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I—AWARD OF BRONZE STAR— Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

JAMES C. SIMPSON, 0367951, Major, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment Special Troops, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 6 August 1944 in the vicinity of Landiv, France. Major Simpson distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. As Assistant Division Surgeon, he gave first aid to casualties when the forward echelon command post was subjected to an enemy night air attack. Without regard for his personal safety, he coolly and expertly treated the wounded, undoubtedly saving the lives of several men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

J. T. CARROLL, 38089444, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Eugenie, France. While on a voluntary mission to evacuate a number of enemy casualties from an area which was subjected to enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Carroll, Litter Bearer, and a nearby prison guard were wounded. An enemy soldier in a group of prisoners in the immediate area had thrown a hand grenade. Disregarding his own painful wounds, he administered first aid to the guard. Not until arrangements for the evacuation were completed did Technician Fourth Grade Carroll consent to be removed to the aid station. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

WILLIAM K. MURRAY, 37190026, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of St. More Eglise, France. On 12 June 1944, the enemy began shelling an ammunition dump and scored a direct hit on an ammunition truck, igniting the small arms ammunition with which it was loaded. Technician Fourth Grade Murray, Litter Bearer, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas subjected to the intense enemy artillery fire and explosion from the burning truck to successfully evacuate numerous casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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**ERNEST L. McCALL**, 37155411, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of St. Mere Eglise, France. On 12 June 1944, the enemy began shelling an ammunition dump and scored a direct hit on an ammunition truck, igniting the small arms ammunition with which it was loaded. Technician Fifth Grade McCall, Litter Bearer, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas subjected to the intense enemy artillery fire and explosions from the burning truck to successfully evacuate numerous casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

**HERBERT H. RAUERT**, 37451483, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 June 1944 in the vicinity of Amfreville, France. When a seriously wounded officer was observed lying helpless in front of the lines, Technician Fifth Grade Rauert, Litter Bearer, volunteered to help evacuate the casualty. En route to the officer, he found a severely wounded infantryman and administered first aid to him while subjected to heavy enemy fire of various calibers. With the aid of another infantryman, he evacuated the casualty over a difficult route containing deep, water-filled drainage ditches. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

**HOMER B. TOWNS**, 18080271, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operation against the enemy in the vicinity of Argentan, France. During the period 14-16 August 1944, Technician Fifth Grade Towns, Litter Bearer, without regard for his personal safety, worked under continuous enemy fire of all calibers to evacuate innumerable casualties. His heroic service saved many lives and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

**DAVID W. ACKERSON**, 37172529, Private First Class, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of St. Mere Eglise, France. On 12 June 1944, the enemy began shelling an ammunition dump and scored a direct hit on an ammunition truck, igniting the small arms ammunition with which it was loaded. Private First Class Ackerson, Litter Bearer, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas subjected to the intense enemy artillery fire and the explosions from the burning truck to successfully evacuate numerous casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

**JAMES J. GERRITY**, 32531772, Private First Class, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of St. Mere Eglise, France. On 12 June 1944, the enemy began shelling an ammunition dump and scored a direct hit on an ammunition truck, igniting the small arms ammunition with which it was loaded. Private First Class Gerrity, Litter Bearer, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas subjected to the intense enemy artillery fire and explosions from the burning truck to successfully evacuate numerous casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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JOHN M. KUNKLE, 37190455, Private First Class, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division Band, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Argentan, France. During the period 14 - 26 August 1944, Private First Class Kunkle, Litter Bearer, without regard for his personal safety, worked under continuous enemy fire of all calibers to evacuate innumerable casualties. His heroic service saved many lives and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

GENE F. CRONMILLER, 0453473, First Lieutenant, Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 28 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

II--AWARD OF PURPLE HEART-. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

EMMETT CASSTEVENIS, 38098418, First Sergeant, Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

FRANCIS O. MOUSSEAU, 6932280, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Special Troops 90th Infantry Division, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on 2 January 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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14 January 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

\* EMIL T. BRAFIELD, 31197197, Technician Fifth Grade, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 29 June 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

\* RAYMOND G. FITTS, 31177387, Technician Fifth Grade (then private), 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 29 June to 29 December 1944. Entered Military Service from New Hampshire.

\* PAUL V. MOWREADER, 34399181, Private First Class, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 29 June 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

HARRIS C. NEIL, JR., 0358095, Captain (then first lieutenant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Mans, France. While the platoon was establishing roadblocks near the town, the lookout observed an approaching enemy convoy. Captain Neil, Platoon Leader, immediately organized the men into an efficient fighting force and halted the enemy column. Though unable to appraise the strength of the enemy due to poor visibility, he, at risk of his life, boldly advanced ahead of his platoon and demanded and effected the surrender of the amazed enemy. His intrepid and aggressive action aided materially in the capture of 150 of the enemy and much valuable equipment. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CHARLIE J. BERRIER, 34590058, Technical Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 November 1944 in the vicinity of Distroff, France. During an attack on the town, heavy enemy machine gun fire impeded the advance of an infantry company. Technical Sergeant Berrier, Automatic Rifleman, despite intense enemy fire and poor visibility, led a platoon forward and located the enemy gun position. Standing upright and in full view of the enemy in order to aim his automatic rifle, he fired into the enemy gun emplacement, killed one member of the crew, wounded two and destroyed the enemy gun. Technical Sergeant Berrier's courageous action materially aided the company to continue the advance and capture the objective. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

EDWARD E. DOWELL, 38626122, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 September 1944 in the vicinity of Mairy, France. When an enemy armored column attacked in force, Private First Class Dowell, Rifleman, exposed himself to direct enemy fire and immobilized the



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leading hostile half-track vehicle with one accurately fired anti-tank grenade. He then obtained a bazooka and, with his first round of fire, set the second half-track ablaze to block the advance of 12 additional armored vehicles. With further devastating anti-tank grenade and bazooka fire, he killed or wounded a large number of the personnel of the 14 halted vehicles and forced the remainder to surrender. Although he was killed in a later engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Dowell's intrepid feat will be an everlasting inspiration to the members of his company. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

III AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

CHARLES H. CARRAWAY, 01285379, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When enemy machine gun fire from a nearby building impeded the house-to-house advance of his platoon, First Lieutenant Carraway, Platoon Leader, led a small patrol to the rear of the building. Despite the direct enemy fire, he succeeded in throwing a phosphorous grenade through the doorway, forcing the enemy machine gun crew into the street where platoon fire killed three of them and wounded four. First Lieutenant Carraway then led his platoon and a demolition crew to an enemy pillbox, forced an opening to the fortification and captured its 15 occupants. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

DURNEY J. GREENE, 01316040, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When given a mission to neutralize an enemy pillbox, Second Lieutenant Greene, Platoon Leader, received a grazing wound just above his right eye, breaking his glasses which partially blinded him. Despite his inability to see clearly, he continued to lead his men and successfully destroyed the fortification. When an enemy machine gun fired on them from another pillbox, Second Lieutenant Greene proceeded 125 yards through enemy small arms and mortar fire to the position of tank destroyers and directed effective fire to destroy this strongpoint. Not until the position of his platoon was secure, did he permit himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

JIM J. RAB, 38155532, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While the platoon cleared the street of enemy to facilitate the advance of Company \*\*, Staff Sergeant Rab, Platoon Guide, observed an enemy machine gun position in a nearby building. Leaving three of the men to cover the machine gun from a window, he led the rest of the troops to the back of the house to destroy the enemy position. As he reached the rear of the building, the enemy fired point blank at the attackers and killed one man. Staff Sergeant Rab, at risk of his life, moved forward under intense enemy machine gun fire, and, firing his M-1 rifle as he advanced, gained the doorway to throw a hand grenade which wounded one of the enemy and forced the other to surrender. His courageous and aggressive action contributed immeasurably to the success of the company in the



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accomplishment of its mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

PAUL R. DOWDS, 33667061, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Inglange, France. During an attack on the town, heavy enemy machine gun cross-fire pinned down the lead platoon of the attacking company in an open field. Immediately, enemy artillery began shelling the area, threatening to annihilate the platoon and disorganize the company. Sergeant Dowds, Platoon Leader, realizing the gravity of the situation, disregarded the intense artillery and machine gun fire and, at risk of his life, advanced to a commanding position. He destroyed the enemy's flank gun with hand grenades and forced the second gun crew to withdraw. He then occupied the position and directed the platoon to the protection of nearby buildings bordering the town. His gallantry materially aided the success of the mission and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES W. HAMM, 33659579, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 in the vicinity of Butsdorf, Germany. During an attack on the town, the advance of a platoon of Company \*\*, 358th Infantry, was temporarily impeded by machine gun fire from an established enemy position in a building. Sergeant Hamm, Automatic Rifleman, at risk of his life, advanced in the face of the enemy machine gun fire, and, with accurate automatic rifle fire, silenced the hostile weapon by killing the gunner. His courageous action enabled the platoon to continue its advance and facilitated the accomplishment of its mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

LAWRENCE J. MILLER, 37171876, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Distroff, France. Under the cover of darkness, enemy troops placed a machine gun and four snipers within 50 yards of Company \*\*, protecting unit of the \*\* Battalion's right flank. At dawn the enemy opened fire at any of Company \*\* men who dared to move. Fully cognizant of the threat, Sergeant Miller, at risk of his life, moved into an open area, attracted the enemy fire and accurately located their position. Because of the enemy's protection behind a ridge, Sergeant Miller was unable to register effective rifle fire. He then called to them in German and told them that they were surrounded. Fully convinced, the enemy machine gun crew and snipers surrendered. Sergeant Miller's courage and quick thinking secured the battalion's position. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

VICTOR M. GABER, 37172603, Corporal, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a heavy enemy counterattack, the personnel of \*\* Company, \*\* Battalion, 358th Infantry were subjected to direct fire from an enemy tank. Corporal Gaber, Anti-tank Gunner, at risk of his life, subjected himself to the heavy enemy tank fire and disabled the enemy vehicle with accurate bazooka fire. His intrepid and aggressive action averted the probability of numerous casualties and aided materially in repelling the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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ARNOLD STEVILE, 37172419, Corporal, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a heavy enemy counterattack, the personnel of \* \* Company, Battalion, 358th Infantry, were subjected to direct fire from an enemy tank. Corporal Stevile, Anti-tank Gunner, at risk of his life, subjected himself to the heavy enemy tank fire and disabled the enemy vehicle with accurate bazooka fire. His intrepid and aggressive action averted the probability of numerous casualties and aided materially in repelling the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

BERNARD L. CLAEYS, 36583082, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, the progress of Company \* \*, 358th Infantry, was impeded by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox. Private First Class Claeys, Automatic Rifleman, armed with a M-1 rifle and hand grenades, voluntarily advanced with a squad of engineers to render protective fire while on a mission to destroy the enemy installation. At risk of his life, he moved to within 15 yards of the enemy and operated his weapon so effectively that the hostile machine gun was silenced and the engineers were able to destroy the stronghold with a demolition charge. His courageous action resulted in the capture of 4 enemy and materially aided the company to continue its advance. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

WILLIAM C. RHODES, 39419476, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, the progress of Company \* \*, 358th Infantry, was impeded by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox. Private First Class Rhodes, Rifleman, armed with hand grenades, advanced with a squad of engineers to render protective fire while on a mission to destroy the enemy installation. At risk of his life he moved to the door of the pillbox, killed one enemy with his rifle and silenced the enemy machine gun by throwing a hand grenade into the stronghold. This enabled the engineers to destroy the fortification with a demolition charge. The courageous action of Private First Class Rhodes resulted in the capture of 4 enemy and materially aided the company to continue its advance. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

EDWIN P. RUTHERFORD, 38682291, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the battle in the town, the platoon was unable to determine the exact location of an enemy machine gun position which impeded its advance and also prevented a patrol from establishing contact with the \* \* Infantry. In an attempt to locate and destroy the enemy position, Private First Class Rutherford, Bazooka Gunner, at risk of his life, moved into the street to draw enemy fire. He was subjected immediately to intense enemy machine gun fire and sought cover behind a fence until he located the enemy position on the upper floor of a house 100 yards away. He then advanced into the street again and, with accurate bazooka fire, silenced the enemy gun. Private First Class Rutherford's selfless and aggressive action materially aided the

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platoon and the patrol in the accomplishment of their missions. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

PELLEGRINO P. STRUMOLO, 42016514, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 November 1944 in the vicinity of Butzdorf, Germany. During an assault on the town, a numerically superior enemy counterattack separated elements of an infantry platoon from its company. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Private First Class Strumolo, Rifleman, voluntarily and at risk of his life, led a three-man patrol over 500 yards of enemy fire-swept streets, gained contact with the company headquarters and apprised them of his platoon's location. To avoid risking the lives of the patrol members, he again returned to the platoon alone and informed them of the situation. Private First Class Strumolo's courageous action enabled the units, though separated, to coordinate their fire and repulse the repeated enemy counterattacks. His gallantry aided materially in the success of the mission and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

IV--AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

CHARLES L. MARTIN, JR., 0325078, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Under cover of darkness, while bazooka teams were attempting to cross the raging Saar River in an assault boat, the boat capsized, throwing its occupants into the icy water. When First Lieutenant Martin, General Supply Officer, heard the cry for help, he, at risk of his life, plunged into the swift current, swam to the aid of an exhausted soldier and rescued him. His heroism was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
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~~I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR~~. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

FRANK R. NEUSWANGER, 0292889, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 30 September 1944 in the vicinity of Gr. Lotte, France. During an advance, one platoon of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, was isolated from the rest of the company by an enemy counterattack. Captain Neuswanger, Company Commander, organized and led a patrol at risk of his life a distance of 200 yards through intense enemy fire and reached the isolated platoon. Learning that the only available 60mm mortar had been destroyed by enemy action, Captain Neuswanger instructed his men in the firing of mortar ammunition from M-1 rifles. The improvised mortar fire was then directed upon the enemy at close range with such devastating effect that the enemy counterattack was completely defeated. Although he was killed in a later engagement with the enemy, Captain Neuswanger's courageous and exemplary leadership will be an undying inspiration to the men of his company. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Idaho.

THEODOR E. ROBERT, 01305315, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 July 1944 in the vicinity of Foret de Mont Gastre, France. During an advance, Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, encountered sudden intense fire from an enemy machine gun. First Lieutenant Robert, Platoon Leader, advanced 100 yards at risk of his life through heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and destroyed the emplacement with three accurately-thrown hand grenades. His gallantry permitted the company to continue its advance and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

GLENN B. HOLBERT, 37060026, First Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When his company's progress was interrupted by direct enemy machine gun fire, First Sergeant Holbert advanced at risk of his life through heavy enemy mortar, tank and small arms fire and destroyed the emplacement with accurately-thrown hand grenades. Returning to the company, he went from man to man and encouraged the unit in its resumed advance. Although First Sergeant Holbert was killed in a later engagement with the enemy, his courageous and exemplary leadership will be an undying inspiration to the men of his company. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

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ROBERT W. EDWARDS, 3718942, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Kerling, France. During an enemy tank attack, Private Edwards, member of the regimental guard platoon, observed an enemy tank moving to the right flank of his squad. He immediately secured a bazooka, advanced at risk of his life to within 50 yards of the tank and immobilized it by firing the only round of ammunition available. Then, despite intense enemy fire of various calibers, Private Edwards, while surrounded by hostile troops, directed effective mortar fire upon the enemy which resulted in repelling the enemy attack. Though wounded mortally in a later action, the courageous action displayed by him on this occasion was a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

DALE U. WATSON, 36687893, Private, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 in the vicinity of Nalmison, France. During an attack on the town, Private Watson, Surgical Technician, while proceeding with a litter squad to the position of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry to evacuate casualties, was warned by an officer to go no further because of danger occasioned by intense enemy shelling. Aware of the presence of casualties in the exposed area, Private Watson, at risk of his life, disregarded the admonition and continued to advance alone on his mission. While in the process of administering first aid to a wounded man, he was mortally wounded by an enemy artillery barrage. The courageous and selfless devotion to duty which he displayed was a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

PAUL E. LARSEN, 01318052, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During an advance, First Lieutenant Larsen's platoon encountered sudden direct enemy machine gun fire. At risk of his life, First Lieutenant Larsen advanced through the heavy fire and destroyed the machine gun emplacement with three accurately-thrown hand grenades. His gallantry permitted his platoon to continue its advance and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Washington.

RAE L. SIMONSON, 01293845, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 in the vicinity of Verneville, France. While making a reconnaissance of an unknown sector, First Lieutenant Simonson's patrol encountered sudden direct enemy machine gun fire from a nearby pillbox. At risk of his life, First Lieutenant Simonson advanced through the heavy fire and destroyed the machine gun emplacement with a hand grenade. Although wounded in this action, his courageous feat permitted the patrol to continue on its mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

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VERNON C. JORDAN, 01062331, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany, during the period 9 - 11 December 1944. Subsequent to the Saar River operation, fire from an enemy pillbox prevented the transportation of supplies to Company \*\*, 359th Infantry. On two occasions, Second Lieutenant Jordan, Platoon Leader, with two enlisted men, advanced at risk of his life through intense enemy fire of all calibers to the pillbox to attempt its destruction by explosives. Both efforts proved unavailing. Undaunted, he returned the following day to make another attempt, and this time, though prepared to decimate the stronghold, he demanded and effected the surrender of the 23 enemy occupying the installation. His courageous action in neutralizing the enemy pillbox facilitated the delivery of supplies without the impediment of enemy fire. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

JOHN C. PHILLIPS, 0887552, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During an advance, Company \*\*, 359th Infantry encountered intense fire from an enemy machine gun. Second Lieutenant Phillips, Platoon Leader, advanced at risk of his life through enemy artillery, mortar and the machine gun fire and, with effective fire from his automatic weapon, destroyed the machine gun emplacement. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

PETER STROH, 37169698, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When the platoon of which he was a member was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, Staff Sergeant Stroh, Squad Leader, armed with five hand grenades and an automatic weapon, infiltrated to a position behind the attacking troops. In the face of direct enemy fire, he threw the grenades, killing three of the enemy and wounding at least four. He then fired his automatic weapon, inflicting innumerable additional casualties. His gallantry completely routed the enemy and defeated the attack and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

JOHN I. VIGIL, 18119851, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During an assault on enemy fortifications across open terrain, the squad led by Sergeant Vigil, Squad Leader, was subjected to intense crossfire from two fortified enemy machine gun emplacements. Though Sergeant Vigil sustained a wound which resulted in his death a short time afterward, he gripped a demolition charge and crawled toward one of the enemy pillboxes 200 yards away, but succumbed when within 75 yards of his objective. His courage, selfless action and complete devotion to duty encouraged the squad to accomplish its mission and will be a lasting inspiration to his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

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AWARD OF FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and four Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fifth Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to:

GEORGE J. PESZAT, 01182938, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 915th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 4 December 1944 to 1 January 1945 as Artillery Liaison Observer. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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I--AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ JOSEPH R. MELLON, 01312491, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Conde Northen, France. While clearing the town of the enemy, First Lieutenant Mellon and his section intercepted an enemy armored convoy, immobilized many vehicles, killed several enemy and captured twenty. The section then cleared the town of enemy and established a roadblock on a main highway which was the last escape route for the enemy from Metz. First Lieutenant Mellon's small section repelled numerous enemy counterattacks and held this strategic position until reinforcements arrived. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ JOHN W. CURTIS, 34174135, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Conde Northen, France. During a battle in the town, Sergeant Curtis, Squad Leader, subjected himself to heavy enemy fire of various calibers in order to set up his machine gun in an effective firing position. Though wounded, he continued to harass the enemy with accurate fire. Not until the enemy was repelled, would he accept relief and medical attention. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

II--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ JOHN S. MILLER, 0391051, Major, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Malling, France from 9 November to 13 November 1944. During the Moselle River operation, Major Miller, Regimental S-4, worked day and night supervising the transportation of vitally-needed supplies and equipment across the river to the front line troops. Without regard for his personal safety, he remained at the crossing site for long periods of time and, by employing every expedient available, overcame the obstacles presented by intense enemy shelling

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and the flooded stage of the river. The courageous leadership displayed by Major Miller contributed immeasurably to the success of the Moselle River crossing. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

DAVID HICKMAN, 0384437, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St Leonard, France. When ordered to assume command and lead a rifle company in an attack that had lost its commander, Captain Hickman, Battalion S-3, was unable to locate more than five of the temporarily disorganized company. He quickly briefed these five men, fixed bayonets and led them in an attack while subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. So fierce and rapid was their aggressive attack, that the numerically superior enemy force quickly withdrew. The small group held their newly-won objective until reinforcements arrived. Captain Hickman's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

