion to duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks for the period 15 August 1944 to 15 October 1944, in France.

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THE 184TH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT SUPPLY COMPANY, is awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks, from 15 August 1944 to 15 October 1944, in France.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. G. Caldwell
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Colonel, AGD,
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Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal I
Award of the Air Medal II

I -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

HAROLD G. BAKER, 15 069 209, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 8 September 1944 to 18 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Bolivar, Ohio.

RICHARD H. CAUDLE, 12 207 775, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 8 October 1944 to 26 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

RALPH R. CLIFFORD, JR., 11 082 238, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 9 September 1944 to 19 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

CLARKE L. EARTHMAN, 6 263 756, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 24 September 1944 to 29 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

HAROLD G. RESCH, 33 160 726, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 18 September 1944 to 19 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH T. SIPKOWSKY, 35 029 797, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 7 October 1944 to 17 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Loraine, Ohio.

EDWIN L. SMITH, 13 059 962, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 1 November 1944 to 25 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from East Liverpool, Ohio.

GERALD L. WALKER, 35 155 375, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 31 October 1944 to 23 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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II - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

THOMAS VIRNELLI, 20 154 766, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 26 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Wakefield, Massachusetts.

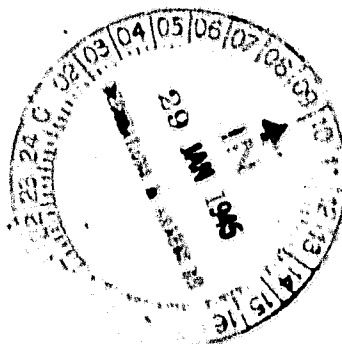
FORREST E. WAREHIME, 01 315 438, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 1 August 1944 to 26 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.	I
Award of the Air Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto	II
Award of the Air Medal.	III

I -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE NINTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

6th FA Group

ROBERT L. HOFFMAN, O1 176 669, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters; *** Field Artillery Group, from 5 July 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

AWARD OF THE SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

853d FA Bn.

ROLAND D. JUDD, JR., O1 174 905, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 July 1944 to 14 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Rogers, Arkansas.

AWARD OF THE FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

688d FA Bn.

CLIFFORD E. KINNEY, O1 683 313, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 4 July 1944 to 21 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

6th FA Group

JAMES A. ROMING, O 465.394, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters; *** Field Artillery Group, from 26 June 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Childress, Texas.

AWARD OF THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

86th FA Gr.

CHARLES A. HERBISON; O1 177 445, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery; *** Field Artillery Group, from 21 May 1944 to 18 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

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AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~630th FA Bn~~
WILLIAM P. MASLAK, O1 178 730, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 July 1944 to 17 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

AWARD OF THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

~~977th FA Bn~~
DANIEL E. RYAN, JR., O1 691 597, Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 23 February 1944 to 22 May 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

~~634th FA Bn~~
EDWARD J. SCHROEDER, O1 691 869, Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 April 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~976th FA Bn~~
RALPH L. STOTTS, O1 174 157, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 October 1944 to 26 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

AWARD OF THE SECOND AND THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

~~13th FA Brigade~~
DAVID M. KYLE, O 378 034, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Brigade, from 1 July 1944 to 15 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Florence, Oregon.

~~977th FA Bn~~
ERNEST L. MIKKELSEN, O1 172 548, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 February 1944 to 10 June 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~6th FA Group~~
FRANK W. COLE, 38 007 869, Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group, from 24 May 1944 to 7 January 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

~~50th FA Group~~
JAMES W. GOODE, O1 179 078, Captain, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Group, from 11 October 1944 to 2 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Clementsville, Kentucky.

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~~9380 FA Bn.~~

ERVIN V. JOHNSON, O1 172 094, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 4 July 1944 to 3 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Cedar City, Utah.

~~0th FA Group~~

HOWARD J. TREADWAY, O2 056 278, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Group, from 9 July 1944 to 11 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

~~13th FA Brigade~~

RICHARD W. BLAKE, O 445 899, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Brigade, from 25 April 1944 to 20 July 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from La Salle, Colorado.

~~15th FA Brigade~~

ALBERT L. CULBERTSON, O 516 580, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Brigade, from 7 October 1944 to 16 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

~~9380 FA Bn.~~

RICHARD H. CUMMINGS, O1 168 618, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 July 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Ames, Iowa.

~~79d Liaison Squadron~~

ROBERT S. DINGER, O 815 289, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, from 4 October 1944 to 30 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

~~900th FA Bn.~~

GROVER C. FOSTER, O1 183 069, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 August 1944 to 11 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

~~900th FA Bn.~~

LYLE S. SWEET, O1 171 791, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 September 1944 to 18 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

II - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER THERETO. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster thereto are awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

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~~877th FA Bn.~~
RAYMOND W. COOKE, O1 172 813, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "B", *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1943 to 9 May 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

~~89th FA Group~~
HERMAN F. ISELIN, O1 179 460, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Group, from 19 August 1944 to 4 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

III- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

~~880th FA Bn.~~
HERMAN G. GREEN, O 432 520, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "C", *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 August 1944 to 27 August 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

~~141st FA Bn.~~
GEORGE E. JOHNSON, O1 176 680, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 December 1943 to 2 January 1945, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

~~897th FA Bn.~~
JAMES R. JOHNSTON, O1 165 518, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

~~89th FA Group~~
CLAUDE A. LILLY, JR., O 409 674, Captain, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Group, from 11 April 1944 to 14 November 1944, in Italy and France. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

~~850th FA Bn.~~
RAYMOND V. SCHMITT, O1 174 966, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 March 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

~~850th FA Bn.~~
PHILIP J. SCHOOF, O1 182 246, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 August 1944 to 19 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Romeo, Michigan.