RICHARD L. PADDOCK, 01319857, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Buren, Germany. An infantry company was dispersed by heavy enemy artillery fire while preparing to cross the Saar River. First Lieutenant Paddock, Liaison Officer, traversed the immediate area of the loading site and despite the intense enemy artillery barrage, reorganized the men and supervised the loading of the men in the proper boats. His calm and courageous leadership aided materially in the transportation of three infantry battalions across the swollen torrent with a minimum loss. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

LEMUEL JENSEN, JR., 37118842, First Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. During the attack on the town, elements of Company \* were separated and casualties were sustained, including an officer who was leading two platoons of the company. Though wounded, First Sergeant Jensen reorganized these platoons and led them in the attack until other units of their company were contacted. He then assisted in administering first aid to the casualties, aided in the evacuation of the walking wounded and led a litter squad in evacuating a seriously wounded man. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

IVAN L. PEARSON, 36693646, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in operations from 8 - 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Itzbach and Dillingen, Germany. As Lineman during the Saar River crossing and the ensuing battle, Technician Fifth Grade Pearson worked during darkness, under constant enemy artillery, mortar and direct small arms fire to replace and repair communication lines severed by enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Pearson's tireless and courageous efforts materially aided the battalion's success in this operation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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III--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ LOUIS S. WHITE, 33394871, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malnaison, France. During an attack on three enemy pillboxes, Staff Sergeant White, Squad Leader, was wounded by an enemy shell fragment. Realizing that the company's strength was already greatly depleted, he refused to be evacuated for medical treatment and continued to participate in the attack until the company was relieved. Although Staff Sergeant White was killed in a later engagement, his courageous performance will be an undying inspiration to his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ JOHN P. CANNING, 01306379, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During a battle near the town, First Lieutenant Canning, Platoon Leader, was given the mission of driving the enemy from its position in a wooded area. Without regard for his personal safety and despite intense fire from an enemy machine gun, he led his platoon across an open field in a frontal attack on the enemy. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the platoon destroyed the machine gun nest, inflicting 40 casualties to completely route the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

EARLE R. HAMMOND, 37730324, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 and 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a battle near the town, Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, had the mission of defending a captured enemy pillbox. When the pillbox was subjected to a counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force, Technical Sergeant Hammond, Squad Leader, without regard for his personal safety and despite intense enemy fire of various calibers, proceeded from man to man and encouraged them to hold their ground. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the enemy counterattack was successfully repelled. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

✓ ROY J. HUNTER, 37172905, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Itzbach, Germany. During the crossing of the Saar River, ten men of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, were wounded by an enemy artillery barrage. Technical Sergeant Hunter, Platoon Sergeant, in the absence of aid men and despite continued enemy shelling, administered first aid to several of the casualties and saved the lives of four by applying skilfully-improvised tourniquets. Then, without regard for his personal safety, he reorganized the scattered company and courageously led it across the river with a minimum of casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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LOUIS O. JOOS, 37172403, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During a battle near the town, Technical Sergeant Joos, Platoon Sergeant, without regard for his personal safety and despite hostile machine gun fire, led his platoon in an attack upon the entrenched enemy. Accurately throwing a hand grenade, he forced twelve of the enemy to surrender. So effective was his leadership that the platoon destroyed the machine gun nest, inflicted 40 casualties upon the enemy and completely routed the foe from his position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

WILLIAM A. OWENS, 38146985, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During a battle near the town, Technical Sergeant Owens, Platoon Sergeant, without regard for his personal safety and despite hostile machine gun fire, led his platoon in an attack upon the entrenched enemy. By accurately throwing a hand grenade, he forced twelve of the enemy to surrender. So effective was his leadership that the platoon destroyed the machine gun nest, inflicted 40 casualties upon the enemy and completely routed the foe from his position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

EARL R. STAUFFER, 33494344, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Conde, Northern, France. During a battle in the town, heavy enemy fire from a nearby building impeded the advance of a machine gun section. Staff Sergeant Stauffer, Squad Leader, advanced under intense enemy fire of various calibers to the house, threw a hand grenade inside and routed the enemy occupants. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE A. WILLIAMSON, 32905983, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During a heavy enemy counterattack, the squad leader became a casualty and Staff Sergeant Williamson assumed command of the squad. Without regard for his personal safety, he subjected himself to intense enemy artillery fire, reorganized and placed his men in a strong defensive position and directed them in repelling the enemy counterattack. Though wounded, he removed a casualty to a position of comparative safety and later secured medical aid for him. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

WALLACE C. DOANE, 31425413, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While en route to the battalion command post, Sergeant Doane, Squad Leader, and a companion, due to continuous enemy artillery fire, were forced to make the trip through a series of communication trenches. Forced to another trench system which led to the command post, they were surprised and captured by 24 enemy hiding in the trench. Sergeant Doane discovered that one enemy soldier could understand English and, using him as interpreter, persuaded the entire enemy force to surrender. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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WIMPSON B. KENT, 34538769, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Kerling, France. During a strong enemy counter-attack, an antitank gun crew holding a vital roadblock found their supply of ammunition depleted. Sergeant Kent, Squad Leader, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun fire and brought the urgently-needed ammunition to the crew. Continuing to traverse areas subjected to heavy enemy fire, he carried additional ammunition to riflemen and to the antitank gun crew. His heroic service aided materially in the repelling of the counterattack and the destruction of two enemy tanks and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Florida.

BILLY J. RYAN, 34824237, Sergeant (then private), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mechern, Germany. During an attack on enemy positions across the Saar River, an enemy shellburst near a machine gun position collapsed the roof and buried the unconscious crew beneath. Sergeant Ryan, Ammunition Bearer, left a position of comparative safety, despite intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, and, with aid of a companion, succeeded in uncovering the unconscious men who would have suffocated beneath the dirt and debris. His heroism saved the lives of three comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

GEORGE W. SULLIVAN, 31430995, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7-8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Sergeant Sullivan, Rifleman, was given the mission of leading a small reconnaissance patrol to locate a crossing site and to determine the position of the enemy. He advanced with the patrol to the river, discovered a strategic place for troops to ford the stream and observed three enemy occupied pillboxes. Though subjected to small arms fire from the enemy, he led the reconnaissance party back to the command post without casualties and reported his findings. The information which he gained was of material value to the company in crossing the river. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

BILL BUCHANAN, 35881396, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Conde Northen, France. During a battle in the town, Private First Class Buchanan, Gunner, subjected himself to heavy enemy fire and maintained effective machine gun fire on enemy positions. Though wounded, he remained at his post and refused to accept relief and medical attention until the enemy was repelled. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

HENRY F. HUISLER, 38104400, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an assault on a strongly fortified enemy observation post, Private First Class Huisler, Automatic Rifleman, moved in the face of heavy enemy fire of various calibers toward the enemy position and fired his

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automatic rifle from the hip as he advanced. Though wounded, he continued to fire effectively at the enemy until ordered to the rear by an officer. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

HOLLIS G. LEE, 34494071, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Meckern, Germany. During an attack on enemy positions across the Saar River, an enemy shellburst near a machine gun position collapsed the roof and buried the unconscious crew beneath. Private First Class Lee, Ammunition Bearer, left a position of comparative safety, despite intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, and, with aid of a companion, succeeded in uncovering the unconscious men who would have suffocated beneath the dirt and debris. His heroism saved the lives of three comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

JOSEPH J. MAZEL, 31409358, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 13 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oudrenne, France. During an advance toward its objective, Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, began to cross a field that the enemy had heavily mined. Although others had been wounded, Private First Class Mazel, Rifleman, with regard for his personal safety, voluntarily preceded his company on foot and safely led the organization through the dangerous area without further casualties. His courageous action enabled the company to advance without delay and accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

RUDD A. SILVERS, 35548698, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 8 and 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany. As messenger, Private First Class Silvers continuously volunteered to carry messages from the Battalion Commander to the various companies, while subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. When a friendly self-propelled gun in the immediate vicinity broke an important part of its firing mechanism, Private First Class Silvers volunteered to obtain the part from the command post and deliver it to the firing position. Again under heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Silvers disregarded his personal safety to accomplish this mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

OLIN T. VAUGHN, 34514398, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When a strong enemy force attempted to surround the company, Private First Class Vaughn, though alone and wounded, fired his M-1 rifle accurately into the ranks of the advancing enemy. With cool courage he killed six of the enemy, wounded several more and single-handedly repelled the enemy infiltration of the company's position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

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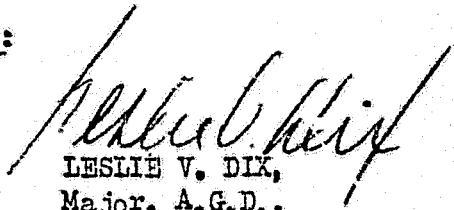
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✓ LEON S. MATELSKY, 42041478, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While en route to the battalion command post, Private Matelsky, Rifleman, and a companion, due to continuous enemy artillery fire, were forced to make the trip through a series of communication trenches. Forced to another trench system which led to the command post, they were surprised and captured by 24 enemy hiding in the trench. Private Matelsky discovered that one enemy soldier could understand English and, using him as interpreter, persuaded the entire enemy force to surrender. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

GLENN HUDDLESTON, 6297032, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Subsequent to crossing the Saar River with the assault troops, Technician Fourth Grade Huddleston, Surgical Technician, observed a wounded man lying in an area exposed to machine gun fire from three enemy pillboxes. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced through the intense fire to the casualty and administered medical treatment. Although Technician Fourth Grade Huddleston was killed in this action, his courageous and selfless performance will be an undying inspiration to all his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

JAMES M. HAMILTON, 0436695, Chaplain (Captain), 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oberluken, Germany. In an attempt to evacuate casualties, a carrying party was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire which killed two of them and prevented the rest from evacuating the wounded men. Captain Hamilton, Chaplain, cognizant of the danger involved, voluntarily led a litter team over the same perilous route and successfully evacuated the wounded. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CLAYTON L. RISE, 0517370, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Under cover of darkness, an enemy patrol, consisting of an enemy tank and infantrymen, attacked elements of the \* \* Battalion, 358th Infantry. First Lieutenant Rise, Antitank Platoon Leader, directing two bazooka teams covering a vital road, waited until the enemy was within 15 yards of his position and then ordered his men to open fire. As a result of his courageous leadership in the ensuing battle, the enemy patrol became disorganized and was forced to retreat. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

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THOMAS M. SCOVILL, 01315221, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 November 1944 in the vicinity of Metzervisse, France. During an attack on the town, First Lieutenant Scovill, Platoon Leader, led a platoon through a smoke screen in the face of direct enemy fire. The platoon destroyed four enemy machine guns, captured seven artillery pieces and more than twenty prisoners. His courageous leadership contributed materially to the success of the mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

SALVATORIS S. CARAVELLI, 37179180, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement from 9 - 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on the town, a machine gun squad led by Staff Sergeant Caravelli was cut off from its company by a numerically superior enemy force. The squad took up a position in the basement of a nearby building. Though an enemy tank fired eight rounds from its cannon into the building and despite the fact that the supply of food and water was exhausted, Staff Sergeant Caravelli refused surrender. On the third night, after he had disassembled the machine guns and hidden them in the cellar of the building, where he later recovered them, he led the squad safely through the enemy line and rejoined the company. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

MURDO MacDONALD, 37171975, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 - 20 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front became critical. Staff Sergeant MacDonald, Mess Sergeant, worked for ten consecutive days and nights carrying supplies of all types over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, a continuous flow of supplies was maintained. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

RUBEN J. SHADON, 35672818, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an engagement in the town, enemy artillery fire disrupted wire communications between a platoon outpost and the company. Without regard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Shadon, Squad Leader, advanced through the intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire to repair several breaks in the line. His heroic service restored vital communications, enabled the artillery to repel an enemy tank attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

CLIFFORD A. ZERR, 38094905, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 - 20 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front became critical. Staff Sergeant Zerr, Supply Sergeant, worked for ten consecutive days and nights carrying supplies of all types over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, a continuous flow of supplies was maintained. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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WILLIAM T. MERLING, 32218992, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany. From 6 - 22 December 1944, Sergeant Merling distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. During this period, vital communication lines between the battalion and the forward rifle echelons were repeatedly cut by enemy shell fire. Sergeant Merling, Wire Chief, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas under intense enemy artillery fire and located and repaired the breaks. By his courage and complete devotion to duty in maintaining constant communications, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the battalion in the accomplishment of its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

CHARLES H. DAVIS, 37154876, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 - 20 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front became critical. Technician Fourth Grade Davis, Cook, worked for ten consecutive days and nights carrying supplies of all types over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, a continuous flow of supplies was maintained. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

ROY VUKOTICH, 18097131, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 - 20 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front became critical. Technician Fourth Grade Vukotich, Cook, worked for ten consecutive days and nights carrying supplies of all types over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, a continuous flow of supplies was maintained. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

EDWARD M. DICKERSON, 35614375, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 - 20 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front became critical. Technician Fifth Grade Dickerson, Cook, worked for ten consecutive days and nights carrying supplies of all types over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, a continuous flow of supplies was maintained. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

JOHN W. CRANDALL, 35898439, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an engagement in the town, enemy artillery fire disrupted wire communications between a platoon outpost and the company. Without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Crandall, Rifleman, advanced through the intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire to repair several breaks in the line. His heroic service restored vital communications, enabled the artillery to repel an enemy tank attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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CHARLES B. NEWTON, 37491773, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 - 20 December 1944. Subsequent to crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front became critical. Private First Class Newton, Cook's Helper, worked for ten consecutive days and nights carrying supplies of all types over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, a continuous flow of supplies was maintained. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

BENEDICT J. PIEZA, 36721617, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany. From 6 - 22 December 1944, Private First Class Pieza distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. During this period, vital communication lines between the battalion and the forward rifle echelons were repeatedly cut by enemy shell fire. Private First Class Pieza, Wireman, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas under intense enemy artillery fire and located and repaired the breaks. By his courage and complete devotion to duty in maintaining constant communications, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the battalion in the accomplishment of its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

ELMER M. PILARCHIK, 32753598, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While stationed on the second floor of a house in the town, Private First Class Pilarchik, Ammunition Bearer, observed 100 of the enemy approaching in a surprise attack. He immediately opened fire upon the force, killing or wounding five. Continuing his fire, he, with companions, reduced the enemy to one-half its original strength. As the remaining hostile troops neared the house, Private First Class Pilarchik killed one of the attackers before moving to another building. There, he participated in an effective defensive action until reinforcements arrived to kill, wound or capture the remainder of the enemy. His heroic achievement was a major factor in the complete defeat of the enemy attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

JOHN J. WILLARD, 35893174, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While clearing houses of the enemy in the town, Private First Class Willard, Acting Squad Leader, advanced with his squad and forced the enemy to withdraw to nearby pillboxes. When the enemy opened fire with machine guns from these fortifications, Private First Class Willard subjected himself to an intense concentration of enemy fire and, with accurate rifle fire, silenced the enemy gun which was primarily retarding the advance. As a result of his action, he enabled the platoon to destroy all enemy resistance and complete its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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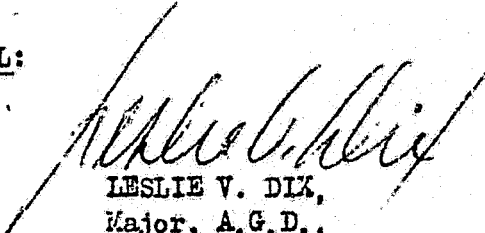
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LAWRENCE C. STEPHENS, 33806163, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany. From 6 - 22 December 1944, Private Stephens distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. During this period, vital communication lines between the battalion and the forward rifle companies were repeatedly cut by enemy shell fire. Private Stephens, Wireman, without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas under intense enemy artillery fire and located and repaired the breaks. By his courage and complete devotion to duty in maintaining constant communications, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the battalion in the accomplishment of its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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I—AWARD OF BRONZE STAR—. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

WAYNE E. JONES, 37491866, Staff Sergeant, Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gavisse, France. It became necessary to lay a traffic control line to infantry elements on the far side of the swollen Moselle River. Staff Sergeant Jones, Wire Chief, with two companions, crossed the treacherous current under heavy enemy artillery fire and strung a wire line to the infantry. His establishment of adequate communications expedited the transportation of supplies across the Moselle and materially aided the infantry to repel a fierce enemy counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

II—AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART—. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

CLEELIS C. CLEMENS, 0525488, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters Special Troops 90th Infantry Division, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on 3 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

JOHN H. HAMMOND, 37179589, Private First Class, Medical Department, 315th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During an attack on the town, casualties of the \* \* Infantry were in need of medical aid and evacuation. Private First Class Hammond, Litter Bearer, fully cognizant of the danger involved, advanced under cover of darkness through an area heavily mined and subjected to enemy artillery fire in an attempt to reach the wounded men. Though Private First Class Hammond was mortally wounded when he ignited an enemy anti-personnel mine while in the prosecution of this hazardous mission, his courageous devotion to duty at the sacrifice of his life was an inspiration to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

VERNON BATES, 38094806, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the early stages of the Moselle River operation, Technician Fourth Grade Bates, Carpenter, assisted in the construction of a raft and skilfully employed it in transporting vitally-needed vehicles and guns across the turbulent river. On one occasion when a boat capsized and hurled its occupants into the icy waters, Technician Fourth Grade Bates speedily maneuvered his craft to the drifting men and, despite intense enemy fire of various calibers, succeeded in rescuing three of them. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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RESCISSION----- I  
REORGANIZATION OF THE MILITARY POLICE PLATOON 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION-- II

I--RESCISSION--. So much of General Orders Number 15, this Headquarters dated 8 August 1943, Titled: "Reorganization of 90th Infantry Division", under authority, letter Headquarters Third United States Army, dated 5 August 1943, file AG 320.2 G-100-5, Subject: "Reorganization of Infantry Divisions", as pertains to the following unit is rescinded:

Military Police Platoon 90th Infantry Division, Table of Organization 19-7, dated 1 March 1943; Table of Equipment 19-7, dated 1 March 1943.

II--REORGANIZATION OF THE MILITARY POLICE PLATOON 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION--1. The Military Police Platoon, 90th Infantry Division is reorganized effective 19 January 1945 under Table of Organization and Equipment 19-7, dated 12 September 1944, pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, file AG 322 OpGD, Subject: "Reorganization and Redesignation of Units", dated 6 November 1944 and letter Headquarters Third United States Army, file 320.2 MP - GEMCC, Subject: "Reorganization of Military Police Platoons, Infantry Divisions", dated 15 January 1945.

2. Under the provisions of paragraphs 12 and 13, change number 4, Army Regulation 345-900 dated 22 June 1944, no initial or final roster will be submitted.

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I--AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE--. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, (dated 23 August 1944), a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

Medical Detachment, 357th Infantry, for superior performance of duty from 1 January to 31 May 1944. The medical Detachment of 357th Infantry presents an outstanding record of performance during this period. Personnel of the unit accomplished all duties assigned to them in a superior manner, exhibiting at all times the highest degree of military courtesy, efficiency, appearance and devotion to duty. During the staging of the Regiment in preparation for overseas movement, the Medical Detachment carefully examined each officer and enlisted man to determine his physical fitness for combat duty. Upon arrival in England, the Medical Detachment drew additional medical equipment and supplies. It was largely due to the untiring efforts of all officers and enlisted men that the Regiment, on the eve of the invasion of the Continent, was composed of men who met the physical standards prescribed for combat. The Detachment's meritorious service was in accordance with military tradition.

Medical Detachment, 359th Infantry, for superior performance of duty in the presence of the enemy in France and Germany from 6 June to 26 December 1944. The Medical Detachment presents an outstanding record of performance during this period. Personnel of the unit accomplished all duties assigned them in a superior manner, exhibiting at all times the highest degree of military courtesy, efficiency, appearance and devotion to duty. Despite its proximity to the enemy and constant exposure to enemy fire, this organization established and maintained an enviable standard in the skilful medical treatment and expeditious evacuation of all casualties at all times. The work of the personnel of the Detachment, over long hours and under hazardous conditions, was a material factor in the maintenance of the excellent morale of the Regimental fighting troops. The Medical Detachment, 359th Infantry, has an exemplary disciplinary record for the period, reflecting great credit upon the unit and the military service.

Service Battery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty from 1 January to 31 May 1944. Service Battery presents an outstanding record of performance during this period. Personnel of the unit accomplished all duties assigned them in a superior manner, exhibiting at all times the highest degree of efficiency and devotion to duty. During the staging of the



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Division for overseas duty, this organization re-equipped the battalion expeditiously and thoroughly in preparation for the movement. Upon entering the European Theater of Operations, the drawing and assembling of regular and special equipment for use on the Continent was accomplished with precision and dispatch. Due to the untiring work of all personnel and the enthusiastic execution of all orders, the battalion was fully equipped and ready for "D" Day. Service Battery achieved and maintained an exceedingly high standard of discipline, as evidenced by superior military courtesy and excellent appearance of personnel and installations. The Battery's meritorious service was in accordance with military tradition.

II--AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT STAR. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, dated 23 August 1944, in addition to the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque previously awarded, a Meritorious Service Unit Star is awarded to:

Medical Detachment, 357th Infantry, for superior performance of duty from 1 June to 30 November 1944. The Medical Detachment, 357th Infantry, presents an outstanding record of performance during this period. Personnel of the unit accomplished all duties assigned them in a superior manner, exhibiting at all times the highest degree of military courtesy, efficiency, appearance and devotion to duty. Despite its proximity to the enemy and constant exposure to enemy fire, this organization established and maintained an enviable standard in the skilful medical treatment and expeditious evacuation of all casualties at all times. The work of the personnel of the Detachment, over long hours and under hazardous conditions, was a material factor in the maintenance of the excellent morale of the Regimental fighting troops. The Medical Detachment, 357th Infantry, has an exemplary disciplinary record for the period, reflecting great credit upon the unit and the military service.

Service Battery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty from 1 June to 30 November 1944. During this period, Service Battery, despite exposure to enemy artillery fire, kept the battalion supplied with all classes of supplies and maintained continuous repair operations on all motor vehicles and tractors. This contributed materially to the combat efficiency of the battalion. Personnel of the unit exhibited at all times the highest degree of military courtesy, appearance and enthusiastic execution of orders. Service Battery's exemplary disciplinary record reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the military service.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

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FERNANDO A. GASPER, 31224824, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When a rifle company had been cut off from their battalion for two days, Sergeant Gasper, Battalion Runner, led a ration and ammunition carrying party through the enemy lines while under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, completing the mission during the darkness when it was impossible to see the route they traveled. Sergeant Gasper's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ CHARLES L. MARTIN, JR., 0325078, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 6 - 21 December 1944. During the Saar River crossing, First Lieutenant Martin, Battalion S-4, directed the procuring and delivering of supplies to the river bank. Despite constant exposure to enemy artillery fire, he personally led each supply train to the ferry site to ensure a continuous flow of supplies to the fighting troops on the far side of the river. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ JAMES W. CAMPBELL, 0435727, Major (then captain), Medical Corps, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 4 - 15 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, Major Campbell, Regimental Surgeon, conceived and effected plans for the evacuation of casualties and the delivery of medical supplies to the proper locations. Despite incessant enemy artillery and small arms fire, he personally supervised all operations, insuring the expeditious and effective execution of all evacuation and supply functions. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ ADRIAN LAXAGUE, 39712335, Staff Sergeant (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During the battle for Fort Koenigsmacker, an enemy sniper located in a building approximately 100 yards from the attacking infantry company, was harassing its advance with rifle fire. Staff Sergeant Laxague, Section Leader, voluntarily advanced to a position in full view of the enemy, establishing a mortar emplacement and, despite intense enemy fire, destroyed the sniper emplacement with accurate mortar fire. His heroic achievement materially aided the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

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THOMAS E. LOE, JR., 38103883, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Borg, Germany, from 25 - 27 November 1944. Staff Sergeant Loe distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Supply Sergeant. During the critical phases of fighting near the town, he worked night and day with the members of a supply party, making repeated trips through areas subjected to intense enemy shelling. His heroic service aided materially in keeping his company supplied with rations and ammunition and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

GLENN G. FOWELL, 37190072, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Borg, Germany, from 25 - 27 November 1944. Sergeant Fowell distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Armorer. During critical phases of fighting near the town, he worked night and day with the members of a supply party, making repeated trips through areas subjected to intense enemy shelling. His heroic service aided materially in keeping his company supplied with rations and ammunition and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

DOYLE NORDYKE, 38147184, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Borg, Germany, from 25 - 27 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Nordyke distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Driver of a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton vehicle. During critical phases of fighting near the town, he worked night and day with the members of a supply party, making repeated trips through areas subjected to intense enemy shelling. His heroic service aided materially in keeping his company supplied with rations and ammunition and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

NICHOLAS A. BARRA, 42016286, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 6 - 21 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the need for food, ammunition and other supplies at the battalion became critical. Despite constant enemy observed artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Barra, Driver, worked day and night to help deliver the vital supplies and enable the battalion to continue the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

MARTIN W. BINDER, 37047, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Borg, Germany, from 25 - 27 November 1944. Private First Class Binder distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Driver of a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton vehicle. During critical phases of fighting near the town, he worked night and day with the members of a supply party, making repeated trips through areas subjected to intense enemy shelling. His heroic service aided materially in keeping his company supplied with rations and ammunition and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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JAMES B. HANSON, 37169479, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 6 - 21 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the need for food, ammunition and other supplies at the battalion became critical. Despite constant enemy observed artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Hanson, Ammunition Bearer, worked day and night to help deliver the vital supplies and enable the battalion to continue the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

HUBERT R. HARTING, 18097142, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenon, France. The continued advance of assault units was impeded by harassing enemy fire. Private First Class Harting, Messenger, continuously carried messages from the battalion commander to the various companies, which necessitated traveling through an area containing remaining pockets of enemy resistance. Without regard for his personal safety, he delivered vital messages to their proper destination to aid materially in the reorganization of the battalion and the neutralization of the by-passed enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

RAYMOND E. JONES, 36876302, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany, from 6 - 17 December 1944. During the crossing of the Saar River, Private First Class Jones distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Battalion Messenger. Without regard for his personal safety, he assisted in reconnoitering a crossing site under direct enemy machine gun fire, led carrying parties through dangerous areas and made repeated trips through intense enemy shelling to deliver important messages. His heroic service contributed to the success of the Saar River operation and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

SAMUEL L. LOWACK, 38089968, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 6 - 21 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the need for food, ammunition and other supplies at the battalion became critical. Despite constant enemy observed artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Lowack, Ammunition Bearer, worked day and night to help deliver the vital supplies and enable the battalion to continue the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

DAVID J. O'HANLON, 33700067, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 6 - 21 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the need for food, ammunition and other supplies at the battalion became critical. Despite constant enemy observed artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class O'Hanlon, Ammunition Bearer, worked day and night to help deliver the vital supplies and enable the battalion

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to continue the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. OLIVER, 32677659, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom, France. The continued advance of assault units was impeded by harassing enemy fire. Private First Class Oliver, Messenger, continuously carried messages from the battalion commander to the various companies, which necessitated traveling through an area containing remaining pockets of enemy resistance. Without regard for his personal safety, he delivered vital messages to their proper destination to aid materially in the reorganization of the battalion and the neutralization of the by-passed enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

PASCUAL B. ORTIZ, 38094109, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 6 - 21 December 1944. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the need for food, ammunition and other supplies at the battalion became critical. Despite constant enemy observed artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Ortiz, Ammunition Bearer, worked day and night to help deliver the vital supplies and enable the battalion to continue the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

PETER POPU, 12187374, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom, France. The continued advance of assault units was impeded by harassing fire from remaining pockets of enemy resistance. Private First Class Popu, Radio Operator, without regard for his personal safety, remained at his post within dangerous proximity of enemy positions and coolly and accurately transmitted and received messages from the battalion commander. His heroic service aided materially in the neutralization of the by-passed enemy and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

HAROLD TACKETT, 35772721, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom, France. The continued advance of assault units was impeded by harassing enemy fire. Private First Class Tackett, Messenger, continuously carried messages from the battalion commander to the various companies, which necessitated traveling through an area containing remaining pockets of enemy resistance. Without regard for his personal safety, he delivered vital messages to their proper destination to aid materially in the reorganization of the battalion and the neutralization of the by-passed enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

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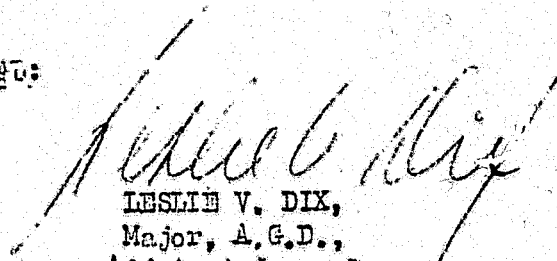
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WILLIAM S. CUNNINGHAM, JR, 34457341, Private, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 September 1944 in the vicinity of Mairy, France. When a battalion of the 358th Infantry halted the advance of an enemy armored column attempting to move through the town, word was received that enemy wounded were in need of evacuation. Private Cunningham, Litter Bearer, voluntarily drove a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle through heavy enemy fire of various calibers and, with aid of a companion, evacuated 15 wounded enemy soldiers to an area of comparative safety. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

LEROY DOUCET, 6233069, Technician Fourth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rehlingen, Germany. During the period 5 - 22 December 1944, Technician Fourth Grade Doucet, Artillery Mechanic, distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Platoon Communications Sergeant. Despite heavy observed enemy fire, he maintained adequate communications between his platoon and the command post of the \* \* Battalion, \* \* Infantry, and among the various gun positions of his platoon. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

JOHN H. BUSCH, 37406670, Private First Class, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rehlingen, Germany. During the period 5 - 22 December 1944, Private First Class Busch distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. While his platoon supported the \* \* Battalion, \* \* Infantry, in an operation, Private First Class Busch, Telephone Operator, acted as a forward observer. Despite heavy enemy fire of various calibers, he directed accurate machine gun fire which effectively silenced several enemy machine gun positions. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

RICHARD C. LEWIS, 38310440, Private First Class (then private), Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rehlingen, Germany. During the period 5 - 22 December 1944, Private First Class Lewis distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. As Switchboard Operator, he maintained adequate communications between the various gun positions of his platoon while subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. He, with a companion, also located and repaired numerous breaks in wire lines. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

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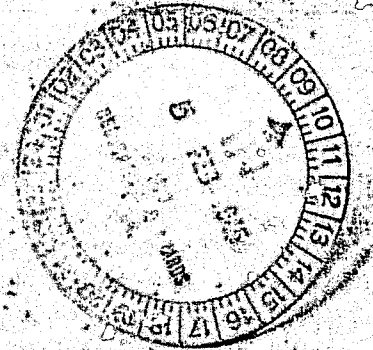
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

HAROLD HOLMES, 36328020, Sergeant, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 27 July 1944 in the vicinity of Periers, France. During an attack against the enemy, the leading tank was completely demolished by enemy mines. Sergeant Holmes, Tank Commander of a nearby tank, advanced to the wreckage and extricated an infantryman from beneath the armored vehicle. Despite the enemy fire directed at him, he then rescued two men trapped within the wreckage. His heroic service saved the lives of the two men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

ROBERT E. ANDERSON, 36005035, Technician Fourth Grade, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy during the period 9 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When the tanks of a platoon were mired in the marshy soil on the far side of the Saar River, Technician Fourth Grade Anderson, Tank Driver, with companions, subjected himself to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and labored arduously to retrieve the tanks. His untiring efforts and complete devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the tanks and in enabling the platoon to accomplish its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

LEWIS N. MILLER, 39026626, Corporal, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the evacuation across the Saar River, Corporal Miller, Tank Gunner, volunteered to destroy a friendly tank immobilized within 200 yards of the enemy front lines. Waiting until all infantry troops had moved out, he ignited two thermite grenades within the tank, setting it ablaze. Although the light from the burning tank exposed him to direct enemy fire, he was able to safely rejoin his unit across the river. His heroic achievement prevented the enemy from capturing valuable equipment and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

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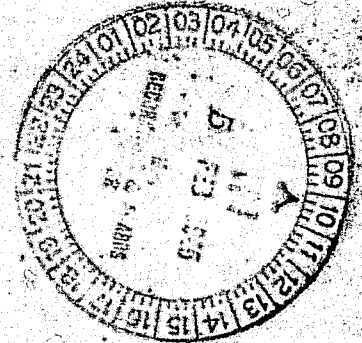
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I--AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

DAVID HICKMAN, 0384437, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany, during the period 13-14 December 1944. After assuming command of the \* \* Battalion, 359th Infantry, when the Battalion Commander was killed, Captain Hickman, Battalion S-3, personally planned and supervised an attack against an enemy pillbox. This resulted in the destruction of the fortification and the capture of 40 prisoners. The following day, accompanied by a runner, he advanced in full view of the foe over areas subjected to intense enemy fire to contact the \* \* Battalion, which enabled the two battalions to consolidate their lines and make their positions more secure. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

II--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JOHN C. BERRY, 37107644, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When the platoon's supply of 81mm mortar ammunition was depleted, Technical Sergeant Berry, Platoon Sergeant, voluntarily made a reconnaissance and located an ammunition dump in an area subjected to heavy enemy observed artillery fire. He organized a detail, led the party to the dump and delivered the necessary ammunition to the platoon. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

JOSEPH W. HARLIN, 14006943, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When Technical Sergeant Harlin, Platoon Sergeant, returned to his company with rations and reinforcements, he found it subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. He immediately organized his men and led them in an attack on both flanks of the enemy spearhead. Technical Sergeant Harlin's quick thinking and courageous leadership were instrumental in halting the enemy attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

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✓ SAMUEL F. CONTE, 36831480, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Conte, Messenger, and a companion, under heavy enemy fire of various calibers, guided litter teams from the battalion command post to the company command post over a route containing many booby traps. On one trip a booby trap exploded and wounded all four members of a litter team, but Private First Class Conte, and his comrade, administered first aid to the casualties and evacuated them. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ RUSSELL K. LIND, 37172029, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St Leonard, France. During an attack on the town, vital wire communication lines were repeatedly cut by enemy shellfire. Private First Class Lind, Messenger, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to intense enemy fire while he reconnoitered the wire lines and repaired the breaks. His courageous actions and complete devotion to duty made continuous mortar support fire possible, materially aiding the battalion's accomplishment of its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

III--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ HAROLD D. MARBLE, 36703442, Corporal, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement near the town, it became necessary to establish a mortar in a position exposed to concentrated enemy artillery barrage. Corporal Marble, Mortar Gunner, advanced to the position and quickly set up the gun. Although he was killed shortly afterward by an enemy shellburst, his courageous act permitted his squad to deliver immediate and accurate fire upon the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ EDWIN A. DEPTULA, 31278589, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. The \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry, was subjected to an enemy armored attack. Private First Class Deptula, Cannoneer, without regard for his personal safety and despite enemy fire of various calibers, remained in a forward position and immobilized an enemy tank with accurate bazooka fire. Though he was mortally wounded in a later engagement with the enemy, his courageous act will be an everlasting inspiration to all his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

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WALTON L. HAHN, 0470087, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on the town, a soldier became a casualty and was lying in an area subjected to intense enemy fire of various calibers. Second Lieutenant Hahn, Platoon Leader, without regard for his personal safety, crawled 75 yards to the wounded man and saved his life by administering first aid. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

SUFFORD L. BENFIELD, 18080475, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oudronne, France. Two infantry platoons became separated from the remainder of the company and surrounded by a numerically superior enemy force. Staff Sergeant Benfield, Squad Leader, led a patrol through the enemy lines for a distance of approximately three miles and contacted the company Command post. He then returned to the surrounded platoons and safely guided them through the foe's lines to their unit. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

LOYD K. CLARK, 381, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When the position of an infantry battalion was subjected to a counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force, Staff Sergeant Clark, Light Machine Gunner, repositioned himself to positions in full view of the enemy and, despite intense enemy fire, efficiently directed accurate machine gun fire on the enemy. His heroic achievement aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

EDON F. CULP, 37138641, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When the command post of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, Staff Sergeant Culp organized his squad and directed fire upon the advancing enemy. Though painfully wounded in this operation, he refused medical attention and continued to personally inflict heavy casualties upon the enemy. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the enemy attack was successfully repelled. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

LEE J. HALLAM, 18097161, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St Leonard, France. During an attack on the town, the advance of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, was impeded by intense enemy artillery and tank fire. Staff Sergeant Hallam, Squad Leader, acting as a mortar observer, subjected himself to the enemy fire while he remained at the exposed position and directed accurate mortar fire upon the enemy tanks and infantrymen. By his courageous action and devotion to duty, the attention of the enemy was diverted, which materially aided the company in making a flanking movement and enabled the friendly infantrymen to repel an enemy counterattack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Utah.

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✓ CLEVELAND L. HORTON, 3108048, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A numerically superior enemy force of infantrymen launched a counterattack against Company \*\*, 359th Infantry. Staff Sergeant Horton, Mortar Section Leader, without regard for his personal safety and despite intense enemy small arms fire, crawled from a place of comparative safety and fired his mortar with such accuracy that many of the enemy were killed, and the remainder forced into a disorganized retreat. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

✓ ALVIN E. MEDFORD, 38146718, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry, was subjected to an enemy armored attack, Staff Sergeant Medford, Squad Leader, without regard for his personal safety and despite enemy fire of various calibers, immobilized several enemy armored vehicles by skilfully directing accurate antitank gun fire from a dangerously-exposed position. His heroic service aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

✓ THEODORE E. SCHEIBLE, 33325893, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack supported by intense artillery fire, heavy casualties were sustained in the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry. Staff Sergeant Scheible, Section Leader, with three companions, voluntarily subjected himself to the continued enemy barrage and aided in moving the wounded to the comparative safety of a communication trench where first aid was administered and the casualties evacuated. Staff Sergeant Scheible's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ JAMES E. DUNCAN, 38538370, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River crossing and landing operation, the weapons platoon of Company \*\* suffered numerous casualties, including the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. Immediately, Sergeant Duncan, Mortar Gunner, reorganized the small remaining force under heavy enemy fire and continued to advance. The initiative and leadership of Sergeant Duncan were instrumental in fulfilling the company's need for support fire. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ PAUL J. KLIMOWICZ, 33700054, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Klimowicz, Assistant Squad Leader, observed one of his men lying wounded, on the extreme flank of the defensive position. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced through heavy enemy fire to reach and administer first aid to the casualty. He then held his position and fired his rifle with such effectiveness that the enemy was unable to flank the company's position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ **WALTER J. SCHNEIDER**, 32839094, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 11 September 1944 in the vicinity of Audun-le-Roman, France. Preparatory to an attack on the enemy-held town, Sergeant Schneider, Squad Leader, led a patrol to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy. While in the execution of this mission, he located several enemy machine gun emplacements and directed the capture of four enemy soldiers. The information obtained by Sergeant Schneider on this reconnaissance enabled his company to advance into the town without casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ **JOSEPH J. HENSEL**, 37172673, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 15 - 20 December 1944. When vehicles carrying urgently needed supplies and ammunition were disabled, Technician Fourth Grade Hensel, Mechanic, voluntarily exposed himself in areas subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and repaired the vehicles. Working under enemy observation during the day and again in complete darkness during the night, he performed his duties expeditiously and expertly, assuring a continuous flow of supplies to the front lines. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ **ARNOLD R. JOHNSON**, 36703589, Corporal, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Corporal Johnson, Mortar Gunner, while executing a fire mission was stunned and thrown to the ground by the impact of a nearby enemy shellburst. Upon regaining his equilibrium, he immediately returned to his gun position and completed the fire mission, though suffering from concussion. His heroic service aided materially in repelling the enemy counterattack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ **ARTHUR P. LINDEN**, 37153827, Corporal, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry, was subjected to an enemy armored attack, Corporal Linden, Antitank Gunner, without regard for his personal safety, remained at his post and fired a 57mm antitank gun so effectively that he immobilized two enemy tanks and several vehicles. His heroic service aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

✓ **CLARENCE P. RUTHERFORD**, 37171173, Corporal, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St Leonard, France. During an attack, Corporal Rutherford, Transportation Corporal, led his motorized ammunition party over a route subjected to heavy enemy artillery and tank fire and delivered ammunition to a platoon. He then led his vehicles over the same hazardous road and transported ammunition to the mortar section of the platoon. His courageous action enabled the platoon to continue to render valuable support fire to the battalion. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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BREWSTER R. DOLPHIN, 37112030, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 15 - 20 December 1944. When vehicles carrying urgently-needed supplies and ammunition were disabled, Technician Fifth Grade Dolphin, Mechanic, voluntarily exposed himself in areas subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and repaired the vehicles. Working under enemy observation during the day and again in complete darkness during the night, he performed his duties expeditiously and expertly, assuring a continuous flow of supplies to the front lines. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