~~850th FA Bn.~~
ALBERT E. SEFERACK, O1 183 762, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "A", *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 September 1944 to 16 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

~~800th FA Bn.~~
DWAYNE H. SWOGER, O1 181 776, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 August

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1944 to 10 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

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Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
Battle Honors - Citation of Unit II

I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:
~~1st Infantry Regiment.~~

CARL BRAZEL, SS 267 713, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action, on 20 August 1944, in the vicinity of Callian, France. When advance elements of his Company were held up by a strong enemy force, Sergeant Brazel volunteered to make a forward reconnaissance and determine the strength of the enemy garrison defending the town. He crawled through top floors and across the rooftops of houses, pressing forward toward his objective. Although he became the target for rifle fire and enemy hand grenades, he continued indomitably on to complete his mission. When he reached a position overlooking the hostile defenses, he spotted an enemy officer; taking careful aim, he shot the officer and a soldier standing near him. Information which he brought back enabled his company to launch a successful assault, rout the hostile force and capture the town. Sergeant Brazel's extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Williamsburg, Kentucky.
~~1st Infantry Regiment.~~

RICHARD F. LINN, SS 549 472, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 24 October 1944, in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. Although seriously wounded when his organization was subjected to an unusually heavy artillery and mortar barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Linn, with utter disregard for his own life, coupled with unusual presence of mind, administered first aid to his wounded comrades. He refused to be evacuated until another aid man could take his place and thus remained with his platoon all night administering to their needs. Technician Fifth Grade Linn's admirable courage and exemplary devotion to duty were decisive factors in the maintenance of control and in bolstering the morale of his platoon during its initial engagement with the enemy. Entered military service from Decatur, Indiana.

II - BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the following named organizations are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action:

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Company F, 442d REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM.

Company L, 442d REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM.

For outstanding performance of duty in action on 21 October 1944, in the vicinity of Belmont, France. Assigned the mission of assaulting the flank and rear of the resistance which had stopped two frontal attacks by the Combat Team, Companies F and L, 442d Regimental Combat Team, designated the O'Connor Task Force, launched an attack down the north slope of the wooded ridge, Forêt de Belmont. Company L, leading the assault, defeated a security group in a short sharp action, capturing several prisoners. Then, by the prompt use of rifle grenades and mortars, the garrisoned houses just outside the woods were quickly reduced. The capture of these houses was an important factor in the success of the mission, as it gave the Task Force observation of the ground to the enemy's rear. To complete its work, the Task Force now had to interdict enemy movement, drive a wedge through the forces resisting the Combat Team, and effect a junction with the main force. Heavy casualties were inflicted by artillery fire directed by the Task Force's forward observer on the enemy positions. Then, assault groups began to clear the defenders from houses to the north of La Broquaimé. The capture of these houses not only divided the enemy forces, but made certain that large numbers of the enemy would be trapped between the Task Force and the advancing Combat Team. By mid-afternoon the Task Force and the Combat Team made contact, and what enemy troops were not surrounded were completely routed, thus bringing to a close a plan brilliantly conceived and expertly executed. By the next day the Combat Team had secured the high ridge which dominates Belmont. This ridge was both a protective arc around the recently won communications center of Bruyères, and an entering wedge in the drive to the Meurthe River. In destroying the enemy Main Line of Resistance and advancing the Divisional front lines by approximately two thousand meters, the Task Force captured fifty-six prisoners, killed eighty of the enemy, and captured considerable quantities of enemy materiel and equipment. The fearless determination, daring and intrepidity displayed by the officers and enlisted men of the O'Connor Task Force exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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1st. Signal Bn.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

* CHESTER A. BAILEY, O1 634 287, Captain, Signal Corps, Commanding Officer, Company "B", *** Signal Battalion, from 15 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

* WILLIAM L. CRIST, 35 153 196, Technician Third Grade, Signal Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Signal Battalion, from 18 August 1943 to 15 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from Ferrysville, Indiana.

* MILFORD EDEN, 35 003 551, Master Sergeant, Signal Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Signal Battalion, from 15 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Bellaire, Ohio.

* ROBERT W. HUDSON, 36 127 416, Technician Third Grade, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Signal Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Signal Battalion, from 7 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

* WILLIAM J. LAWRENCE, O 373 275, Captain, Signal Corps, Signal Section, Headquarters *** Army (then Commanding Officer, Company "A", *** Signal Battalion), from 15 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

* RAYMOND E. LEAVY, 35 003 245, Technician Fourth Grade, Signal Corps, Company "B", *** Signal Battalion, from 15 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

* MILLARD M. LOVEJOY, 35 003 730, Technical Sergeant, Signal Corps, Company "B", *** Signal Battalion, from 15 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Belmont, Ohio.

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* WALTER H. MAYS, 35 201 823, Staff Sergeant, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Signal Corps, Company "C", *** Signal Battalion, from 16 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Harboursville, West Virginia.

* RICHARD E. McNELLY, 35 154 656, Master Sergeant, Signal Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Signal Battalion, from 7 August 1944 to 14 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

* FREDERICK R. NIEMANN, 39 677 412, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Signal Corps, Company "C", *** Signal Battalion, from 15 August 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Southern France. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

* GEORGE D. SHAFFER, O1 636 635, Captain, Signal Corps, Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Signal Battalion, from 17 July 1944 to 15 September 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Missouri

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Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross II

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

141st Inf. Regt.