HAROLD B. HAMILTON, 37132236, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 15 - 20 December 1944. When vehicles carrying urgently-needed supplies and ammunition were disabled, Technician Fifth Grade Hamilton, Mechanic, voluntarily exposed himself in areas subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and repaired the vehicles. Working under enemy observation during the day and again in complete darkness during the night, he performed his duties expeditiously and expertly, assuring a continuous flow of supplies to the front lines. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

ROBERT R. ANDERSON, 35883793, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During an advance in the town, a rifle platoon was subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy small arms fire which wounded one man. Private First Class Anderson, Rifleman, without regard for his personal safety, made his way to the wounded man under the continued enemy fire and succeeded in administering first aid. On the way to his foxhole, Private First Class Anderson was wounded seriously. His heroic achievement saved the life of a wounded man and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

ELMER B. BAX, 37515091, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack supported by intense artillery fire, heavy casualties were sustained in the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry. Private First Class Bax, Machine Gunner, with three companions, voluntarily subjected himself to the continued enemy barrage and aided in moving the wounded to the comparative safety of a communication trench where first aid was administered and the casualties evacuated. Private First Class Bax's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

WILLIAM DICKINSON, JR., 34705890, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Dickinson, Messenger, and a companion, under heavy enemy fire of various calibers, guided litter teams from the battalion command post to the company command post over a route containing many booby traps. On one trip, a booby trap exploded and wounded all four members of a litter team, but Private First Class Dickinson, and his comrade, administered first aid to the casualties

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and evacuated them. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

ROGER J. MAILLOUX, 31454458, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When an enemy counterattack was anticipated, Private First Class Mailloux, Rifleman, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, occupied a position subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in order to observe enemy movements. Though wounded, he remained at his post as an observer and refused medical attention until all danger of the counterattack had passed. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

ARNOLD F. NELSON, 37172043, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry, was subjected to an enemy armored attack, Private First Class Nelson, Cannoneer, without regard for his personal safety and despite enemy fire of various calibers, remained in a forward position and immobilized an enemy tank with accurate bazooka fire. His heroic service aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

MAX Y. PARKER, 37107861, Private First Class, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack supported by intense artillery fire, heavy casualties were sustained in the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry. Private First Class Parker, Aid Man, with three companions, voluntarily subjected himself to the continued enemy barrage and aided in moving the wounded to the comparative safety of a communication trench where first aid was administered and the casualties evacuated. Private First Class Parker's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

ARTHUR T. PAYNE, 36713778, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack supported by intense artillery fire, heavy casualties were sustained in the \*\* Battalion, 359th Infantry. Private First Class Payne, Mortar Gunner, with three companions, voluntarily subjected himself to the continued enemy barrage and aided in moving the wounded to the comparative safety of a communication trench where first aid was administered and the casualties evacuated. Private First Class Payne's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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✓ JACK C. PULFORD, 6291468, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy during the period 15 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, it was difficult to maintain an adequate flow of supplies to the 359th Infantry Regiment on the far side of the river. Private First Class Pulford, Truck Driver, voluntarily drove a truck over a road subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and transported the critically-needed supplies and ammunition to the ferry site on the west bank of the Saar. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

✓ MORRIS W. QUICK, 38510111, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 September 1944 in the vicinity of Gravlotte, France. During an enemy artillery and mortar barrage, an infantry company sustained several casualties. Private First Class Quick, Rifleman, with an aid man, voluntarily advanced 300 feet through intense enemy fire and, after administering first aid to two wounded men, evacuated them to an area of comparative safety. His heroic achievement saved the lives of two soldiers and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

✓ LEONARD J. RILEY, 37107835, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 17 June 1944 in the vicinity of Ste. Colombe, France. When an enemy counterattack threatened to overrun his position, Private First Class Riley, Mortar Gunner, despite heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, remained alone at his post and, with accurate mortar fire, silenced several enemy machine guns. His heroic service enabled the rifle units to continue their advance and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

✓ MANUEL TAPIA, 38103799, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While occupying a listening post adjacent to a pillbox held by his platoon, Private First Class Tapia, Rifleman, observed an enemy patrol advancing upon his position. He immediately opened fire upon the patrol with his rifle and, though wounded by retaliatory fire, continued to operate his weapon so effectively that he killed two of the enemy, wounded one and caused the remainder to disperse. The heroic achievement of Private First Class Tapia prevented the enemy from capturing or killing the occupants of the pillbox and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

✓ ARVEARY ELDER, 18097029, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 15 - 20 December 1944. When vehicles carrying urgently-needed supplies and ammunition were disabled, Private Elder, Mechanic, voluntarily exposed himself in areas subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and repaired the vehicles. Working under enemy observation during the day and again in complete darkness during the night, he performed his duties expeditiously and expertly, assuring a continuous flow of supplies to the front lines. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas

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✓ ANDREW MARCHISEN, 42000265, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. When the \* \* Battalion, 359th Infantry, was subjected to an enemy armored attack, Private Marchisen, Cannoneer, without regard for his personal safety and despite enemy fire of various calibers, remained in a forward position and immobilized an enemy tank with accurate bazooka fire. His heroic service aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ EUGENE C. STANHOPE, 37491731, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy during the period 15 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operations, Private Stanhope, Driver, made repeated trips each night to and from front line elements to deliver needed food supplies and ammunition. Despite the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire directed at his vehicle, he drove continuously over the difficult terrain and successfully delivered the materiel. On his return trips, he assisted in evacuating casualties. His heroic service materially aided the success of the establishment of the Saar River bridgehead and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ HENRY L. SCHUMANN, 37150552, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

THOMAS F. STEWART, 32046596, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 21 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

ROBERT H. MATTESON, 17050539, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 21 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

EDMUND L. SCHAFER, 37155258, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 21 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

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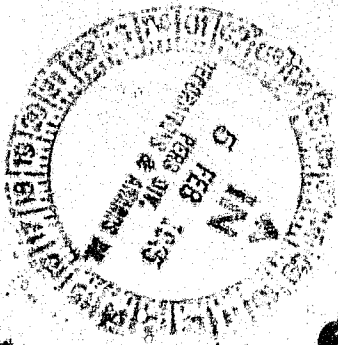
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

WERNER L. ADAIR, 38093983, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, 344th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service on 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oberleukern, Germany. During an enemy counterattack on the town, the wire communication line from the forward observation party to the fire direction center was severed by enemy shelling. Technician Fourth Grade Adair, Field Wire Chief, without regard for his personal safety, left a position of cover and repaired the line while subjected to intense enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire. His heroic action enabled the artillery observer to register accurate fire upon the enemy and resulted in successfully repelling the enemy counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ELZA E. MILLER, 37191671, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, 344th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of Forêt de Mont Caste, France. During an enemy counter-attack, the wire communication line between the artillery observation post and the liaison officer was severed by enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Miller, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to the continuous enemy fire, repaired the broken line and maintained communications during a most critical period. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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I--AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR-- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JOHN KOPIEL, 32042562, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement near the town, it became necessary to lay anti-personnel mines in an area containing enemy mines and subjected to both hostile and friendly artillery and small arms fire. Staff Sergeant Kopiel, Platoon Sergeant, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, despite complete darkness, advanced to the area with two companions and successfully completed the laying of an effective mine belt. His heroic achievement provided a safeguard against enemy patrols and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR-- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

JAMES E. SUNDERLAND, 01107709, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 21 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the evacuation from Pachten, First Lieutenant Sunderland, Unit Commander, was in charge of the destruction of military supplies and certain strategic pillboxes and overpasses in the town. Having successfully demolished all other objectives of the mission, First Lieutenant Sunderland was leading his men to destroy a vital railroad overpass when their progress was suddenly halted by enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Choosing a new route of approach, he gained the objective, where charges were placed and ignited to wreck the overpass. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

GERALD L. HALVORSON, 37118806, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement near the town, it became necessary to lay anti-personnel mines in an area containing enemy mines and subjected to both hostile and friendly artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant Halvorson, Squad Leader, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, despite complete darkness, advanced to the area with two companions and successfully completed the laying of an effective mine belt. His heroic achievement provided a safeguard against enemy patrols and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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FRED R. SMITH, 34880841, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 21 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the evacuation from Pachten, Sergeant Smith, Squad Sergeant, was given the mission of destroying military supplies and certain strategic pillboxes and overpasses in the town. Having successfully demolished all other objectives of the assignment, Sergeant Smith, with two companions, was advancing to destroy a vital railroad overpass when the group's progress was suddenly halted by enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Choosing a new route of approach, he gained the objective and placed and ignited charges which destroyed the overpass and silenced the small arms fire. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, JR., 11108165, Technician Fifth Grade (then private first class), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement near the town, it became necessary to lay anti-personnel mines in an area containing enemy mines and subjected to both hostile and friendly artillery and small arms fire. Technician Fifth Grade Evans voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, despite complete darkness, advanced to the area with two companions and successfully completed the laying of an effective mine belt. His heroic achievement provided a safeguard against enemy patrols and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

JOHN N. SHEDLOCK, 33257762, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 21 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the evacuation from Pachten, Technician Fifth Grade Shedlock, Bridge Carpenter, was given the mission of destroying military supplies and certain strategic pillboxes and overpasses in the town. Having successfully demolished all other objectives of the assignment, Technician Fifth Grade Shedlock, with two companions, was advancing to destroy a vital railroad overpass when the group's progress was suddenly halted by enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Choosing a new route of approach, he gained the objective and placed and ignited charges which destroyed the overpass and silenced the small arms fire. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

DEWEY L. ROSENFELDT, 36775873, Private First Class (then private), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 21 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the evacuation from Pachten, Private First Class Rosenfeldt was given the mission of destroying military supplies and certain strategic pillboxes and overpasses in the town. Having successfully demolished all other objectives of the assignment, Private First Class Rosenfeldt, with two companions, was advancing to destroy a vital railroad overpass when the group's progress was suddenly halted by enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Choosing a new route of approach, he gained the objective and placed and ignited charges which destroyed the overpass and silenced the small arms fire. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

FRANK J. BERG, 20752560, Master Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 16 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

DONALD W. ETHUN, 20752563, Technical Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 16 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

LEE E. FREEMAN, 18149974, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

ANSELL T. HUDGINS, 18134790, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

CURVIN J. JEANDRON, 38310383, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

RAYMOND R. MIDDLEBROOKS, 38236655, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

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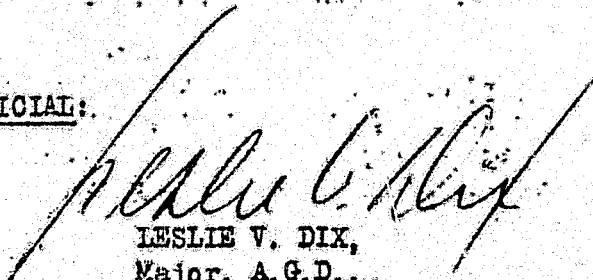
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

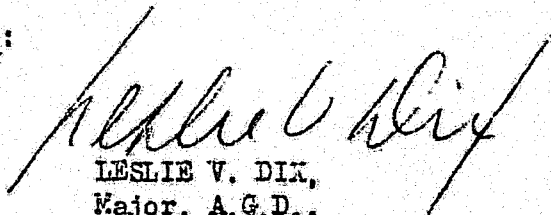
VERNON L. SWANSON, 38149038, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on 6 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

LLOYD E. REED, 37118786, Technician Fourth Grade, Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on 17 July 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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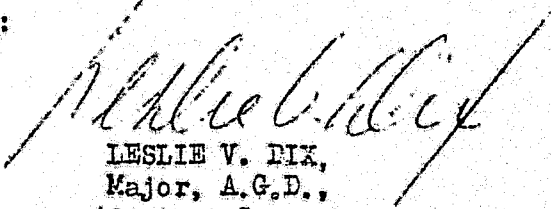
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CAPTAIN JOSEPH DEUGASH, 0376993, General Staff Corps, this Headquarters is announced as Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff; G-4, 90th Infantry Division, vice MAJOR RICHARD F. LYNCH, 0351778, General Staff Corps, relieved.

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I--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR-. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ GEORGE J. ECKHARDT, 37190171, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. While directing his platoon's defense against an enemy counterattack, Technical Sergeant Eckhardt was struck by hostile fire which broke both his legs. Refusing to be evacuated, he remained with his men and supervised and encouraged them until he was later killed by enemy fire. Technical Sergeant Eckhardt's courageous leadership will be an undying inspiration to all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ EARL E. WANGELINE, 6939958, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During an enemy counterattack, Staff Sergeant Wangeline, Squad Leader, at risk of his life, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to move among the members of his squad, directing their fire. When the position was overrun by the enemy, he, despite enemy mortar and machine gun fire, manned and fired an antitank gun and encouraged the men to hold their position. They effectively fired bazookas and small arms which repelled the enemy attack. Though Staff Sergeant Wangeline was mortally wounded in a later engagement, the courage and devotion to duty he displayed will be a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR-. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ EDWARD J. HABERMAN, 01299736, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During a heavy enemy counterattack, First Lieutenant Haberman, voluntarily and at risk of his life, moved through an area subjected to intense enemy fire to a position from which he destroyed an enemy machine gun with a hand grenade. When the company commander became a casualty, First Lieutenant Haberman assumed command. Again, he exposed himself to hostile fire, moving among the men, checking their positions and inspiring them to greater individual aggressiveness. First Lieutenant Haberman's courageous leadership contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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✓ LESTER L. LICHTENBERGER, JR., 01318682, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. An infantry platoon, engaged in an attack on an enemy position, was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Second Lieutenant Lichtenberger, Platoon Leader, voluntarily and at risk of his life, moved forward and located the enemy gun emplacement. While returning to the platoon, he was wounded by enemy shell fragments. Despite his painful wounds, he returned to the platoon, supplied data necessary to take the enemy position and continued to direct the platoon's advance by means of a runner. He refused to leave his platoon until the objective was taken. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

HAROLD L. HARTLEY, 37189353, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During an enemy counterattack, Technical Sergeant Hartley, Platoon Sergeant, was directing the fire of the only antitank gun remaining in action. While engaging a tank his gun crew came under flanking fire from an armored vehicle. Without regard for his personal safety he exposed himself to the enemy and killed all the crew of the armored vehicle with small arms fire. He continued to perform his duties expertly despite intense enemy mortar and small arms fire and aided materially in repelling the counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ SELMER A. RICKARD, 37275766, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Staff Sergeant Rickard, Mortar Squad Leader, organized his squad into a rifle team to augment the company line. Then, despite intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Rickard advanced to a point where he observed the enemy advancing through a communications trench. He immediately, at risk of his life, made his way alone through the trench and, upon contacting the enemy, threw hand grenades which killed two enemy, wounded several more and forced the remainder to withdraw. His gallantry completely routed the enemy attack and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ RAY H. FRANKS, 34624571, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When his squad was suddenly subjected to intense machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox, Sergeant Franks advanced through the fire toward the hostile emplacement. Although wounded severely by the enemy fire, he continued to advance until reaching a position from which he threw a hand grenade which destroyed the machine gun and killed the enemy crew of four. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

✓ JAMES T. COYLE, 12087498, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Several attempts to reduce a heavily defended enemy pillbox failed. Private First Class Coyle, Ammunition Handler, voluntarily advanced under cover of friendly tank fire, carrying a demolition charge.

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As he approached the pillbox he, at risk of his life, subjected himself to intense fire from supporting enemy fortifications. He placed the charge at the door, ignited it and the resulting explosion neutralized the enemy strongpoint. As a result of his courageous action, 15 enemy were killed and 20 captured. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

ELIAS H. LARA, 38347145, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While on a night patrol to determine the strength of the enemy, Private First Class Lara, Rifleman, was caught in the light of a hostile flare and wounded severely by fire from a nearby enemy soldier. Private First Class Lara, despite his wound, advanced and killed his assailant with rifle fire and continued on the patrol and aided in obtaining and returning with important information. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

LEONARD M. LEVINE, 14172967, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an advance, Private First Class Levine, Rifleman, noticed two of the enemy preparing to fire a nearby machine gun. Advancing through heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he threw two hand grenades which destroyed the machine gun and he then killed the two enemy with accurate rifle fire. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

WILLIAM T. FLYNN, 37087221, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on a key enemy pillbox, Private Flynn, Rifleman, advanced at risk of his life through intense hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire and reached a position from which he could fire directly at the fortification's wooden door. After firing four rounds from his bazooka, he charged the pillbox and found four enemy dead and five wounded inside the strongpoint. His gallant act single-handedly destroyed an important enemy fortification and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

III--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star 's awarded to:

HOWARD C. PAGE, 37534386, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement from 9 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an advance on the enemy, Staff Sergeant Page, Platoon Guide, was wounded by an enemy shellburst. He continued to lead the advance until he was wounded a second time by enemy artillery fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he remained with his platoon and directed further operations until his weakened condition forced his evacuation the following day. Staff Sergeant Page's heroic achievement was an inspiration to all his comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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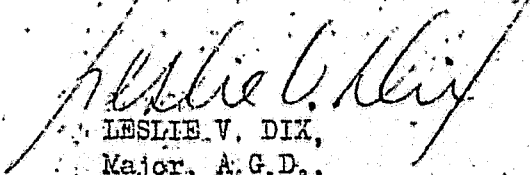
PETER C. BALZONA, 33367461, Private First Class, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 12 - 13 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oudrémé, France. Observing a seriously wounded man lying in an enemy mine field, Private First Class Balzona, Aid Man, advanced to the position of the casualty and administered first aid. On the following night another soldier was wounded in the same area. Private First Class Balzona, fully cognizant of the danger involved, advanced under cover of darkness through the heavily mined area in an attempt to reach the wounded man. Though he lost his foot when he ignited an enemy antitank mine while in prosecution of this hazardous mission, his courageous devotion to duty was an inspiration to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

DOUGLAS L. MILLER, 33654975, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. The progress of his platoon was temporarily halted by enemy machine gun and subsequent concentrated mortar fire. Private First Class Miller, Rifleman, despite the heavy fire, advanced and destroyed the machine gun position with accurate fire from his M-1 rifle. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to resume its advance and take its objective and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR--- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ WILLIAM A. MARRON, 01323270, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. The Platoon Leader and Sergeant of the \*\* Platoon were wounded during an attack on an enemy pillbox. First Lieutenant Marron, Platoon Leader of the \*\* Platoon, voluntarily and at risk of his life, left a position of comparative safety, advanced to the \*\* Platoon and, despite intense enemy fire, led it to a covered position. He then consolidated the fire of the two platoons against the enemy pillbox. Under the cover of the friendly fire, he personally led a group of engineers toward the enemy position and directed the placement and ignition of a demolition charge that destroyed the enemy fortification. His gallantry contributed materially to the success of the mission and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ HUGH W. OLIVER, 37107878, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 June 1944 in the vicinity of Amfreville, France. During an attack on the town by Company \*\*, 358th Infantry, a concealed enemy machine gun temporarily halted the advance. Technical Sergeant Oliver, Platoon Sergeant, voluntarily and at risk of his life and accompanied by a 3-man patrol, crawled 100 yards under intermittent enemy machine gun fire to reach the enemy position. He killed several of the enemy crew and forced the others to retreat. Although Technical Sergeant Oliver was later mortally wounded by enemy artillery, the courage and devotion to duty he displayed will be a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR--- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

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✓ ANTHONY R. SIDOTI, 0499992, Chaplain (Captain), 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 9 - 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. After accompanying litter squads, in the initial assault wave, across the swollen Moselle River under a hail of concentrated enemy fire, Chaplain Sidoti established an aid station in an abandoned cement factory 1000 yards from the bank. Working for 36 consecutive hours, he directed and personally assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front lines to the far side of the river. Chaplain Sidoti's tireless and courageous actions, under constant enemy fire, saved the lives of many wounded men. The spiritual counsel and words of encouragement that he gave to each man, at risk of his life while going from foxhole to foxhole, were of inestimable value. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ FRED M. PHILLIPS, 01324185, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. An infantry platoon occupied a house at each end of the town. During the night, the enemy infiltrated and set up strongpoints in a house and pillbox between the platoon's positions. During the ensuing battle, First Lieutenant Phillips, Platoon Leader, led a squad to another building on his flank to gain greater fire power. At a prearranged signal, the men ceased firing and he alone, at risk of his life, charged the enemy fortified house. There, he throw hand grenades into the building, entered and forced the surrender of the enemy. The platoon, inspired by his fearless leadership under fire, captured the enemy pillbox and a total of 29 prisoners and continued on to assist the company in reaching the battalion objective. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ LEON E. SHULTZ, 37172781, Technical Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 in the vicinity of Tettingen, Germany. During an attack in the town, Technical Sergeant Shultz' platoon was heavily engaged in a fire fight with the enemy, which threatened the platoon's further advance. When the platoon sergeant was killed, Technical Sergeant Shultz assumed command. He encouraged the men to close with the enemy and, at risk of his life, moved forward alone, through intense enemy fire, toward the enemy position. Locating the enemy emplacement, he killed one man and forced the remainder to disperse. His courageous action and intrepid leadership silenced the enemy fire and permitted the platoon to continue its advance. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ MARKUS BOSCH, 37172177, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. An enemy counterattack in the town was spearheaded by infantry scouts and three tanks. Staff Sergeant Bosch, Squad Leader, at risk of his life, left a place of relative safety and, while exposed to intense machine gun fire from the enemy tanks, wounded one of the leading scouts and caused the other enemy infantrymen to flee. He then fired his bazooka with such accuracy that the foremost enemy tank was disabled, one tankman was killed and the other tanks forced to retreat. His initiative and aggressive actions were directly responsible for repelling the attack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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✓ STANLEY W. DANIELSON, 37173471, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 June 1944 in the vicinity of Etienville, France. During an advance, Staff Sergeant Danielson, Section Leader, observed a platoon in an open field trapped by the fire from four enemy machine guns. Staff Sergeant Danielson, without regard for his personal safety, ran into the field and engaged all four hostile guns with fire from his light machine gun. Although all enemy fire was now directed at him, he held his position and continued to fire until the isolated platoon moved to a more favorable position. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ CLEO D. JONES, 14014434, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 23 November 1944 in the vicinity of Butzdorf, Germany. During an attack on enemy positions in the town, an infantry squad, attacking a pillbox, encountered heavy machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Jones, Squad Leader, at risk of his life, led the squad in an assault on the enemy gun emplacement, killed the gun crew and forced the supporting riflemen to withdraw to the pillbox. He then deployed the men so effectively around the pillbox that the foe was unable to fire while his company moved from the strong-point's field of fire. Staff Sergeant Jones' courageous action enabled the enemy fortification to later be destroyed and materially contributed to the success of the mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Florida.

✓ JOHN TOMOCHEK, 33707608, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the attack in the town, enemy machine gun fire from a pillbox impeded the advance of Company \*\*, 358th Infantry. Staff Sergeant Tomochek, Squad Leader, at risk of his life, subjected himself to direct enemy fire and skilfully maneuvered his squad into a position to assault the enemy pillbox. Then, under constant enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Tomochek alone, assaulted an enemy-held house, firing his weapon and throwing hand grenades with such effect that he killed one, wounded three and captured nine enemy snipers. He then returned to his squad and led an attack on the pillbox which resulted in the capture of its entire personnel. Staff Sergeant Tomochek's gallantry enabled the company to proceed toward its objective and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ RALPH J. DE LUCIA, 35921599, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944 in the vicinity of Thionville, France. During a surprise night crossing of the Moselle River by a patrol, Private First Class De Lucia, Rifleman, occupied the lead boat. When the craft reached the far shore, the slight noise made as it scraped against barbed-wire obstacles immediately drew intense enemy fire of various calibers on the river bank, laid down under the added danger caused by enemy flares. The boat, slipping from the patrol leader's grasp as he returned fire, drifted into the stream and was punctured by enemy shellfire forcing the three men into the icy water. Though Private First Class De Lucia was fully clothed and carried hand grenades and two bandoleers of ammunition, he towed his two companions, one of whom was unable to swim and the other a poor swimmer, toward the friendly shore

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100 yards distant. Upon reaching a sandbar, he left one of the infantrymen while he swam with the other the remaining 35 yards to the safety of the west bank. Despite the continued enemy fire, Private First Class De Lucia, at risk of his life, courageously reentered the river, reached the sandbar and rescued the second comrade. By his coolness under fire, initiative and selflessness, he saved the lives of two men. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ FORREST E. FULTON, 35491399, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 in the vicinity of Butzdorf, Germany. During an attack, six men were temporarily surrounded in a house by a numerically superior enemy force. Private First Class Fulton, Rifleman, voluntarily secured additional ammunition and, at risk of his life, infiltrated under heavy fire through the seemingly invincible ring of enemy, to the aid of the men. His courageous actions greatly inspired new hope and individual aggressiveness among the men as they successfully repelled further enemy advances. After nightfall, Private First Class Fulton, again at risk of his life, led the men through the enemy pincer to reestablish contact with their unit and continue in the attack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

III--AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a Second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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\* RAMSEY T. ALLAIRE, 38003419, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Cattenom, France on 9 - 14 November 1944. When enemy artillery fire severed communication wires between an infantry battalion observation post and the assault force across the Moselle River, Staff Sergeant Allaire, Battalion Communication Wire Chief, made two trips through heavy enemy fire to the river's edge and repaired the breaks. The following day, he repeatedly crossed the flooded river, to repair breaks and install new lines. On 12 November 1944, he made numerous trips in a motor launch carrying supplies to the assault forces and later volunteered to load the three boats of the regiment in regular supply trips across the river. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

IV--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ OLIVE P. JAFFRAY, JR., 0382001, Captain, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany, from 7 - 10 December 1944. During the establishment of a bridgehead across the Saar River, the problem of supply was made more difficult when a foot bridge was destroyed by enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire registered on the crossing site. Captain Jaffray,

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Company Commander, Acting S-4, moved forward to the loading site and directed the transportation of supplies across the river. For three nights he directed and supervised the evacuation of wounded men and prisoners to the rear, though constantly subjected to intense enemy fire. His heroic service contributed materially to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ JAMES S. MORRISON, 0278079, Captain, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 November 1944 in the vicinity of Valmostroff, France. When an infantry company was subjected to direct close range enemy artillery fire, Captain Morrison, Commanding Officer, moved through open areas, in full view of the enemy, and deployed the men and machine guns in positions affording protective cover. When two men of a machine gun section were wounded by shell fragmentation, he left a position of comparative safety and carried them to an area from which they could be evacuated. He then established an observation post and directed accurate mortar fire which aided materially in the destruction of enemy gun positions. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ PAUL R. STECKLA, 0453459, Captain, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 12 July 1944 in the vicinity of Forot de Mont Castre, France. During the battle, Captain Steckla, Regimental Communications Officer, established a forward switching control in a strategic position, to shorten wire communications and reduce maintenance. Though subjected to intense enemy fire of various calibers, he refused to abandon the position, but chose to remain and maintain the urgently-needed communications. When the wire lines were severed by the continuous enemy fire, Captain Steckla made repeated trips through areas containing infiltrated enemy paratroopers and repaired the breaks. Throughout this critical period, Captain Steckla courageously supervised and maintained communications which aided materially in the regiment's success. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ JAMES D. AUGHTRY, JR., 0380583, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse-Ham, France. During the Moselle River operation, First Lieutenant Aughtry, Battalion S-3, voluntarily swam the icy torrent under intense enemy artillery fire to guide supply boats to their destination. His selfless and courageous act resulted in the expeditious delivery of critically-needed food and ammunition to front line troops. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ ROBERT T. CORNS, 0409724, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom, France. When an infantry battalion, preparing to cross the flooded Moselle River, was forced by heavy enemy artillery fire to disperse, First Lieutenant Corns, Battalion S-3, organized the men into small groups, led them to the loading site and directed the ferrying of two rifle companies to the far shore. When engineers, bringing new boats forward, were forced by enemy artillery fire to take cover, First Lieutenant Corns, selected 15 men, carried one of the boats to the river and crossed the torrent while under intense enemy fire. Leading his men up the bank in a successful attempt to join the attacking

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force, First Lieutenant Corns was wounded seriously. His heroic achievement and intrepid leadership materially aided the success of the mission and were in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ ORELL J. NADEAU, 31425917, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Inglise, France. During an enemy counterattack, Staff Sergeant Nadeau's squad was subjected to an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire. Aware of the impossibility of organizing effective resistance under this devastating fire, Staff Sergeant Nadeau moved his squad to the right flank of the anticipated enemy attack. When the enemy advanced into his former position, he led an attack across open ground that surprised, disorganized and routed the enemy. Staff Sergeant Nadeau's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

✓ GUS HAMPL, 31156279, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 7 - 20 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, the need for supplies at the front lines became urgent. Sergeant Hampl, Squad Leader, organized and led hand-carrying parties across the river to a supply dump in Pachten and, on return trips, evacuated casualties and enemy prisoners to the rear. Working day and night over difficult terrain and under constant enemy fire, Sergeant Hampl performed his duties courageously and efficiently to assure a smooth flow of supplies at all times. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

✓ ROY W. HUGHES, 35681460, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 6 and 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a battle in the town, Technician Fourth Grade Hughes, Surgical Technician, crossed an open field in the face of heavy enemy fire and established an aid station. Although many pillboxes and buildings in the area were still occupied by the enemy, and despite hostile fire, Technician Fourth Grade Hughes, worked coolly at his tasks for 24 hours. He administered treatment to the wounded of two battalions. His heroic service saved the lives of two men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ DALTON W. BRUCE, 34473882, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Bruce, Litter Bearer, observed a wounded man lying in an area subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced through the hostile fire and, with a companion, evacuated the casualty to a place of safety. His heroic service saved the life of the wounded man and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

✓ J. D. HAHN, 38089962, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Hahn, Litter Bearer, observed two wounded men lying in an area subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he made two trips through the hostile fire and helped evacuate both casualties to a place of safety. His heroic service saved the life of one of the wounded men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.



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V. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ EDWARD A. HATCH, 0528917, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 7 - 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. After crossing the Saar River, First Lieutenant Hatch, Platoon Leader, though painfully wounded during the advance on the town, remained in the battle. Without regard for his personal safety, he continued to courageously lead his men in the ensuing house-to-house fight. Not until the company consolidated the position, did he permit himself to be evacuated for medical attention. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION)---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to: (Now Missing in Action)

✓ HAROLD J SAGER, 42024697, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 18 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. During the establishment of a mortar observation post, the forward party of which Private First Class Sager, Runner, was a member, procured vital information concerning the position of the enemy. When the other two members of the group became casualties, Private First Class Sager returned under intense enemy fire of various calibers to the company command post and reported his findings. His heroic achievement facilitated the accurate registration of mortar fire upon the enemy and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

VII. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ FRANCIS HILL, 01306271, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, First Lieutenant Hill, Platoon Leader, directed and encouraged his men to hold their position despite intense hostile fire of every caliber. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the platoon was able to repel the enemy attack and successfully accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ JACK D. HOLLENBECK, 01286488, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattonom, France. During the crossing of the flooded Moselle River, an amphibious 2½-ton vehicle struck an antitank mine on the far side of the river and the occupants were thrown overboard. After swimming back to the amphibious vehicle, First Lieutenant Hollenbeck, Regimental Maintenance Officer, observed a companion still floundering in the icy torrent. Though dazed from the concussion, he immediately plunged into the water and saved the man from drowning. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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✓ CHARLES W. PETSCH, 01294360, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 September 1944 in the vicinity of Algrange, France. During a surprise night crossing of the Moselle River by a patrol, heavy enemy resistance was encountered and the officer in command of the lead boat was mortally wounded. Observing that this boat and its crew were adrift in the flooded river, First Lieutenant Petsche, Platoon Leader, obtained another craft and with four soldiers, rowed into the raging torrent and rescued the surviving members of the crew. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ ANTONINE G. FLEMING, 01319833, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 25 November 1944 in the vicinity of Butzdorf, Germany. When a company in the town was surrounded by the enemy, Second Lieutenant Fleming led his platoon and two tanks in an attack upon the hostile forces. Advancing through heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he directed tank fire which destroyed three opposing machine guns and one bazooka. This permitted his platoon and the tanks to reach the town. He then led his force in a house-to-house assault which resulted in the destruction of another machine gun and two additional bazookas, the killing of numerous enemy troops and the capture of 25 of the foe. Second Lieutenant Fleming's heroic achievement extricated the surrounded company from its precarious position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ MARTIN E. LEVANDOSKI, 33457601, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Technical Sergeant Levandoski, Platoon Sergeant, directed and encouraged his men to hold their position despite intense hostile fire of every caliber. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the platoon was able to repel the enemy attack and successfully accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ JOSEPH W. BENCO, 32771957, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Staff Sergeant Benco, Squad Leader, directed and encouraged his men to hold their position despite hostile fire of various calibers. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that the squad was able to repel the enemy attack and successfully accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ ARVIN W. BENNINGTON, 35606400, Staff Sergeant (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A platoon of riflemen was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy pillbox. Staff Sergeant Bennington, Acting Squad Leader, deliberately exposed himself in direct view of the enemy and directed

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fire upon the pillbox, neutralizing the hostile activity. As a result of his courageous action, the platoon was able to regain its original position with a minimum of casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ ROBERT W. BRADY, 6290652, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in France during the period 21 June to 8 July 1944. On 21 June 1944, Staff Sergeant Brady, Supply Sergeant, volunteered to organize and train a mortar platoon in the use of six captured enemy mortars. On 8 July 1944, when two infantry companies were subjected to an enemy counterattack, he deployed his mortar platoon behind the companies' lines and, despite intense enemy fire, moved between observation posts in full view of the enemy. He continued to direct accurate mortar fire on enemy positions until wounded. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

✓ WALTER L. BRANTLEY, 38481998, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Staff Sergeant Brantley, Squad Leader, constantly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ HERBERT M. LACKEY, 35001933, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When an infantry platoon attacked an enemy pillbox in the town, a second pillbox on the platoon's right flank impeded its advance with intense machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Lackey, Squad Leader, established a machine gun position in a nearby building in full view of the enemy. After a heavy exchange of fire, he silenced the hostile gun. Staff Sergeant Lackey's courageous action enabled the platoon to continue its advance and capture the objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ ALLAN J. McINNIS, 31219217, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the advance of Company \*\*, 358th Infantry, was temporarily impeded by fire from two enemy pillboxes. Staff Sergeant McInnis, Section Leader, without regard for his personal safety, and despite incessant enemy machine gun and sniper fire, led a small group of men in an attack on the strongholds. So inspiring was his leadership that the enemy pillboxes were destroyed and the company was able to continue its advance. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Maine.

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✓ MICHAEL VACCARO, 33490709, Staff Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 November 1944 in the vicinity of Distroff, France. Leading his squad through enemy artillery and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Vaccaro located the source of enemy machine gun fire which was impeding the advance of the platoon flank. After neutralizing the hostile guns with accurate fire from his automatic weapon, he led his squad to its objective. When the enemy attempted a counterattack, Staff Sergeant Vaccaro killed three of the foe while helping repel the assault. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ FRANK J. ZUBACK, 33666647, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Staff Sergeant Zuback, Squad Leader, constantly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ WALTER M. BASINGER, 34771140, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A platoon of riflemen was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy pillbox. Sergeant Basinger, Machine Gunner, deliberately exposed himself to the enemy and directed fire upon the pillbox, neutralizing the hostile activity. As a result of his courageous action, the platoon was able to regain its original position with a minimum of casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

✓ ANDREW K. BRONES, 37190230, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Sergeant Brones, Squad Leader, volunteered with three others to evacuate a seriously wounded man to the battalion aid station. Despite intense enemy artillery barrages which wounded two of his companions, Sergeant Brones carried the casualty over exposed terrain and helped ferry him across the river where medical treatment was available. This selfless and courageous act saved the life of the wounded man. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ JAMES F. CRITTEN, 35541046, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy in Germany from 7 - 20 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, the need for supplies at the front lines became urgent. Sergeant Critten, Acting Squad Leader, organized and led hand carrying parties across the river to a supply dump in Pachten and, on return trips, evacuated casualties and enemy prisoners to the rear. Working day and night over difficult terrain

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and under constant enemy fire, Sergeant Critten performed his duties courageously and efficiently to assure a smooth flow of supplies at all times. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ **PRIESTLY J. DILLON**, 35218770, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Sergeant Dillon, Assistant Squad Leader, constantly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ **JAKE WAGNER**, 36125579, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While stationed in a house in the town, Sergeant Wagner, Squad Leader, observed 100 of the enemy approaching in a surprise attack. He immediately opened fire upon the force, killing or wounding five. Continuing his fire, he, with companions, reduced the enemy to one-half its original strength. As the remaining hostile troops neared the house, Sergeant Wagner killed five more of the attackers before moving to another building. There, he participated in an effective defensive action until reinforcements arrived to kill, wound or capture the remainder of the enemy. His heroic achievement was a major factor in the complete defeat of the hostile attack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ **LOIS L. BARKER**, 39851416, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Private First Class Barker, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

✓ **KENNETH J. DE FORGE**, 39467587, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Private First Class De Forge, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Idaho.

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✓ ROBERT H. FELDMAN, 37437973, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the battle following the Saar River operation, Private First Class Feldman, Driver, volunteered to drive an M-29 vehicle to and from the river ferry site to transport supplies and evacuate wounded. Without regard for his personal safety, he made many trips over routes not yet cleared of enemy mines and continuously subjected to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His heroic service materially aided the battalion's success and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ HOWARD S. HUTTON, 37681128, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Private First Class Hutton, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ CHARLES W. LAUZON, 36590206, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Private First Class Lauzon, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

✓ JAMES B. MCCOY, 42062727, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Private First Class McCoy, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ CARL M. OLEJNICZEK, 33694602, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Private First Class Olejniczek, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ EDWIN PADILLA, 42009408, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a house overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the building was attacked by an enemy rifle company, Private First Class Padilla, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ JAMES T. PARTRIDGE, 31301706, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Private First Class Partridge, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

✓ JOSEPH S. PAXSON, Jr., 33543982, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A squad of infantry was assigned the mission of occupying and holding a chain of houses overlooking a vital supply route to the front line troops. When the enemy launched a counterattack, Private First Class Paxson, Rifleman, constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire of various calibers and helped repel the enemy attack. His heroic achievement enabled the platoon to hold its key position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

✓ JOHN E. SHEEHAN, 37156439, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Trieux, France. During an attack by the 358th Infantry, a 57mm antitank gun was isolated in an area subjected to direct enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Sheehan, Driver, voluntarily drove a vehicle to the position and, despite intense enemy fire, towed the gun to a more favorable location. His courageous action enabled the gun crew to resume firing and destroy a hostile machine gun emplacement and two enemy observation posts. His heroic achievement materially aided the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

✓ CHARLES H. SWAN, 36774868, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 31 December 1944 in the vicinity of Buttway, Germany. During a three-man intelligence patrol, one of the members detonated and was wounded by an enemy mine. Private First Class Swan attempted to aid him, but was forced back by a series of explosions near the casualty, which aroused the enemy. Realizing that he must report the important information he had secured, Private First Class Swan returned to his platoon command post. After giving a detailed account of his mission, he secured volunteers and returned, in an attempt, to evacuate his wounded comrade. Private First Class Swan's heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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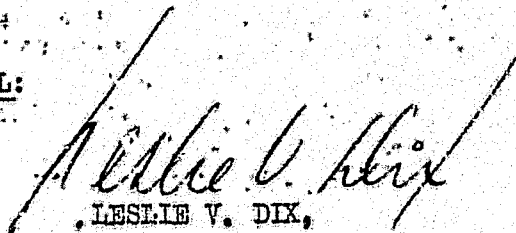
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✓ BERNARD J. BULTE, 37622464, Private, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Private Bulte, Surgical Technician, observed many wounded men lying in an area subjected to constant enemy fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Private Bulte advanced through the hostile fire, reached the area and administered first aid to each casualty. His heroic service saved several lives and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ M. LEE KANADY, 36619090, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While establishing a bridgehead after crossing the Saar River, the reserve battalion of the \* \* Infantry was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire from a well-concealed pillbox. The infantry was forced to seek cover along the river bank which was being heavily shelled by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant Kanady, Demolition Man, noted the situation and, without regard for his personal safety made his way through the heavy fire and placed and ignited a demolition charge against the pillbox, which killed three enemy and forced the surrender of eight. His gallantry enabled the battalion to resume the advance and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ AUGUSTUS H. McDONALD, 37107854, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy during the period 8 - 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the advance of Company \* \*, \* \* Infantry, Sergeant McDonald, Construction Foreman, subjected himself to intense enemy fire while leading a squad of engineers in separate attacks on enemy-occupied pillboxes. Inspired by his exemplary leadership, the squad captured 3 pillboxes, 15 prisoners and killed many of the enemy. His heroic service enabled the company to advance and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

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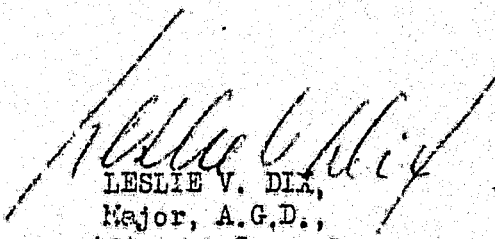
Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