* CARL H. DORSCHER, O1 046 417, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 1 June 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant Dorschel, accompanied by one other officer, was assigned the task of reconnoitering a house, off the main line of advance, to determine the presence or absence of enemy forces. A short distance from the house, enemy machine gunners opened fire. Lieutenant Dorschel, with complete disregard for his own safety, charged into the concentrated enemy machine gun fire and, by the audacity of his actions, took more than eighty bewildered German prisoners. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr. Charles Dorschel, (Father), 1103 West 5th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

875th FA Bn.

* ROBERT L. ETHRIDGE, 34 572 054, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery "C", *** Field Artillery Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Thierville, France. While en route to a new position, the ten-man howitzer section of which Corporal Ethridge was a member became separated from its lead vehicle and was brought to a halt by a road block in enemy-held territory. Two men of the section managed to leap to safety from the rear of the truck, but before the others could follow, a hail of machine gun and small arms fire from concealed enemy positions effectively cut off their means of escape. Despite the savage fire, Corporal Ethridge hastily manned the machine gun on the ring-mount of the truck and returned the fire of the Germans. His accurate fire silenced a hostile machine gun and drew the remaining enemy fire upon himself, thereby enabling his comrades to safely withdraw from the bullet-riddled vehicle. A mortar fragment struck Corporal Ethridge in the face, hurling him from the truck. Despite this serious wound, he immediately climbed back to his post and continued to engage the enemy until he was fatally wounded by hostile fire. By his magnificent courage in the face of certain death, he inflicted an unknown number of casualties upon the enemy and enabled seven of his comrades to escape from what would have been a fatal trap. Next of Kin: Mrs. Floree F. Ethridge, (Wife), 538 East Twentieth Street, Rome, Georgia.

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~~744 Inf. Regt.~~
EMIL STEFEK, JR., 33 804 139, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on the morning of 23 November 1944, during a surprise attack on the German stronghold and communications center of Salles, France. When an 88 millimeter gun fired on his platoon from a concealed position, halting it and causing several casualties, Private First Class Stefek left cover to locate and destroy the weapon. Armed only with an M-1 rifle, he rushed ten yards through heavy sniper fire and assumed a firing position behind adequate cover of a water fountain. As the 88 millimeter gun fired at him from a range of only two hundred yards and a sniper's bullet lightly wounded him in the wrist, Private First Class Stefek engaged the enemy, dispatching two of the 88 millimeter gun crew with his M-1. When he attempted to continue his lone battle, his rifle jammed. With a third German running toward the 88 millimeter gun to resume fire, Private First Class Stefek had no time to eliminate the stoppage. With only seconds to spare, he dashed to a BAR man, seized his weapon, and returned with it to his position behind the fountain just as the German had completed loading and laying the 88 millimeter gun. One burst from Private First Class Stefek's BAR killed this new gunner as he was about to fire. Private First Class Stefek's bold attack on a strong enemy position disorganized the remaining German force in the town, enabling the temporarily halted troops to drive forward, eliminate all sniper resistance, capture large enemy stores and seize intact an elaborate trench and concrete pillbox system which the enemy had had no time to man. Next of Kin: Mrs. Grace Stefek, (Mother), Cedar Avenue and Main Street, Croydon, Pennsylvania.

~~514th Inf. Regt.~~
WILLIAM THURSTON, 32 996 506, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "B", *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 3 July 1944, near St. Saviour du Pierre Pont, France. During an advance on Hill "121, Company "B" was subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Thurston, moving forward well in advance of the company, immediately moved toward the source of the fire. After a hasty reconnaissance, he ascertained that the fire was coming from two enemy machine guns in a well camouflaged position on the side of a railroad embankment. Aware that his company's advance would be blocked unless the strongpoint could be neutralized, Sergeant Thurston worked his way forward through harassing fire to a point just below the embankment. Then, with a magnificent display of courage, he rushed the very entrance of the emplacement, firing his rifle into the position as he charged. The two enemy gunners were destroyed at their guns, and ten remaining crew members, demoralized by this outstanding display of heroism, surrendered to Sergeant Thurston. By this heroic single-handed charge, Sergeant Thurston set an inspiring example to his comrades, and permitted the company to successfully continue its advance toward its objective. Next of Kin: Mrs. Gladys Thurston, (Wife), 66-14 Woods Avenue, Woodside, New York.

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II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

80th Inf. Regt.

ROSS H. CALVERT, O1 297 494, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Infantry Regiment, (then 3d Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment), for extraordinary heroism in action. While leading a four-man reconnaissance patrol into Taulignan, France, on 28 August 1944, Lieutenant Calvert shot an enemy soldier thirty-five yards away. Immediately, nine other Germans in a position nearby opened fire on the patrol. Disregarding the bullets that cut the dirt all about him, Lieutenant Calvert resumed firing on the enemy, killing two more. Inspired by his courageous stand, his patrol succeeded in destroying or capturing six more enemy soldiers and clearing a strongly defended enemy road-block. From the advantageous high ground he had just taken, Lieutenant Calvert observed a large force of Germans moving into position on high ground two thousand yards away. When a company of his battalion began its attack on this position, Lieutenant Calvert led them as first scout in the attack. Having reached the high ground, he selected a vantage point and began to direct tank destroyer and artillery fire by radio on the enemy position. He zeroed in two concentrations of artillery fire and then fired air bursts. During this action, the enemy placed intense small arms and machine gun fire on Lieutenant Calvert's exposed observation post and artillery shells landed within forty yards. Lieutenant Calvert continued adjusting artillery fire on the enemy positions until the self-propelled gun withdrew and the rifle company commander decided that the Germans were sufficiently softened up for an attack. Company "L" then attacked the position, meeting little resistance and took eight prisoners. When the position was overrun, ten enemy dead, including one officer, and seven others badly wounded by the artillery barrage were found on the former German position. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Lieutenant Calvert during this action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