JAMES L. HALL, 18380318, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During a counterattack, an enemy force threatened to overrun a platoon of Company \*\*, 357th Infantry. Technical Sergeant Hall, Acting Platoon Sergeant, without regard for his personal safety, proceeded through intense enemy mortar and small arms fire to procure assistance. Upon reaching friendly troops he was given additional reinforcements and successfully led them to his platoon's position. As a result of his courageous leadership in the ensuing battle, the enemy was completely routed, a large number killed and 37 captured. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-15 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ HENRY SCHNEIDER, 36003861, Staff Sergeant, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 28 December 1944 in the vicinity of Scheverwald, France. When a fire suddenly started in a nearby tank, Staff Sergeant Schneider, Tank Commander, hurried to the burning vehicle. Despite the small arms ammunition exploding inside the tank, he crawled into the turret and, with the aid of a companion, extinguished the blaze. Staff Sergeant Schneider's heroic achievement prevented the loss of a valuable armored vehicle and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ EDMUND ANDERSEN, 37323574, Corporal, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 28 December 1944 in the vicinity of Scheverwald, France. When a fire suddenly started in a nearby tank, Corporal Andersen, Tank Driver, hurried to the burning vehicle. Despite the small arms ammunition exploding inside the tank, he crawled into the turret and, with the aid of a companion, extinguished the blaze. Corporal Andersen's heroic achievement prevented the loss of a valuable armored vehicle and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ CHARLES J. BUYSSE, O1167350, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 345th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 9 November 1944 to 5 January 1945 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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I--AWARD OF THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and two Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JOSEPH R. MELLON, 01312491, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When two wounded men were observed lying helpless in an area subjected to heavy enemy fire of various calibers, First Lieutenant Mellon voluntarily, with a companion, made two trips over the open and difficult terrain to evacuate the casualties. His heroic service aided materially in saving the lives of these wounded men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

II--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

CHARLES A. SCHROEDER, 01307313, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When two wounded men were observed lying helpless in an area subjected to heavy enemy fire of various calibers, First Lieutenant Schroeder voluntarily, with a companion, made two trips over the open and difficult terrain to evacuate the casualties. His heroic service aided materially in saving the lives of these wounded men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

III--AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

LEMUEL JENSEN, JR., 37118842, First Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of Profot, France. During an attack on enemy positions by Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, numerous casualties were sustained and

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were in need of evacuation. First Sergeant Jonsen, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, left a position of comparative safety and, despite intense enemy fire, administered first aid to approximately 10 casualties. He then supervised the making of improvised stretchers and succeeded in evacuating 6 litter cases and as many walking wounded. His heroic service contributed materially in saving many lives and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

IV--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section J, Circular 6, Third United States Army, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

V. WELDON E. MOOMAW, 01320158, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, ten men were killed or wounded by a concentration of enemy artillery fire at the ferry site. First Lieutenant Moomaw, with the aid of another man, despite continued hostile shelling, administered first aid to the wounded men and evacuated them for further medical treatment. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

GEORGE T. DOYLE, 35915070, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Doyle, and another man, without the protection of supporting troops, established a mortar position near the enemy forces. Then, despite intense fire of all calibers, he remained at his post and directed such accurate fire upon the enemy that the counterattack was repelled. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

PETER YOCHUM, 32555495, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Technician Fifth Grade Yochum, with three companions advanced through intense enemy mortar and sniper fire to the position of a seriously wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Yochum rendered first aid to the casualty and then, despite the obstacles presented by exceptionally difficult terrain and continued enemy shelling, effected the evacuation of two wounded soldiers to the aid station. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

V--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

~~\* ROUSSEAU W. H. REV. BY 388 604 - 26 July 1945~~  
~~Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry,~~  
United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 September 1944 in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. The enemy placed a heavy concentration of artillery and tank fire on Company \*\*, 359th Infantry. Anticipating an immediate enemy counter-

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Attack, Technical Sergeant Williams exposed himself to the intense fire and personally deployed each squad of the platoon in a defensive position. Immediately after placing the last squad, he was killed by artillery fire. His foresight, however, enabled his platoon to repel the subsequent counterattack, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

WILLIAM MAGLIAIO, 32878106, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. A platoon of riflemen was pinned down by intense fire of a concealed enemy machine gun. Sergeant Magliano, Squad Leader, accompanied by a 4-man patrol, crawled to the flank of the machine gun position. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the enemy and directed fire upon the machine gun nest, which destroyed the emplacement and killed the supporting enemy riflemen. Although Sergeant Magliano was mortally wounded while in the prosecution of this hazardous mission, the courage and devotion to duty he displayed will be a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

WILLIAM T. SPEIGNER, 34106576, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. When enemy forces surrounded part of Company \*\* in the town, including the weapons platoon, the mortar section's ammunition supply became depleted. Technician Fifth Grade Speigner, as a volunteer member of a supply party, made his way, under heavy small arms fire, through the enemy lines to the battalion's ammunition depot and obtained the necessary ammunition. On the return by one of his companions was mortally wounded, but he and the other member of the party reached the isolated mortar section with the ammunition. His courageous action enabled the mortar section to hold off the enemy until other parts of the company were contacted. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

HARRY V. WINTERBOTTOM, 309411, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counter-attack, three men on an outpost became casualties. Private First Class Winterbottom advanced through intense enemy artillery and tank fire to summon an aid man and guide him to the position of the wounded men. Despite continued enemy fire, he then made three trips over dangerously exposed terrain assisting in the evacuation of the casualties. Though he was mortally wounded in a later engagement with the enemy, his courageous and selfless act will be an everlasting inspiration to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

JOHN J. YEAGER, JR., 33434844, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. Private First Class Yeager was wounded severely by enemy artillery fire. Returning to the aid station, he observed a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position. Disregarding his own painful wound and

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despite heavy fire, he moved the casualty to a position of comparative safety and remained with him until dark. He then went to the aid station and guided litter bearers to the wounded man before consenting to evacuation. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

DALE E. GARDNER, 36887993, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. When enemy forces surrounded part of Company \*\* in the town, including the weapons platoon, the mortar section's ammunition supply became depleted. Private First Class Gardner, as a volunteer member of a supply party made his way, under heavy small arms fire, through the enemy's lines to the battalion's ammunition depot and obtained the necessary ammunition. He was mortally wounded on the return trip, but his companions succeeded in reaching the isolated mortar section with the ammunition. His selfless and courageous action will be a lasting inspiration to his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

VI--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

LLOYD J. RICE, 0453699, Captain, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, elements of the \*\* Battalion became disorganized and small groups of the enemy started infiltrating into the battalion area. Captain Rice quickly sensing the gravity of the situation, advanced through heavy enemy fire, located the scattered units of the battalion and organized them into an efficient fighting force. So inspiring was his leadership that all hostile infiltration was checked and the battalion secured its objective without further delay. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. ANTARAMIAN, 01314081, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While directing mortar fire to prevent an expected counterattack, First Lieutenant Antaramian was suddenly subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage. Without regard for his personal safety, he remained at his post and continued to direct effective fire until his mission was completed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

PAUL E. LARSEN, 01318052, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Upon arriving at the Saar River, Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, suffered many casualties from an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire. First Lieutenant Larsen quickly reorganized his company, crossed the river, and proceeded toward the objective. Encountering fire from two enemy pillboxes, First Lieutenant Larsen personally led an attack which

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Overran the fortifications and resulted in the capture of 70 enemy. After reaching the objective, the company was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior force supported by heavy artillery fire. First Lieutenant Larsen continuously exposed himself to the enemy fire encouraging his men to hold their newly won ground. Inspired by his courageous leadership, the company inflicted numerous casualties and routed the enemy. First Lieutenant Larsen's heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Washington.

WILLIAM J. LAWSON, JR., 01318054, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Observing two men completely buried in their foxhole by an enemy shellburst, First Lieutenant Lawson rushed to their aid. Working under constant enemy fire he, with a companion, extricated the two men and carried them to a place of safety. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

JOHN L. HERMAN, 37155345, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Technical Sergeant Herman rallied his weapons platoon and placed his men in strategic defensive positions. When the machine gun covering the company's right flank was disabled, he advanced in the face of heavy fire of various calibers to the machine gun position and attempted to fire the gun. Though his efforts were unavailing, he, armed with an M-1 rifle and hand grenades, held his position, killed four of the enemy, wounded several more and repelled the attack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

JOHN J. HUTH, 6999369, Technical Sergeant, Medical Department, 35th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 9 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Technical Sergeant Huth assisted in establishing an aid station on the far side of the river. He organized the evacuation of casualties and, despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, personally guided litter carrying parties from the aid stations to the Saar, supervised the loading of casualties on boats and led supply parties back to the aid stations. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

ANTON MACK, 17011143, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 13 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While attacking an enemy pillbox, Technical Sergeant Mack observed his platoon leader lying helpless under the continued fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Technical Sergeant Mack, exposed himself to the enemy fire and carried the officer to a place of comparative safety. After locating a stretcher he, with the aid of a companion, evacuated him to an aid station. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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ORVILLE H. AMBUEHL, 36780237, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Observing two men completely buried in their foxhole by an enemy shellburst, Staff Sergeant Ambuehl rushed to their aid. Working under constant enemy fire, he with a companion, extricated the two men and carried them to a place of safety. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

CLARENCE E. MATTOX, 37138666, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of Pretot, France. While placing mortar fire on a counterattacking enemy, Staff Sergeant Mattox was wounded severely by artillery fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he continued to fire his mortar effectively until weakness from loss of blood made it necessary to evacuate him. His heroic service helped repel the counterattack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

PAUL R. RITCH, 38125321, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, a boat capsized, throwing Staff Sergeant Ritch and his squad into the icy torrent. He, without regard for his personal safety, made repeated trips to assist each man to a sand bar from which he could wade to shore. He then organized the men and led them to the company assembly point without the loss of a man. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JOSEPH R. SIMON, 37156269, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. The antitank gun emplacement commanded by Staff Sergeant Simon was outflanked during an enemy counterattack. Staff Sergeant Simon encouraged his squad to maintain their position and continue firing. When the weapon was rendered useless by direct enemy tank fire, he led his squad to the one remaining gun capable of action and directed its fire until the counterattack was repelled. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

STEPHEN J. VAJDIK, 35919899, Staff Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on an enemy observation post, the assault platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Vajdik, though wounded by shellfire, crawled to within a short distance of the gun position, and throw hand grenades into the emplacement. He maintained fire with his rifle which neutralized the enemy's fire and allowed the platoon to continue to assault and capture the position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ GEORGE T. DOYLE, 35915070, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. When enemy forces surrounded part of Company \*\* in the town, including the weapons platoon, the mortar section's ammunition supply became depleted. Sergeant Doyle, Squad Leader, on his own initiative, organized and led a supply party, under heavy small arms fire, through enemy

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lines to the battalion's ammunition depot and obtained the necessary ammunition. On the return trip, one of his companions was mortally wounded, but he and the other member of the party reached the isolated mortar section with the ammunition. His courageous action enabled the mortar section to hold off the enemy until other units of the company were contacted. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

DONALD L. RECTOR, 33732623, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 13 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on a pillbox by a platoon of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, a machine gun section was dispersed by heavy enemy fire. Observing this, Sergeant Rector, without regard for his personal safety, secured a machine gun and, after a heavy exchange of fire, neutralized the fire from the pillbox, allowing the platoon to continue its advance. His heroic service contributed materially to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

ROBERT C. BOON, 31025570, Corporal, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Corporal Boon received a call to evacuate a wounded man located approximately 50 yards beyond the front lines and in full view of the enemy. Though many attempts by riflemen to evacuate the casualty had failed, he advanced with three companions through intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire to the wounded man and administered first aid. He then waited until dark and evacuated him to the aid station. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

FORREST W. FRAKES, 37138524, Corporal, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, heavy casualties were sustained and a platoon was left leaderless. Corporal Frakes assumed command of the platoon and, by directing effective fire, inflicted many casualties on the enemy and repelled their counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

WILLIAM H. DELKER, 32531765, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of Protot, France. When the battalion was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, heavy casualties were inflicted. Technician Fifth Grade Delker drove his vehicle over roads not yet cleared of mines, to a forward position of the battalion zone. He then made repeated trips on foot between the front lines and the battalion aid station to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.



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TOIVO D. LAHTI, 37171957, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Having voluntarily crossed the Saar River with the battalion observation group, Technician Fifth Grade Lahti acted as Aid Station Runner. During the period of 11 days he carried messages at all hours of the day and night, frequently under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Making as many as 25 trips a day he maintained contact between the aid station and the observation post. While on these missions he also directed litter bearers to seriously wounded men. His heroic service contributed immeasurably to the prompt evacuation of casualties and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

MANLY R. BLANTON, 37404277, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 22 July 1944 in the vicinity of Periers, France. During an attack, Private First Class Blanton, Mortar Gunner, was burned severely on the hand and arm from a counter barrage of enemy mortar fire. Despite the painful wound, he refused medical attention or evacuation until his fire mission was completed. Private First Class Blanton's courage and devotion to duty were inspirational to his platoon and aided materially in the success of the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

GEORGE BUCHHOLTZ, 37171714, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of Pretot, France. While placing mortar fire on a counterattacking enemy, Private First Class Buchholtz was wounded severely by artillery fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he continued to fire his mortar effectively until weakness from loss of blood made it necessary to evacuate him. His heroic service helped repel the counterattack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

GEORGE W. CAHILL, 33797978, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 12 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A company of the 359th Infantry occupied a defensive position in a wooded area. Vital wire communication lines between the widely deployed platoons were repeatedly cut by enemy shelling. Private First Class Cahill, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to intense enemy fire while he reconnoitered the wire lines and repaired the breaks. Through his tireless efforts, constant communication was maintained which aided the company to accomplish its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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NATIVIDAD C. CANU, 38155026, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9-21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, the shortage of supplies at the front lines became critical.

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Private First Class Cantu, Messenger, carried supplies over difficult terrain through constant enemy fire to help relieve the shortage. When vital wire communication lines were disrupted by enemy artillery fire, he delivered important messages to the company. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, he materially aided the front line elements in holding their position. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

HARRY B. CRAIG, 6114224, Private First Class, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in Germany from 10 to 17 December 1944. Subsequent to crossing the Saar River, Private First Class Craig led a litter squad in the evacuation of casualties. Working under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he administered medical treatment and kept his squad organized at all times and assured the prompt movement of wounded to the rear which saved many lives. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military service from Massachusetts.

GEORGE C. MILANOVSKY, 36839529, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 12 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A company of the 359th Infantry occupied a defensive position in a wooded area. Vital wire communication lines between the widely deployed platoons were repeatedly cut by enemy shellfire. Private First Class Dianovsky, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to intense enemy fire while he reconnoitered the wire lines and repaired the breaks. Through his tireless efforts, constant communication was maintained which aided the company to accomplish its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

RAS B. HARPER, 38292685, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany, during the period 9 December to 21 December 1944. During the establishment of a bridgehead across the Saar River by Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, Private First Class Harper each night helped carry ammunition and supplies and guided men from the river to the company command post. When not engaged with his regular duties, he, despite intense enemy fire, guided and assisted litter bearers in evacuating wounded, led wire teams from the battalion command post to the company and on many occasions helped defend the battalion command post against infantry and tank attacks. His heroic service materially contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

ANDREW C. NUTT, 37107627, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Nutt, and another man, without the protection of supporting troops, established a mortar position near the enemy forces. Then, despite intense fire of all calibers, he remained at his post and directed such accurate fire upon the enemy that the counterattack was repelled. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

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WENDELL A. SATMAN, 37171314, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of Pretot, France. During an enemy artillery and mortar barrage, an infantry company sustained numerous casualties. Private First Class Satman, voluntarily advanced through the intense fire and, after administering first aid to the wounded, he then assisted in the evacuation of all casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

EDWARD L. PARR, JR., 31245784, Private First Class, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on a pillbox, Company \*\*, 359th Infantry suffered numerous casualties. Private First Class Parr, Aid Man, voluntarily subjected himself to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, while he administered first aid and made repeated trips moving the wounded men to places of comparative safety. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

STANLEY WHISMAN, 35671715, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany during the period 9 - 21 December 1944. During the establishment of a bridgehead across the Saar River by Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, Private First Class Whisman each night helped carry ammunition and supplies and guided men from the river to the company command post. When not engaged with his regular duties, he, despite intense enemy fire, guided and assisted litter bearers in evacuating wounded, led wire teams from the battalion command post to the company and on many occasions helped defend the battalion command post against infantry and tank attacks. His heroic service materially contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

WESLEY G. WILSON, 37721832, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 16 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. During an advance, Private First Class Wilson constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in carrying messages between the forward observation post and companies of the battalion. When the Battalion Commander became a casualty and the Battalion S-3 assumed command Private First Class Wilson guided the new commanding officer through hostile small arms and sniper fire to the various company observation posts. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

JOHN W. NELSON, 35006577, Private, Medical Department, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Private John W. Nelson worked indefatigably assisting in the evacuation of casualties from the west bank of the river to an advance ambulance loading post. The courageous devotion to duty which he displayed under intense enemy fire of various calibers was an important factor in the early treatment of many wounded men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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SAMUEL N. JOHNSON, JR., 0407361, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

THOMAS M. TIPTON, 01306018, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

DONALD N. OLMSTED, 37138611, First Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

GEORGE E. QUINN, 39681123, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Utah.

CLARENCE W. YOUNG, 6259362, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

JAMES D. GRIBRAS, 38103879, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 20 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

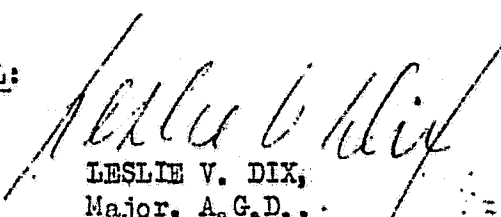
LAWRENCE A. GEUERREVALD, 37404775, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 6 June to 31 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

GLEN A. SHIVES, 37190058, Corporal, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 6 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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I--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

WILLIAM T. WALLACE, 0305090, Major, Infantry, 356th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully led the assault units of the \* \* Battalion, 358th Infantry, through intense enemy machine gun fire from two pillboxes, Major Wallace realized his communications and supply routes were still commanded by the enemy positions. After making a personal reconnaissance of the pillbox area, Major Wallace planned, organized and led an attack which quickly reduced the enemy fortifications and captured 26 prisoners. His gallantry was an inspiration to the entire battalion and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

II--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JERROLD R. HENDERSON, 0524572, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in Germany from 6 to 18 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, the shortage of supplies at front lines became critical. First Lieutenant Henderson organized and led carrying parties who were ferried across the unbridgeable river to the proper point of distribution. Working under constant enemy fire and over difficult terrain, he relieved the shortage and helped maintain a constant flow of supplies to the combat troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

III--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

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ROBBIE G. KNOX, 19109393, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 16 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on the town, Sergeant Knox was given the assignment of maintaining a telephone line between his company and the battalion command post. Disregarding his personal safety, he kept communications in excellent working order during the entire engagement, despite the obstacles presented by intense enemy shelling and repeated severing of the line by tanks. Though he was later mortally wounded by sniper fire, his courageous action will be a lasting inspiration to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

ROBERT P. DAVIS, 01292842, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 31 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mittel, Germany. An infantry platoon was assigned the mission of capturing a group of buildings in the town, defended by a well armed enemy force. First Lieutenant Davis, unnoticed by the enemy, led the platoon into the buildings and completely surprised the defenders, capturing 13 soldiers and six hostile civilians without firing a shot. His intrepid leadership enabled the platoon to accomplish the mission without casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Florida.