1484 Inf. Regt.

ELMER E. KOPP, 33 500 563, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 29 September 1944, in the vicinity of Doyciment, France. Sergeant Kopp was an acting squad leader in Company "F" during the unit's attack against a well defended enemy stronghold. His squad, the leading element of his platoon, was assigned the mission of advancing through a densely wooded area to draw fire from hostile positions and determine the enemy strength. As Sergeant Kopp led his men across a clearing in the woods, a hostile force suddenly opened fire forcing the patrol to take cover. Sergeant Kopp unhesitatingly pressed forward alone, drawing fierce bursts of machine gun fire as he moved. With daring aggressiveness, he charged forward in the face of intense machine gun fire and, with

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one skilfully hurled hand grenade, destroyed the machine gun, killed one of the crew members and wounded the other two. He then opened fire on the remainder of the hostile force, keeping them pinned down and covering his platoon while they crossed the clearing. By his accurate and effective fire, he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, forcing them to withdraw in confusion. Sergeant Kopp then rejoined his squad and, resuming his position with his scouts, led his men forward to successfully complete his mission. Entered military service from Denver, Pennsylvania.

~~111th Eng. Comd. Regt.~~

HERBERT A. LOREE, 36 173 672, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", *** Engineer Combat Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action. On 17 October 1944, near Tays, France, enemy troops, having converted a roadside house into a stronghold, halted the advance of friendly infantry driving on Bruyeres. Private First Class Loree volunteered to move forward along a road and clear a roadblock of anti-tank mines to permit tanks to move into positions favorable for firing into the house. Although the roadway was under direct enemy observation, he crawled cautiously forward, halting in a ditch from time to time to seek shelter from rifle and machine pistol fire. Reaching the block, he worked calmly detecting and removing six anti-tank mines. After he was certain the block was passable, he returned to the lead tank. The tank commander informed him that, in order to move the tanks into suitable firing positions, it would be necessary to proceed beyond a second block which was two hundred yards in advance of the block he had just cleared. Fully aware of the hazards of this mission, Private First Class Loree again volunteered, set out along the same route and, after being halted several times by hostile fire, reached the second block. Dependent wholly upon his own resources and without covering fire from friendly troops, he detected, and removed by hand, ten anti-tank mines, working coolly despite his knowledge that any one of them might be booby-trapped and detonate immediately. Returning a second time, he reported that the roadway was clear. Private First Class Loree's heroic actions enabled the tanks to advance and fire upon the house, forcing the enemy to abandon it and retreat. With this stronghold wrested from the enemy, the infantry troops were able to advance to position from which they successfully attacked the town of Bruyeres, France. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

~~18th Inf. Regt.~~

WILLIAM W. McNAMARA, 32 828 332, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. At 0800 hours on 15 August 1944, near Ste Tropez, France, as the first wave of invasion troops struck the Riviera beaches, Private First Class McNamara landed with a squad of ten men and successfully led them through a minefield in search of his company. Suddenly, a hail of fire bore down upon them from a German strongpoint in the wooded hills one hundred yards to the right. A force of approximately thirty Germans covered the road with machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire, compelling Private First Class

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McNamara and his men to seek cover in the ditches. When his men failed to follow him, Private First Class McNamara decided to go up the hillside alone and destroy the entire entrenched enemy force. Borrowing an additional eight clips of BAR ammunition, he rushed forward through sparse woods, his BAR blazing at the German force. Concentrated machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire came waist-high across his path, chipping the bark from the trees around him. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private First Class McNamara continued to rush forward, firing down into the prone shelters and killing Germans with fragmentation grenades. Desperate enemy elements threw "potato masher" grenades at him, but he charged to the heart of the German strongpoint and utterly destroyed it, killing nine more and capturing thirteen of the enemy. Single-handed, Private First Class McNamara had cleared the road of a numerous, well-armed and entrenched enemy force and had eliminated twenty-eight Germans. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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JAMES L. MINOR, O 406 993, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), Infantry, 1st Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 September 1944, in the vicinity of Tendon, France. Assigned the mission of severing a strategically important highway, Colonel Minor had almost attained his objective when he was informed that a strong enemy force had attacked across the road behind him, cutting the unit's supply and communications lines. In the face of heavy machine gun fire, Colonel Minor immediately called for an 81 millimeter mortar and personally observed and directed the fire of the mortar from an exposed position, successfully neutralizing the enemy machine gun emplacements. Although under heavy automatic and rifle fire from prepared positions to his front, and with the hostile forces delivering fire from the rear, Colonel Minor, executing a brilliant maneuver, withdrew his battalion under a hail of hand grenades and attacked the rear force, regaining contact with the remainder of the regiment. Entered military service from Tahoka, Texas.

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NOLAN E. MOORE, 39 840 775, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Battery "B", *** Field Artillery Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action on 19 October 1944, near Embermenil, France. During a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire at a forward observation post, Private First Class Moore volunteered to operate both his own radio and the radio of an operator from an adjacent battalion who had left his position to seek cover. Both of the forward observers were firing missions when the enemy again began to heavily shell the area. During this attack, Private First Class Moore, while in an exposed position, suffered a broken leg. Disregarding cover which was only a short distance away, he fearlessly continued to operate the radios. Realizing that the accuracy of the fire of two artillery battalions depended on his keeping communications open to them, Private First Class Moore, displaying magnificent courage and outstanding devotion to duty, remained at his post and did not make his injury known. As a result of his undaunted

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determination to maintain communications despite his painful injury, the two artillery battalions were able to deliver effective fire on the enemy emplacements. Entered military service from Concord, California.

315th Inf. Regt.

JOSEPH A. POULIN, 31 398 264, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "C", *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action from 4 July 1944 to 17 July 1944, in France. On 4 July 1944, during the fierce fighting preceding the fall of enemy-held La Haye du Puits, France, Sergeant Poulin was taken prisoner by the Germans and immediately evacuated to the town of La Chappelle-sur Vire, France. During the night, in the confusion attendant upon the enemy's continuing withdrawal from the area of La Haye du Puits, France, he escaped and contacted friendly French civilians. Through his excellent use of the French language, Sergeant Poulin explained his predicament and secured their assistance in making his escape possible. Noting frantic German efforts to establish a defensive line hinging on the key city of St. Lo, he decided to secure all information possible before rejoining his unit. For almost two weeks, Sergeant Poulin observed enemy troop movements and supply depots. Through his constant contact with friendly civilians, he obtained an extensive knowledge of enemy defensive activities. During the night of 17 July 1944, he slipped through the German lines and into an outpost of the Division besieging the city of St. Lo. Sergeant Poulin quickly divulged the information he had gathered. Through his keen observation, devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety, this Division was provided with vital information which greatly aided the successful attack on the city of St. Lo the following morning. Entered military service from Lewiston, Maine.

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PAUL W. STANLEY, 01 288 321, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry Division, (then Commanding Officer, Company "F", *** Infantry Regiment), for extraordinary heroism in action. At 0500 hours on 25 April 1944, Captain Stanley led his Company in an annihilating attack on the enemy near Carano, Italy, known as the "Mr. Green" Operation. Under orders to overwhelm a German company, reinforced by numerous machine guns and supported by tank and artillery fire, take prisoners and then withdraw, Captain Stanley led his men forward through heavy fire in a three hundred yard advance. When the assault was retarded by intense, grazing machine gun fire, Captain Stanley ran and crawled seventy-five yards to the nearest tank and directed the destruction of the machine gun nest. With shells bursting around him, he moved fearlessly along his two hundred and fifty yard front, encouraging the men and pressing the attack forward. Knocked off his foot by a close shell burst, he picked himself up, ran to his radio operator and, still under artillery fire, directed the destruction of an enemy tank. This accomplished, he led the assault which overwhelmed the German line, captured nine prisoners, and ordered his force to withdraw. One of his platoons became disorganized under artillery and mortar

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concentrations and ran into a minefield. Oblivious of personal danger, Captain Stanley dashed one hundred yards through shell fire to the platoon and directed his men to a prepared gap through the mines and barbed wire. As the withdrawal proceeded, Captain Stanley was knocked unconscious by concussion from a shell burst. When he regained consciousness, he searched the impact area for other casualties and, though injured in his side, proceeded three hundred and fifty yards through harassing artillery fire to rejoin his men and led them in completing the withdrawal. His heroism and determination made the "Mr. Green" Operation one of the brilliant, tactical successes of the Anzio Beachhead Campaign. Entered military service from Sanford, Texas.

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
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- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
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- Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star III
- Award of the Silver Star IV
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal V

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

144th Inf. Regt.

VERNON N. BLAND, O1 321 737, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 1st Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action from 26 to 29 September 1944, near Tendon, France. During this period, the 1st Battalion was engaged in bitter fighting for possession of a strategically important hill. On two occasions Lieutenant Bland was assigned the mission of destroying hostile machine gun positions which delayed the advance of the battalion. Both times he led his men in assaulting the positions, eliminating the enemy guns with a large volume of accurate fire. While Company "B" was advancing through a densely wooded area, heavy artillery and mortar shelling inflicted heavy casualties on the unit, wounding the platoon leader of the 1st platoon. Aware that the loss of a leader might result in disorganization and panic, Lieutenant Bland left his own platoon under the command of his sergeant and, fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, moved to the 1st platoon. He swiftly reorganized the platoon and led it to an advantageous position, inspiring the men by his courage and intrepidity. Later the same day, while checking his own platoon's position, he was killed by an enemy sniper. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr. Allen T. Bland, (Father), 834 East 9th Street, Tucson, Arizona.

180th Inf. Regt.

TROY E. HOTTINGER, 38 353 084, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 6 October 1944, near Fremifontaine, France. During a coordinated attack by enemy tanks and infantry, Sergeant Hottinger boldly exposing himself to intense enemy fire, adjusted mortar and artillery fire on the advancing troops, causing a temporary disorganization of the hostile attack. The enemy then launched another strong attack in which their tanks succeeded in penetrating both flanks of Company "F". As the enemy tanks closed in, Sergeant Hottinger called for artillery fire to be placed on his own position.

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Round after round landed within twenty-five yards of him yet he called for additional fire. Although he was finally hit by enemy tank fire which fatally wounded him, Sergeant Hottinger succeeded in neutralizing the enemy tanks while his company effected a reorganization at its new position. Sergeant Hottinger's indomitable courage and heroic sacrifice remain as a lasting inspiration to his comrades. Next of Kin: Mrs. Lois E. Hottinger, (Wife), Route #1, Dover, Arkansas.