MELVIN S. HOUGEN, 01323571, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. First Lieutenant Hougen distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader. He skillfully executed his hazardous assignments oftentimes under heavy enemy fire of various calibers and, in several instances led reconnaissance patrols into hostile territory to gain valuable information concerning the enemy. On one particular occasion, he procured such accurate data on the strength and disposition of the enemy that the battalion secured an important bridge in a surprise attack on the foe, which accelerated the advance of the regiment toward Germany. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

STANLEY J. UTTERBACK, 0379195, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in Germany from 6 to 18 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, the shortage of supplies at the front lines became critical. First Lieutenant Utterback organized and led carrying parties who were ferried across the unbridgeable river to the proper point of distribution. Working under constant enemy fire and over difficult terrain, he relieved the shortage and helped maintain a constant flow of supplies to the combat troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

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RILEY J. CHARTER, 38126673, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Dreisbach, Germany. Staff Sergeant Charter, Squad Leader, volunteered as a member of a patrol assigned the dangerous mission of observing and reporting enemy dispositions around the town. With two companions, he traversed difficult terrain and, by contact, observed that the enemy had established numerous outposts which prohibited entrance to the town. With this important information he, with his comrades, returned to the battalion and gave an accurate report of the enemy situation. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

EDMUND W. QUINTUS, 37169629, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. The platoon, whose advance was being covered by Staff Sergeant Quintus was suddenly trapped by fire from an enemy machine gun. Although wounded by shellfire, Staff Sergeant Quintus held his position and destroyed the machine gun position with accurate fire from his automatic rifle. He continued to fire upon the enemy and did not permit himself to be evacuated until his supply of ammunition was exhausted. His heroic achievement permitted the platoon to move to a position of safety and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

JOHN SOUSA, 31445722, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 September 1944 in the vicinity of Mairy, France. Observing an enemy force approaching his position, Staff Sergeant Sousa quickly deployed his men in a defensive formation. In the fierce fire-fight that ensued, he exposed himself to hostile fire while moving from man to man offering individual encouragement. Inspired by his courageous leadership, the squad killed or wounded innumerable enemy, captured 34 and forced the remainder to make a disorganized withdrawal. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

JOHN R. COVEY, 33661847, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 17 November 1944 in the vicinity of Metzeresche, France. During an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Sergeant Covey observed a wounded man lying in an exposed area. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Covey advanced to the man, administered first aid and, with help, carried him to a place of safety. He then located a tank and used the vehicle's radio to obtain further medical aid. His heroic service saved the wounded man's life and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

FRANCISCO RIVERA, 38556781, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Dreisbach, Germany. Sergeant Rivera, Assistant Squad Leader, volunteered as a member of a patrol assigned the dangerous mission of observing and reporting enemy dispositions around the town. With two companions, he traversed difficult terrain and, by contact, observed that the enemy had established numerous outposts which prohibited entrance to the town. With this important information he, with his comrades, returned to the battalion and gave an accurate report of the enemy situation. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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JAMES J. ALLES, 42080551, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on the Fort, Private First Class Alles, Rifleman, saw his company commander become wounded by an enemy shell fragment. Undaunted by the fact that another enlisted man was killed by enemy fire in an effort to evacuate the officer, Private First Class Alles, without regard for his personal safety, advanced through intense enemy fire of various calibers to the position of the casualty. The courageous act of Private First Class Alles was inspirational to all his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

WALTER GOERING, 39086742, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Dreisbach, Germany. Private First Class Goehring, Rifleman, volunteered as a member of a patrol assigned the dangerous mission of observing and reporting enemy dispositions around the town. With two companions, he traversed difficult terrain and, by contact, observed that the enemy had established numerous outposts which prohibited entrance to the town. With this important information he, with his comrades, returned to the battalion and gave an accurate report of the enemy situation. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

WAYNE J. MAXHEIMER, 36436112, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 15 November and from 15 - 20 December 1944 in France and Germany. During action in both Distroff, France and Dillingen, Germany, Private First Class Maxheimer, Wireman, maintained communication between the mortar observation and company command posts. Without regard for his personal safety, he constantly subjected himself to enemy fire, repairing breaks in communication lines caused by artillery fire. His heroic service contributed materially to the fighting efficiency of his company and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

JOHN E. HENNELLY, 0280479, Captain, Dental Corps, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

AIME H. BRODEUR, 31025047, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 1 July to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

CLAYTON W. COOPER, 37155119, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

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VICTOR H. GIVAN, 37138450, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 24 July to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

RALPH L. ERICKSON, 37171833, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 8 June 1944 to 4 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

EDWARD B. DAVIS, 38148600, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

EARL C. STARR, 37173081, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 18 July to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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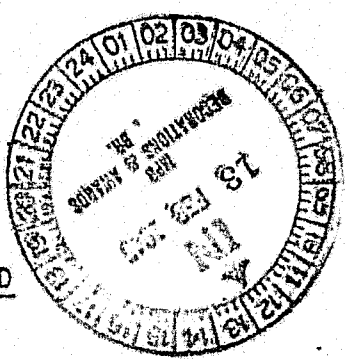
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I--AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ELMER D. QUERAM, 01318467, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While leading his platoon to a new position, First Lieutenant Queram observed an enemy machine gun in a pillbox being fired at a group of engineers who were attempting to reduce another fortification. Accompanied by an enlisted man, First Lieutenant Queram secured a bazooka and exposed himself to artillery and small arms fire as he fired two rockets into the fortification. His accurate fire destroyed the machine gun and killed three enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

II--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

EDWIN T. BRUCE, JR., 01695771, Captain, Medical Corps, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When the aid station personnel commanded by Captain Bruce attempted to cross the Saar River, fire from pillboxes and artillery rendered the crossing site impassable. Realizing the necessity for medical aid on the far shore, Captain Bruce led his men to a damaged bridge and crossed the river by jumping from one assault boat to another that had been swept downstream and jammed against the bridge. Upon reaching the far shore, the men were forced to take cover from fire directed at them. When darkness came, Captain Bruce reorganized the men, infiltrated through the fire and established an aid station at the originally designated position. Working continuously throughout the night, Captain Bruce treated over 32 casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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VICTOR S. DILEO, 0493643, Captain, Medical Corps, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 6 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Captain Dileo led his medical section across the Saar River under heavy artillery and small arms fire and established an aid station on the far side. He administered medical attention to the casualties under the most adverse conditions and later organized litter squads to evacuate the wounded men. He obtained the aid of linemen and the less seriously wounded men as litter bearers and, using improvised litters, he directed the evacuation of the casualties. His heroic service aided materially in saving many lives and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

LAWRENCE O. OLSEN, 01317660, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in Germany from 15 to 22 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, Second Lieutenant Olsen was placed in command of a task force company. Working with indefatigable energy under constant enemy fire, he directed his men expertly, maintained all communications, acted as artillery and mortar forward observer and helped move casualties to the rear. Immediately prior to the evacuation of Dillingen, Second Lieutenant Olsen was wounded but he directed the ensuing river crossing with efficiency and despatch. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

STEPHEN E. VOSEBURGH, 02049135, Second Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. After three previous futile attempts had been made to evacuate casualties from across the Saar River, Second Lieutenant Voseburgh, aware of the magnitude of the task, volunteered to make another effort. Undaunted by the failure of his first endeavor to cross at the site of a railroad bridge, he tried to swim the raging torrent, but the swiftness of the current made this impossible. With undiminished optimism, he then tried to span the river by use of a rope, but this attempt likewise proved unavailing. Shortly thereafter he sustained a painful wound which necessitated his evacuation. His tenacious determination in exploiting every means available to attempt the rescue of the casualties was inspirational to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Maine.

TANLEY H. SHEDLOCK, 31039420, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, German. Technician Fourth Grade Shedlock distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as company aid man. During the Saar River operation, he successfully led many supply parties and litter bearer squads through enemy lines to their assigned destination. His courageous devotion to duty was a material factor in the delivery of critically needed medical supplies and in the prompt evacuation of wounded men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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EUGENE J. MEYER, 39620102, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, vital wire lines were disrupted by artillery and mortar fire. While advancing to repair the breaks, Private First Class Meyer was suddenly subjected to direct enemy machine gun and subsequent artillery and mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he continued his advance and, with a companion, repaired the breaks and restored the urgently-needed communications. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Montana.

FRANK A. LIPP, JR., 35493788, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 16 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

III--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

GUY J. ELDRIDGE, 37153644, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, a machine gun squad expended all its ammunition at a critical stage of the battle. Private First Class Eldridge, sensing the impending danger, left a position of cover and advanced through intense hand grenade and small arms fire to obtain more ammunition. His courageous act in replenishing the supply was an important factor in repelling the counterattack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

JAMES H. BIERY, 01080004, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 6 - 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, First Lieutenant Biery directed the establishment of a regimental supply dump under adverse conditions. When the front line elements were urgently in need of supplies, he exposed himself to enemy observation and personally carried the needed food and ammunition through intense fire of various calibers to the infantry troops. His heroic service aided materially in the advance of the battalion and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

JOHN T. KENNY, JR., 01324841, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 3 - 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizières les Metz, France. During the night, the position of a rifle company on a slag pile was subjected to a counter-attack by a numerically superior enemy force. Second Lieutenant Kenny, without regard for his personal safety, remained at an exposed position and directed

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accurate mortar fire upon the nearby enemy. On the following day, when friendly troops launched an attack, he repeated his close-in accurate adjustment of supporting mortar fire, which killed many of the enemy and materially aided the success of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

JOSEPH A. BECKMANN, 37190092, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of Amfreville, France. During an attack, a company's advance was temporarily halted by hostile small arms fire. After the patrol of which he was a member had located the source of the fire, Staff Sergeant Beckmann engaged the foe with automatic rifle fire and hand grenades while two members of the patrol returned to the company with the information gained. Although Staff Sergeant Beckmann was wounded in this action and subsequently captured by several enemy, his accurate fire helped kill or wound seven of the foe and enabled his two comrades to carry out the reconnaissance mission to its successful completion. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

AUBREY G. EDWARDS, 38089318, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. While in charge of a ration carrying party, Staff Sergeant Edwards subjected himself to heavy artillery and sporadic sniper fire, and led the detail from the battalion supply point to each company. When they came to a valley swept by machine gun fire, he made his men take cover, while he continued alone across the lowland to reconnoiter the safest route. Through his courageous and determined efforts the companies received the necessary rations. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JOHN J. FRUECHT, JR., 33412486, Staff Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of Amfreville, France. During an attack, a company's advance was temporarily halted by hostile small arms fire. After the patrol of which he was a member had located the source of the fire, Staff Sergeant Fruecht engaged the foe with automatic rifle fire and hand grenades while two members of the patrol returned to the company with the information gained. Although Staff Sergeant Fruecht was wounded in this action and subsequently captured by several enemy, his accurate fire helped kill or wound seven of the foe and enabled his two comrades to carry out the reconnaissance mission to its successful completion. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

FRED SCHULZ, 37172421, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having established a series of outposts to protect the \*\* Battalion's supply route, Company \*\*, 357th Infantry, was subjected to a strong counterattack supported by mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Schulz, armed with a sub-machine gun, moved about from one squad to another supporting them with automatic fire while continuously subjected to heavy fire. Staff Sergeant Schulz's personal courage inspired the men and was a contributing factor in repelling the attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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EDWARD O. SMITH, 35654058, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of St. Hubert, France. During an infantry company's attack on a strongly defended fort, Staff Sergeant Smith proved a constant inspiration to his men. When heavy casualties were inflicted upon his platoon he, despite intense machine gun and mortar fire, assisted in administering first aid to the wounded, reorganized the men and continued the attack. His heroic service contributed materially to the fighting efficiency of the company and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

CLAYTON H. TAYLOR, 38099387, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 6 - 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A numerically superior enemy force repeatedly counterattacked a heavy machine gun squad which held an important position near the town in support of a platoon. Staff Sergeant Taylor subjected himself to hostile hand grenade and small arms fire and directed effective fire upon the attacking force. Though fighting was often at close range, his courageous and aggressive leadership so inspired his men that they repelled the counterattacks. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ERVIN R. TURNER, 37107963, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Staff Sergeant Turner, Section Leader, despite hostile bazooka and machine gun fire, operated his M-1 rifle so accurately that he killed one enemy, wounded several others and routed the remainder. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

GEORGE L. VON ROEDER, 38099861, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Staff Sergeant Von Roeder volunteered to deliver a situation map and other vital information from the battalion command post to the regimental command post  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant. Though the area was flooded and being constantly shelled, he selected a route to the Saar River, crossed it in an abandoned boat and proceeded to his destination. The courageous devotion to duty which Staff Sergeant Von Roeder displayed in delivering the important data contributed materially to the success of the bridgehead operation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

DEAN WINEINGER, 38146951, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Staff Sergeant Wineinger volunteered to deliver a situation map and other vital information from the battalion command post to the regimental command post  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant. Though the area was flooded and being constantly shelled, he selected a route to the Saar River, crossed it in an abandoned boat and proceeded to his destination. The courageous devotion to duty which Staff Sergeant Wineinger displayed in delivering the important data contributed materially to the success of the bridgehead operation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.



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ROBERT T. ALLEN, 33582003, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an attack by a numerically superior enemy force, Sergeant Allen noticed that the supply of ammunition was becoming rapidly depleted. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced through hostile machine gun and mortar fire and obtained an enemy rifle. Although wounded by hostile fire, he held his position, killed several enemy and helped repel the attack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

WALTER Y. VANDERPLOEG, 31025508, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While moving to a new position with his platoon, Sergeant Vanderploeg, accompanied by his platoon leader, exposed himself to small arms and artillery fire to neutralize a machine gun being fired from a pillbox at a group of engineers who were attempting to reduce another fortification. Firing two rockets into the pillbox, Sergeant Vanderploeg succeeded in destroying the machine gun and killing three enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

JOSEPH F. YOCH, 37190315, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When an enemy counterattacking force withdrew beyond the crest of a hill out of Company \*'s field of machine gun fire, Sergeant Yoch, Squad Leader, left his machine gun, secured an M-1 rifle and moved to the crest of the hill. From this commanding position, he killed and wounded many of the enemy. Though wounded by mortar fire, he continued to fire until all hostile resistance had ceased and succeeded in taking one of the few enemy survivors prisoner. Sergeant Yoch's heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

HERBERT C. BAUGH, 38094743, Corporal, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 3, 5 and 6 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizières les Metz, France. During the battle near the town, Corporal Baugh drove his  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle day and night transporting wounded to the rear. Working under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he evacuated innumerable casualties and was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

GORDON R. FALL, 31373952, Corporal (by a private first class), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When an attacking force advanced within hand grenade range, Corporal Fall realized that his machine gun position offered an inadequate field of fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he carried his heavy machine gun across open ground in the face of intense hand grenade and small arms fire to a more commanding site. From this position Corporal Fall's devastating machine gun fire routed the enemy force. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Hampshire.

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EDWARD BARTULA, 31028463, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 11 June to 18 July 1944 in France. As a member of a regimental graves registration crew, Technician Fifth Grade Bartula, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers and worked ceaselessly over long periods of time assisting in the prompt evacuation of casualties. His courageous and untiring efforts and complete devotion to duty aided materially in maintaining a high state of morale among the front line troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

THEODORE W. BLANKENSHIP, 38342850, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, vital wire lines were disrupted by artillery and mortar fire. While advancing to repair the breaks, Private First Class Blankenship was suddenly subjected to direct enemy machine gun and subsequent artillery and mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he continued his advance and, with a companion, repaired the breaks and restored the urgently-needed communications. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

EARL M. GREEN, 38694498, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 30 November 1944 in the vicinity of Niedaltdorf, Germany. While on reconnaissance in the town, Private First Class Green and two companions were fired upon by enemy troops located in a nearby building. When one of the companions became a casualty, the numerically superior enemy attempted to rush the remaining two men. In the ensuing action, Private First Class Green fired his weapon so accurately upon the advancing enemy that many were killed or wounded. He then returned to his company and reported vital information concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy which was of inestimable value in subsequent operations. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

ROY L. McCracken, 37155542, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, communication lines were severed by enemy artillery fire. Private First Class McCracken, although suffering from concussion, traversed areas subjected to intense enemy fire and succeeded in laying a wire line to maintain communications between two companies. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

GEORGE W. NACE, 33474470, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. When an enemy counterattack appeared imminent, Private First Class Nace volunteered to guard seven prisoners and eight wounded men and accomplish their evacuation. While the prisoners carried the casualties on improvised litters, he, with a companion, under heavy fire of various calibers, led the party to the battalion command post. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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LOYD ROBINSON, 35773919, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 19 November 1944 in the vicinity of Guinkirchen, France. During the advance up a winding road, Company \*\*, advance guard of the \*\* Battalion, was subjected to intense fire from camouflaged pillboxes in a heavily wooded area. Private First Class Robinson located the enemy and neutralized their pillboxes with accurate automatic rifle fire while the rest of the Company advanced, closed in and captured two squads of the enemy and one officer. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

LEROY RUDD, 38096418, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 11 June to 18 July 1944 in France. As a member of a regimental graves registration crew, Private First Class Rudd, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers and worked ceaselessly over long periods of time assisting in the prompt evacuation of casualties. His courageous and untiring efforts and complete devotion to duty aided materially in maintaining a high state of morale among the front line troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

WILLIAM C. TAYLOR, 38099733, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. After being subjected to an intense artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class Taylor observed enemy infantrymen launching an attack directed at his completely exposed machine gun position from an anti-tank ditch 150 yards distant. He waited until all enemy had left the ditch and then opened fire upon the force, killing 15 and wounding several more. His heroic achievement routed the attackers and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CARL F. BUTTERLY, 37138395, Private, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of La Quinte, France. Private Butterly distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as driver of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle which spearheaded the motor column of Task Force Weaver. By the expert manner in which he handled his vehicle he enabled the gunner operating the machine gun mounted thereon to direct effective fire upon the foe. The intrepid action of Private Butterly resulted in the destruction of several enemy vehicles and the killing of 7 enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

RONALD W. DAVIS, 37665100, Private, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. When an enemy counterattack appeared imminent, Private Davis volunteered to guard seven prisoners and eight wounded men and accomplish their evacuation. While the prisoners carried the casualties on improvised litters, he, with a companion, under heavy fire of various calibers, led the party to the battalion command post. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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WILLIAM R. HARRIS, 35757511, Private, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of Amfreville, France. During an attack, a company's advance was temporarily halted by hostile small arms fire. After the patrol of which he was a member had located the source of the fire, Private Harris engaged the foe with automatic rifle fire and hand grenades while two members of the patrol returned to the company with the information gained. Although Private Harris was wounded in this action and subsequently captured by several enemy, his accurate fire helped kill or wound seven of the foe and enabled his two comrades to carry out the reconnaissance mission to its successful completion. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

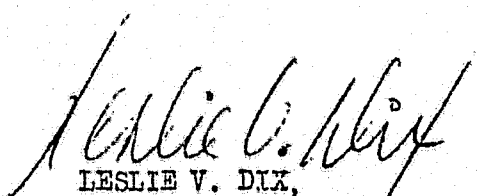
MARION G. BROWN, 0381457, Major, Medical Corps, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

ROGER M. PIERSON, 37173103, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June to 25 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

ROBERT L. BURNIK, 01045689, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 10 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Rehlinger, Germany. During an attack to rout the enemy from the town, First Lieutenant Burnik, strategically deployed the machine guns of his platoon and directed accurate fire upon the foe. So inspiring was his leadership and effective his supervision that the mission was expeditiously accomplished with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

ROLAND P. BUCCIALIA, 01046029, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

ROBERT C. KUNS, 0311810, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CARL E. SCHREINER, 01045591, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

VICTOR M. CLAUSON, 20753859, Technical Sergeant, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 16 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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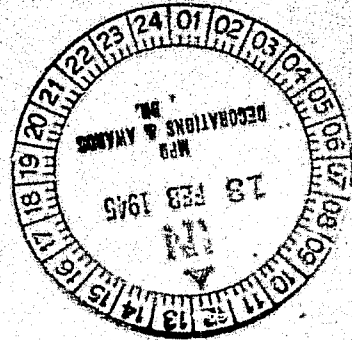
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I. AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star and Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

EDWIN T. BRUCE, JR., 01695771, Captain, Medical Corps, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 and 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A casualty was greatly in need of additional medical care which required evacuation across the Saar River. Captain Bruce, though constantly exposed to intense fire, organized litter bearers and directed the evacuation of the litter case and 5 or 6 walking wounded across a partially destroyed railroad trestle. Later, when an aid station was subjected to heavy mortar and artillery fire, he, disregarding his personal safety, directed the movement of the wounded and aid station personnel to shelter in cellars of nearby buildings. His heroic service saved the lives of many men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

CAROL E. ALBERS, 37156152, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 - 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, supplies were difficult to transport across the river due to the overflowed banks, swift current and continuous artillery fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Albers worked steadily in the treacherous water, loading boats with vitally needed supplies while in dangerous proximity to hostile artillery fire. Though mortally wounded in this action, his courage and devotion to duty will be a lasting inspiration to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