1491 Inf. Regt.

FRANK E. PHILLIPS, O1 300 212, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 21 September 1944, in the vicinity of Remiremont, France. Prior to an attack on the enemy stronghold of Remiremont, Lieutenant Phillips and his platoon were sent out to probe the hostile defenses. Spotting a large hostile force, he led his platoon in a brilliant flanking maneuver and completely surprised the enemy. During the short skirmish which ensued, he and his men killed twenty enemy soldiers, captured sixteen and overran two mortar positions. Upon returning to his company, Lieutenant Phillips was assigned the mission of securing a ridge overlooking Remiremont. He led his platoon in the assault and directed them in capturing an anti-tank gun, its crew, and three snipers. Then, while trying to contact the remainder of the company, his platoon was subjected to heavy fire from several enemy machine guns. Shouting encouragement to his men, he charged the machine gun nest, killed two of the enemy with accurate rifle fire, and directed his platoon in capturing six more. While Lieutenant Phillips was reorganizing the platoon, he was fatally wounded by enemy rifle fire. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Dolia Phillips, (Mother), 3 Woodland Court, Lawrence, Massachusetts.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:
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AARON JACOBSON, 36 245 604, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 21 September 1944, near Luneville, France. While clearing out isolated enemy groups which had been by-passed during the company's advance, Private First Class Jacobson's squad was subjected to withering automatic weapons fire from a well emplaced enemy position, cunningly concealed in a railroad embankment. Two squad members were seriously wounded by the initial burst of hostile fire. Private First Class Jacobson, assistant squad leader, quickly analyzing the situation, dashed across the road in the face of intense enemy fire, scaled the embankment, and jumped into the enemy position. Striking with lightning-like precision, he bayoneted the enemy gunner. Unable to withdraw his bayonet, he seized a machine pistol lying in the position and shot the remaining three members

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of the enemy gun crew. Within five minutes after the initial burst of hostile fire, the squad had been reorganized and moved forward to rejoin the company. Private First Class Jacobson's extraordinary heroism reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maple, Wisconsin.

80th Inf. Regt.

JOHN A. KOSTRISAK, 31 342 929, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "E", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. At 0800 hours on 18 February 1944, near Ladiglione, Italy, during a task force thrust against the exposed flanks of an enemy salient which had penetrated deep into the perimeter of the Anzio Beachhead, Sergeant Kostrisak braved the intense fire of an enemy strongpoint in order to destroy an enemy machine gun. When his company was halted on bare, level ground by intense fire from an enemy-held position, Sergeant Kostrisak took his rifle and grenade launcher and rushed one hundred and twenty-five yards toward the defiladed enemy. Dropping to one knee, he fired three grenades into the machine gun nest, silencing the gun and wounding the two-man crew. This single-handed assault stunned the supporting enemy rifle elements who promptly surrendered. The advance was resumed, but the company was again stopped, under similar conditions, by a far stronger enemy force consisting of a heavy machine gun and numerous riflemen. While the remainder of his squad hugged the ground in an unsuccessful effort to escape the lethal hostile fire, Sergeant Kostrisak, unmindful of bullets which barely missed him, rose to a kneeling position and fired rifle grenades into the defiladed strongpoint. After he had killed four Germans and knocked out the heavy machine gun, two dozen enemy infantrymen surrendered. At about noon, when his company advanced toward a fringe of woods, it was subjected to a heavy artillery concentration and direct fire from the 77 millimeter gun and machine guns of a Mark IV tank. Although his Company Commander was killed and others fell dead and wounded around him, Sergeant Kostrisak rushed forward three hundred yards in a one-man assault on the tank. Scoring two direct hits on the armored vehicle, he forced it to limp into the woods, where the crew abandoned it. Displaying an audacity and scorn of danger seldom surpassed, Sergeant Kostrisak had made three single-handed assaults on strong enemy forces; he had defeated each of these forces, killing four, wounding at least two, and causing the capture of thirty of the enemy; he had prevented his company, which suffered ninety-three casualties that day, from being completely decimated, and had three times enabled it to resume its advance on its objective. Entered military service from Collinsville, Connecticut.

145d Inf. Regt.

LAWRENCE L. KUHN, 01 692 542, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "C", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 August 1944, in the vicinity of Valence, France. During an attack against an enemy-held town, elements of Company "C" were pinned down by heavy fire from a strong roadblock consisting of several enemy machine guns and

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riflemen. Lieutenant Kuhn, in command of the leading platoon, assembled ten men and led them, in the face of intense rifle, machine gun and artillery fire, against the enemy's left flank. When the intensity of the hostile fire delayed the assault, Lieutenant Kuhn swiftly led his men across the road and effected a daring maneuver to the right flank. He directed such a volume of small arms fire into the hostile position, that the enemy not killed or wounded were taken prisoner. After reorganizing the platoon, he continued to press forward to the outskirts of the town, but enemy resistance stiffened and the company was unable to penetrate the strong defenses. Lieutenant Kuhn then led a reconnaissance patrol across flat open terrain, which offered almost no cover from the sweeping enemy machine gun fire within the town, to determine enemy strength and dispositions. After the reconnaissance mission had been completed, the patrol was ordered to withdraw. When, however, he learned that his platoon guide had been wounded and was lying in an open field exposed to hostile fire, he immediately returned to the dangerous position and located the wounded soldier. Although enemy fire increased in intensity and numerous flares exposed him to hostile observation, he succeeded in carrying the wounded man from the battlefield to a place of safety. Lieutenant Kuhn's extraordinary heroism and brilliant leadership, in the face of intense enemy fire, resulted in the destruction of an enemy-held road-block and the successful continuation of the attack. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

III- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individual:

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PETER S. MASUOKA, 37 344 728, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 November 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. When his company was subjected to an intense artillery barrage, Sergeant Masuoka volunteered to lead a squad of litter bearers in the evacuation of several casualties. Exposing himself to terrific artillery fire, he skillfully administered first aid and evacuated the wounded. While working on a wounded comrade, Sergeant Masuoka was killed by enemy shellfire. Inspired by his courageous action, which was performed at the sacrifice of his life, his litter bearers continued administering first aid to the remaining casualties, successfully treating and evacuating all the wounded men of the company. Next of Kin: Mr. Harry U. Masuoka, (Father), 6-H-8-A, WRA, Amache, Colorado.

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

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ALFRED W. MILLER, 35 257 979, Corporal, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", *** Chemical Battalion, Motorized, for gallantry in action. On 1 November 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France, Corporal Miller led a wire crew through a heavily shelled and mined area to provide communications between a forward observation post and a mortar platoon. He then maintained the line for a period of twenty-seven hours, constantly exposing himself to artillery fire, mines and enemy patrols. Corporal Miller's actions were an inspiration to his men and reflect the highest standards of leadership. Entered military service from Freedom, Indiana.

442d Inf. Regt.

HAJIME MIYAMOTO, 30 106 254, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, in the vicinity of Bruyeres, France. Observing two of his comrades severely wounded and exposed to enemy fire, Private First Class Miyamoto, on his own initiative, left his covered position and dashed through a hail of enemy fire to the aid of the injured men. Under fire, he calmly administered first aid to these men. When intense enemy fire was directed against his position, Private First Class Miyamoto, with complete disregard for his own safety, threw himself over one of the wounded men, shielding him with his own body. Realizing that the wounded man was in need of immediate blood transfusions, Private First Class Miyamoto, displaying outstanding bravery, carried him through intense cross-fire to the aid station. Entered military service from Kawaiui, Pepeekeo, Territory of Hawaii.

442d Inf. Regt.

AKIRA NAKAGAWA, 30 101 215, Private First Class, Infantry, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. While at his machine gun post, Private First Class Nakagawa observed an enemy officer running for cover some distance away. Although fully aware that he was under the observation of several hostile riflemen a short distance away, he jumped out of his machine gun dugout and pursued the officer. Hurdling a barbed wire fence, he continued his pursuit of the officer, who was now desperately dashing toward an enemy-held concrete wall, and, with a flying tackle, subdued him. Covering his captive with his pistol, he brought him back to friendly lines in full view of the enemy. By Private First Class Nakagawa's daring and aggressive actions, his unit was able to obtain vital information from the enemy officer regarding enemy dispositions. Entered military service from Honokaa, Territory of Hawaii.

442d Inf. Regt.

FRED H. YAMASHIGE, 30 106 044, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. When the rifle company which his machine gun squad was supporting entered the town of Biffontaine, France, Sergeant Yamashige fearlessly led his men through intense 20 millimeter gun fire to a building in the town for the purpose of protecting his company's right flank and rear. After supervising the installation of the machine gun, Sergeant

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Yamashige, with complete disregard for his own safety, picked up a rifle from a fallen enemy soldier and pursued the fleeing Germans. Despite intense small arms fire, he shot one enemy soldier and wounded two others. Sergeant Yamashige's courage, initiative and leadership were instrumental in effecting the successful occupation of the town. Entered military service from Pulehu, Koahu, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

GORDON P. SAVILLE, O17 006, Brigadier General, United States Army; for meritorious service from 13 November 1944 to 26 November 1944, in France. Entered military service from California. *only*

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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- Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished-Service Cross I
- Award of the Distinguished-Service Cross II
- Award of the Silver Star III
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal IV

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

THOMAS W. BOYER, 36 573 515, Private First Class, Infantry, 3d Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. At about 1430 hours on 28 May 1944, near Iariano, Italy, Private First Class Boyer, an observer attached to a combat patrol, struck out with another man across one hundred and fifty yards of coverless ground to a strongly defended enemy-held house. Then, opening fire with his M-1 rifle, he shot two of the enemy. While enemy soldiers ran out of the building, Private First Class Boyer engaged an armored half-track at a range of fifteen yards, puncturing its tires with rifle fire, shooting at its engine, and finally dueling with the turret machine gunner and forcing him to cease fire. He destroyed four more of the enemy before he was hit by a sniper's bullet. Despite his painful wound, Private First Class Boyer continued his single-handed fight, silencing the sniper and holding off the enemy force in the armored vehicle and in the house until his patrol could withdraw to safety. Bleeding and dazed from his serious wound, he finally made his way back alone to his comrades, and then collapsed. Though assigned to the patrol as an observer only, Private First Class Boyer had assaulted an enemy strongpoint, destroyed six of the enemy, held off and damaged an armored half-track and, though gravely wounded, continued his gallant fight to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. He was killed in a subsequent action. Next of Kin: Mrs. Edith Boyer, (Mother), 7761 Navy Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES F. CONNER, 01 324 148, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "A", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 6 November 1944, near La Jaille, France. Lieutenant Conner led his rifle platoon in an attack on a heavily fortified, densely wooded enemy hill position. After an hour of fierce fighting, the platoon successfully gained a protective ledge fifty yards from its objective. The battle raged fiercely with the enemy holding desperately to their positions on top of the hill. Lieutenant

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Connor realized his platoon could not possibly hold their precarious position under the terrific mortar, machine gun, grenade and rifle fire unless the hilltop positions were wrested from enemy hands immediately. In the face of almost certain death, Lieutenant Connor charged forward past his lead scout into the enemy positions, firing his carbine as he moved. Gaining the cover of the ledge, he succeeded in killing several enemy riflemen and a two-man machine gun crew. Then, as he reached a point a few yards from the enemy's hilltop position, he was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Lieutenant Connor inspired his men to continue the attack with renewed efforts, quickly overrunning the enemy and gaining their objective. His outstanding courage and heroic sacrifice reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Fern Connor, (Wife), 442 West State Street, Geneva, Illinois.

II - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

AUDIE L. MURPHY, O1 692 509, Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action. Landing near Ramatuelle, France, with the first wave of the assault infantry, at 0800 hours, 15 August 1944, Lieutenant Murphy advanced inland with his rifle platoon until halted by intense machine gun and small arms fire from a boulder-covered hill to his front. Leaving his men in a covered position, he dashed forty yards through withering fire to a draw. Using this defiladed route, he went back toward the beaches, found a light machine gun squad and, returning up the rocky hill, placed the machine gun in position seventy-five yards in advance of his platoon. In the duel which ensued, Lieutenant Murphy silenced the enemy weapon, killed two of the crew and wounded a third. As he proceeded further up the draw, two Germans advanced toward him. Quickly destroying both of them, he dashed up the draw alone toward the enemy strongpoint, disregarding bullets which glanced off the rocks around him and hand grenades which exploded fifteen yards away. Closing in, he wounded two Germans with carbine fire, killed two more in a fierce, brief fire-fight, and forced the remaining five to surrender. His extraordinary heroism resulted in the capture of a fiercely contested enemy-held hill and the annihilation or capture of the entire enemy garrison. Entered military service from Farmersville, Texas.

GEORGE H. SCHULTZ, 20 808 836, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", *** Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 12 September 1944, in the vicinity of Vesoul, France. When an enemy force launched an attack against rear elements of his company's position, inflicting numerous casualties, Sergeant

Schultz, realizing that the battalion must be informed of the presence of enemy troops, left his fox-hole and dashed across an open field toward a telephone. As he ran, the enemy directed machine gun fire upon him from concealed positions thirty-five yards away. As he approached a log fence, he was hit in the hip by the machine gun fire and knocked down. Despite his serious wounds, he again started forward and crawled under the fence. As he reached the phone, he was hit a second time, in the chest. Sergeant Schultz called his platoon leader on the phone and notified him of the situation. As he was talking, he was hit a third time, in the arm, by point blank machine gun fire. He took the phone in his other hand, finished his message, and fell unconscious to the ground. Shortly thereafter, a platoon of six tanks and five tank destroyers arrived and directed point blank machine gun and tank fire into the enemy positions. As a result of Sergeant Schultz's magnificent courage and devotion to duty, the lives of the remaining members of his platoon were saved, and the enemy was prevented from overrunning his battalion's position. His heroism reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

III- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

SAN S. ASANUMA, 36 667 853, Private First Class, Infantry, 2d Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. When the carrying party of which he was a member was ambushed by an enemy patrol and two of his comrades were hit by a burst of machine gun fire, Private First Class Asanuma, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed to the aid of the wounded men. Although he was wounded by the intense hostile fire, he continued on, but upon reaching his comrades, he found them both dead. The carrying party, inspired by this display of courage, held off the enemy attacks until reinforcements arrived, then successfully routed the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

S. TOSHI FURUYA, 30 105 460, Private First Class, Infantry, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in Riffontaine, France. Observing enemy sniper fire coming from a nearby building, Private First Class Furuya, with no thought of his own safety, crept silently forward to the door of the enemy-occupied room. When the enemy started firing through the closed door, Private First Class Furuya, with pistol in hand, smashed into the room. Firing as he entered, he wounded one enemy sniper and forced the remaining seven into surrender. By this daring action, Private First Class Furuya was instrumental in effecting the successful protection of the attacking company's flank and rear. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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CHARLES M. TAKASHIMA, 30 101 468, Corporal, Infantry, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in the vicinity of Biffontaine, France. While manning an isolated machine gun outpost, Corporal Takashima observed an enemy vehicle approaching his position. Opening fire, he wounded the driver and captured the enemy vehicle. A short while later, he crawled forward a short distance into a sniper infested area and wounded or killed two enemy snipers who had been firing at his machine gun position. Corporal Takashima's gallantry and devotion to duty reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the ~~Bronze Star Medal~~ is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

JOSEPH DANDRETO, O1 691 515, First Lieutenant, (then Chief Warrant Officer), Ordnance Department, Headquarters *** Army, for meritorious service from 1 February 1944 to 14 September 1944, in North Africa, Italy and France. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

NESBIT L. DUNCAN, O 390 334, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, for meritorious service from August 1944 to December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Crozet, Virginia.

MOYER D. HARRIS, O25 129, Captain, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 27 October 1944 to 30 October 1944, in the Forêt Domaniale de Champ, Eastern France. Captain Harris, as artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion during its advance toward an isolated friendly unit, carefully, and with cool judgment, coordinated the efforts of his forward observers. Their accurate fire, adjusted with great difficulty, played a major role in effecting the rescue of the beleaguered garrison. His initiative, tenacity, courage, and devotion to duty were exemplary and reflect credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

JERO KANETOMI, 39 382 659, Private, Infantry, Company "G", *** Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France. When enemy troops attempted to assemble for a surprise attack against his company's sector, Private Kanetomi, the first to observe this movement, fired at the enemy, distracting them, and preventing them from getting into good firing positions. His firing also gave warning to other members of his unit enabling them to properly prepare themselves for the defense of their positions. Despite bazooka, rifle grenade, and small arms