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JUAN H. ESKEW, 38147333, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. An infantry platoon was subjected to a heavy counterattack by a numerically superior force. Staff Sergeant Eskew, in command of an outpost of the platoon, held his position though almost surrounded, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy with automatic weapons fire. He then moved to a more commanding position and maintained such a volume of accurate rifle and grenade fire that the attack was repulsed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JAMES G. COCK, 18103611, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 15 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. As a member of a task force, Staff Sergeant Cook, acting as an artillery forward observer, repeatedly left positions of safety during hostile attacks to direct artillery fire on enemy positions. On one occasion, when subjected to an armored attack, he left a position of comparative safety and, despite intense mortar and direct artillery fire, adjusted accurate support artillery registrations on the enemy which destroyed many tanks and defensive concentrations and routed the enemy. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ERNEST J. WALVATNE, 37173160, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Staff Sergeant Walvatne and a companion, occupying a strategic position protecting an infantry company's left flank, were subjected to repeated counterattacks when an enemy platoon observed their emplacement. Though confronted by a numerically superior force, he, without regard for his personal safety, remained in his position and, with hand grenades and accurate direction of artillery fire, repulsed the attacks. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

JOSEPH W. HRABAL, 35299479, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Sergeant Hrabal and a companion, occupying a strategic position protecting an infantry company's left flank, were subjected to repeated counterattacks when an enemy platoon observed their emplacement. Though confronted by a numerically superior force, he, without regard for his personal safety, remained in his position and with hand grenades and accurate direction of artillery fire, repulsed the attacks. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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I--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

WALTER P. FRENCH, 38146621, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, when all other means of crossing the treacherous current had failed, Sergeant French, despite continuous shelling, kept a ferry in constant operation. By working indefatigably under adverse conditions, he transported reinforcements and vitally-needed supplies across the torrent and evacuated many wounded men. Though he was mortally wounded during the ferrying operations, the courageous devotion to duty which he displayed will be an everlasting inspiration to his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

GRAHAM H. GRAY, 38000592, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 - 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. When all other means of transporting troops and supplies across the Saar River had failed, Sergeant Gray undertook the difficult and dangerous task of laying a steel ferry cable across the torrent. After two unsuccessful attempts, he successfully completed the mission. Working under continuous enemy fire, he then organized and directed the ferrying operations which erased a critical logistical barrier. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

MELVIN E. TANGEN, 37171649, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 10 - 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on the Fort, Technician Fifth Grade Tangen, without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to intense enemy fire of various calibers to treat and evacuate casualties. His heroic service saved the lives of many wounded men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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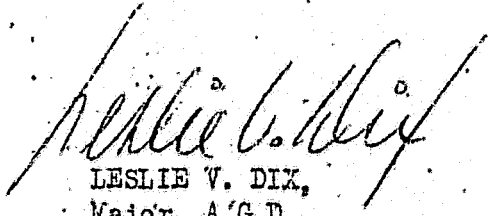
JOHN S. KNIGHT, 20317948, Private First Class (then private), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse-Ham, France. Upon arriving at a Moselle River ferry site, a platoon found only one small boat available for crossing purposes. Private First Class Knight volunteered to serve as a crewman in ferrying his comrades to the far bank. Despite constant enemy observed artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he made five round trips to successfully transport his platoon and six aid men across the flooded river. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

CHARLES J. TEMAR, 33177456, Private First Class (then private), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Temar voluntarily accompanied two demolition men in a fourth attempt to breach a hostile pillbox. Although exposed to direct enemy fire, he covered the movements of his comrades with a rifle while they placed and ignited demolition charges. The resulting explosion destroyed the fortification, killing four enemy and effecting the capture of 12. Private First Class Temar's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

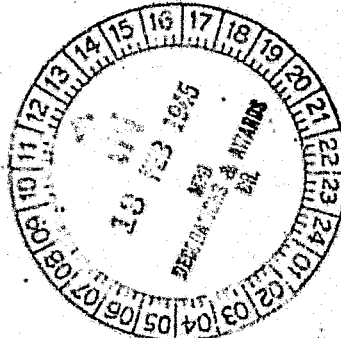
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

GEORGE I. BLOMQUIST, 0404549, Captain, Field Artillery, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 August to 1 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

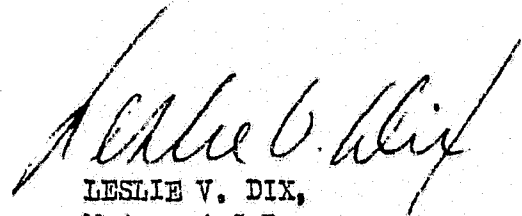
HILLWOOD H. FURST, 0374075, Captain, Field Artillery, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 August to 1 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM R. ZHEUTLIN, 01030635, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 14 August to 15 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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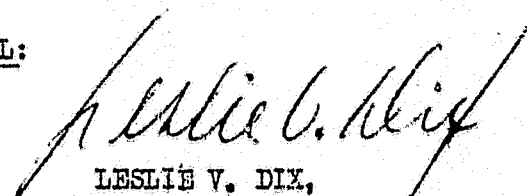
HAROLD E. BOWMAN, 0409051, Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, 13th Chemical Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 November to 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

BEVERLY F. O'NEAL, JR., 01035956, First Lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Service, 13th Chemical Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 7 November to 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

JAMES O. BOSWELL, 019188, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 June 1944 in the vicinity of Ste. Sur Mont, France. The bulk of the 90th Infantry Division landed on the invasion beaches in the vicinity of the town with the mission of launching an attack west across the Merderet River at the earliest practicable moment. Lieutenant Colonel Boswell, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, who had arrived the previous day with the advance party, being acutely aware of the necessity of an early determination of the enemy situation on which to base an attack plan, assumed personal responsibility for the collection of information. He traversed long distances of the fluid front under heavy fire of all calibers to contact assault units, completely disregarding the isolated pockets of resistance and the profusion of snipers still remaining between and behind the assault forces. He, by his personal courage, procured vital data over and beyond that which was expected concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy which greatly facilitated the formulation and execution of the plan of maneuver. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from District of Columbia.

FRANK GILCHRIST, 0385973, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gavisse and Cattenom, France. During the assault crossing of the Moselle River, the rising waters inundated the ferry site rendering operations at that point impracticable. Lieutenant Colonel Gilchrist, Commander, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, fully aware of the necessity of transporting antitank guns and supplies across the river, personally reconnoitered the river bank for alternate ferry sites while subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and flat trajectory fire. Successful in locating a suitable ferry stage, he immediately directed the initiation of work and supervised its execution. At the completion of the ferry, Lieutenant Colonel Gilchrist moved to the bridge site at Cattenom, where he found all work suspended due to severe casualties from observed high velocity and mortar fire. He again risked his life under the continuous enemy fire to reconnoiter along the dangerous river bank for another possible location. After a thorough reconnaissance had indicated no alternate locations, Lieutenant Colonel Gilchrist returned to direct the main engineer effort on the ferry at Gavisse. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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HERBERT K. HORNUNG, 0286271, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gavisse and Gattenom, France. During the assault crossing of the Moselle River by the 90th Infantry Division, flooding waters necessitated a change in the plans for communication. Lieutenant Colonel Hornung, Division Signal Officer, aware of the pressing exigency for wire communication with troops on the opposite side of the river, personally reconnoitered for new wire routes and means of installing the wire lines across the raging torrent. Disregarding the intense artillery and mortar fire, he, at risk of his life, personally supervised and directed the execution of the work and established the vital communication necessary for the success of the river crossing. Lieutenant Colonel Hornung's intrepid leadership and dauntless determination materially contributed to the fighting efficiency of the division and was an inspiration to the men under his command. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

RICHARD G. STILLWELL, 021065, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 9 to 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Thionville, France. During the assault crossing of the Moselle River by the 90th Infantry Division, a rapidly rising flood of the river, together with heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire on the near bank, took serious toll in lives and equipment and inevitably disorganized the engineers' attempts to get bridges or ferries to the infantry already across the river. For three days the success of the operation was seriously threatened. During this period, Lieutenant Colonel Stilwell, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 of the division, labored unceasingly without thought of rest or sleep. Dividing his time between the command post and the river bank, he kept himself personally abreast of every phase of the operation. With utter disregard of his personal safety, he went into areas under heavy enemy fire where he restored order, reorganized work and supervised its execution. His thorough knowledge of engineer problems, his keen appreciation of the over-all situation, his ability to foresee and forestall crises were of inestimable value in reorganizing and co-ordinating operations. His personal presence at critical points, his calmness under fire, and his confident enthusiasm inspired all who saw him with renewed determination. In a time of great difficulty the gallantry, leadership, and unyielding devotion to duty of Lieutenant Colonel Stilwell contributed immeasurably to the successful crossing of the Moselle River by the 90th Infantry Division. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR

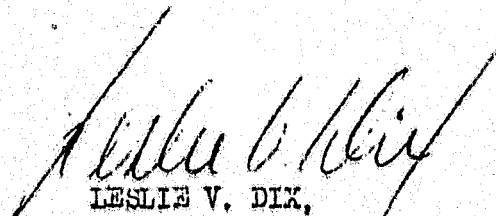
Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

LILLARD E. PRATT, 0362411, Captain, Field Artillery, 343rd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 15 - 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operations, Captain Pratt was attached to a task force as Artillery Liaison Officer. Working with indefatigable energy under adverse conditions, he rendered valuable aid in coordinating artillery and mortar fire to support the task force. On one occasion, when a severe counterattack was launched by the enemy, he directed fire so effectively that the attack was repulsed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

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31 January 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

KENNETH E. LUTERNOW, 20823778, Technical Sergeant, Ordnance Department, 790th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bouzonville, France. When enemy artillery scored a direct hit on a building occupied by the company, Technical Sergeant Luternow, with two companions, entered the structure in search of casualties. He and his comrades located a wounded man buried beneath the debris, and working tirelessly, despite continual artillery fire, succeeded in rescuing the casualty. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

EDWIN R. KOWRER, 33238208, Technician Fourth Grade, Ordnance Department, 790th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bouzonville, France. When enemy artillery scored a direct hit on a building occupied by the company, Technician Fourth Grade Kowrer discovered casualties trapped and buried in the debris and immediately reported the situation to the company commander. Despite the continued artillery fire, he returned to the building and aided in the evacuation of the casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. BULLOCK, 34808850, Technician Fifth Grade, Ordnance Department, 790th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bouzonville, France. When enemy artillery scored a direct hit on a building occupied by the company, Technician Fifth Grade Bullock, with the aid of two companions, rescued three officers who were trapped on the first floor. Despite the continued artillery fire, he ascended to the third story, extinguished a menacing fire and aided in the evacuation of casualties from this part of the building. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

PETER S. LIZAKOWSKI, 37169688, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 90th Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gavisse, France. When it became necessary to lay a traffic control line to infantry elements on the far side of the swollen Moselle River, Private First Class Lizakowski crossed the treacherous current under heavy artillery fire and strung a wire line to the infantry. His establishment of adequate communications expedited the transportation of supplies across the Moselle and materially aided the infantry to repel a counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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31 January 1945

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR -----	I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -----	II
AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE -----	III

I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

CLARENCE K. FALES, 05330, Colonel, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 June 1944 in the vicinity of Gourbesville, France. Receiving orders at 2000, that his regiment, 359th Infantry was to attack at once to cut the road extending southwest from the heavily defended town of Gourbesville, Colonel Fales immediately went forward to his \* \* Battalion to coordinate the assault. Finding the battalion commander away on reconnaissance, Colonel Fales organized the attack and formed the unit for the assault. Sensing the great encouragement the men derived from his presence among them, he personally led the assault, utterly disregarding the intense machine gun and mortar fire which rained upon the attacking troops. Inspired by his cool leadership and heroism, the battalion overran the initial resistance and rapidly advanced 1200 yards to the objective. With the advance suddenly checked by strong defenses at the road, Colonel Fales ordered a bayonet charge and placing himself at the head of his men, rushed and carried the objective. Thus unhinged, the enemy defense line crumbled two days later. The gallant action and inspiring leadership of Colonel Fales was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

JULIAN H. GEORGE, 08421, Colonel, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Colonel George, Commanding, had three battalions across the Saar River fighting to establish a bridgehead against a stubborn enemy defense. The area occupied by his troops on the east bank of the river was completely dominated by enemy observation and fire, making impossible the construction of a bridge and extremely difficult the maintenance of communication. Without regard for his personal safety, Colonel George moved across the river and established an advance command post in the basement of a destroyed building in Dillingen, Germany. Practically in the front line, subjected to heavy enemy fires and infiltration by enemy groups, he operated from this dangerous post until his regiment was brought back across the river on 21 December 1944. The gallantry of Colonel George in sharing the hardships and dangers of his men was an inspiration to the entire command and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

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JAMES V. THOMPSON, 016826, Colonel, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 June 1944 in the vicinity of Pont l'Abbe, France. Colonel Thompson commanded the 358th Infantry in its landing and baptism of fire in the Normandy campaign. During the advance on Pont l'Abbe, the regiment was suddenly counterattacked by an entire division. The overwhelming numerical superiority of the enemy took a heavy toll and left the companies of the regiment with very few officers. Colonel Thompson immediately went to the front lines. Advancing at risk of his life through intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he moved from squad to squad, encouraging each man with his confidence and enthusiasm. Although he was wounded so seriously that he was unable to move, Colonel Thompson lay prostrate in an exposed position and continued to direct all operations in the area. His outstanding courage instilled renewed determination in every member of his command and inspired the troops to rout the hostile force and proceed to their objective. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

JOSEPH M. TULLY, 04464, Colonel, Cavalry, Headquarters 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Colonel Tully, Assistant Division Commander, crossed the Saar River by boat and under observation by the enemy and exposed to heavy enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire, made a personal reconnaissance of front line units on the east side of the river. When enemy fire became so heavy that further progress on foot was not justified, Colonel Tully completed his reconnaissance in an M-10 tank destroyer. The gallant action of Colonel Tully was an inspiration to front line units and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

DONALD P. KAADE, 01290614, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. During the battle Captain Kaade, without regard for his personal safety, left positions of cover and moved about under unusually heavy fire of enemy artillery, mortars and rockets to perform important liaison missions for his commander. For over an hour under this heavy fire he performed his duties and rendered assistance to those about him who were wounded by the shelling. The unselfish devotion to duty of Captain Kaade at a critical and difficult time was of great value to the division commander and an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

NOAH L. LANIER, 14024922, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. Staff Sergeant Lanier was accompanying a group of officers on a reconnaissance of the front lines at an hour and place where the principal effort of the division was to jump off in an attack to pinch out the enemy pocket southeast of Bastogne. Just prior to the attack and for more than an hour thereafter, the enemy placed on this area an intense concentration of artillery, mortar and rocket fire. The rocket fire came in salvos of twelve or more every few minutes. Without regard for his personal safety and in spite of the fact that others near him were being killed and wounded, Staff Sergeant Lanier remained at his post of duty exposed to the shelling and

assisted materially in preventing confusion, directing tanks and otherwise insuring the success of the attack. The gallantry and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Lanier were in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

CLARKE K. FALES, 05330, Colonel, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 June to 5 July 1944 in France. As Commanding Officer, Colonel Fales landed with his regiment on the Normandy beaches on "D" day and saw it through its baptism of fire. His skill, personal bravery and leadership did much to lay the foundation for the outstanding record of performance made by the 359th Infantry in Europe. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

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~~RICHARD C. PARTRIDGE, 012630, Colonel, Field Artillery, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 16 June to 5 July 1944 in France. Assuming command of the 358th Infantry on 16 June during the heavy fighting in Normandy, Colonel Partridge led his regiment through a succession of difficult engagements with great skill and personal bravery. With utter disregard for his own safety, he went under enemy fire where his presence was needed until, on 5 July, he was wounded seriously while making a personal reconnaissance in the front lines. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.~~

III--AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE--. Under the provisions of paragraph 3 War Department Circular 408, 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded the following named officer for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy:

728 COLONEL CLARKE K. FALES, 05330, Infantry, 359th Infantry Retroactive to:  
6 June 1944

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

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1 February 1945

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR ----- I  
REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 22----- II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR-. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

FRANK G. SPIESS, 0266094, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 9 - 19 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom and Koenigsmacker, France. During the period of repeated abortive attempts to bridge the Moselle River at high flood, and during a succession of vicious counterattacks by the enemy immediately prior to the ultimately successful bridging operation, the support of self-propelled guns was of primary importance. Lieutenant Colonel Spiess, heedless of heavy enemy artillery fire and of the dangerous road conditions resulting from the flood, constantly supervised and directed the supporting fires of his command. His personal presence and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

II. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 22-. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 22, this headquarters, 9 January 1945, as awards the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star to FRANK G. SPIESS, 0266094, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, is revoked. His award is republished in Section I, of these General Orders.

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2 February 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

RUSSELL MAFFEI, 38310582, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 15 to 25 July 1944 in the vicinity of Gorges, France. During this period, Technician Fifth Grade Maffei distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. On one occasion, a soldier of an adjacent unit was wounded seriously by shell fragments. Disregarding his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Maffei went to the soldier's aid and administered medical treatment while subjected to intense fire. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

By command of Major General-BOOKS:

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

GEORGE W. PEFFER, JR., 35272221, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery 90th Division Artillery, United States Army. For heroism on 14 June 1944 in the vicinity of St. Mere Eglise, France. A liaison plane crashed into some trees and was set afire. Staff Sergeant Peffer rushed to the plane and, despite the fact that the gasoline tank was likely to explode at any moment, extricated the observer from the flaming wreckage. He then smothered the officer's burning clothing with his own outer garments. His selfless act saved the life of the observer. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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AWARD OF FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL-----	II

*Revoked by G.O.#124-10 Feb. 45*

I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to  
~~EARL SUTTON, 0376950, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters 90th Division Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. When enemy fire from a series of fortified buildings impeded the advance of the infantry on the town, Lieutenant Colonel Sutton secured a 155mm self-propelled gun in order to bring direct heavy artillery fire on the fortifications. Though the only approaches to the town were under observed fire, he, at risk of his life, entered the town, reconnoitered and selected a position for the artillery piece. During darkness, he directed the movement of the gun into position and, with accurate registration, demolished the fortifications. His courageous action and complete devotion to duty materially aided the infantry in capturing the town. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.~~

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\*~~LLOYD A. WATLAND, 0541517, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters 90th Division Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on Fort Koenigsmacker by the 358th Infantry, the unprecedented flood of the Moselle River and the intonso artillery barrages prevented the establishment of supply lines to the regiment on the far side. Aware of the heavy enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire covering the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, First Lieutenant Watland, Artillery Liaison Pilot, decided to find an air approach to the Fort. At risk of his life, he repeatedly flew into the zone of enemy anti-aircraft defenses, purposely drawing their fire upon himself until he determined a dead space permitting a relatively safe approach. This proved to be at an altitude of ten feet which subjected him to hostile small arms and to both enemy and friendly artillery fire. He then returned to his base, briefed nine air observation pilots, supervised the loading of their planes with the necessary items, successfully led them through ten flights and delivered the critically needed supplies to the regiment. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.~~

II--AWARD OF FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and three Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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EDWARD C. HICKS, JR., 01183537, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 13 November to 21 December 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

WILLIAM J. REBIN, 01175555, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 8 October to 26 November 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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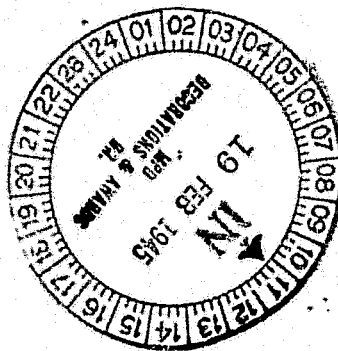
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I--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

HOWARD L. PEMBERTON, 02000137, Second Lieutenant (then technical sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an advance on the town, heavy fire forced Second Lieutenant Pemberton's platoon into a shallow trench encircling a pillbox. Machine gun fire suddenly emanated from the fortification, trapping the platoon in the trench. Despite the fact that the machine gun was only 10 yards distant, Second Lieutenant Pemberton exposed himself by standing erect in the trench and fired a bazooka round which neutralized the hostile fire. His gallant action permitted his platoon to continue its advance and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

JAMES M. LEATH, 18034505, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Sergeant Leath, while on a reconnaissance in the town, was fired upon by a machine gun from a supposedly unoccupied pillbox. After capturing one enemy, he advanced, accompanied by the prisoner, to search and secure the fortification. As they reached the objective, point blank machine gun fire forced their withdrawal to the protection of a communication trench. Having exhausted his supply of white phosphorus grenades, Sergeant Leath called to a rifleman in one of the houses to relay one, which fell short of his position. He, at risk of his life, exposed himself to close range machine gun fire as he crawled out of the trench and secured the grenade. Advancing to the strongpoint, he threw it in the door which forced the surrender of another enemy and killed several others. As a result of his determined, aggressive actions the company was able to move forward under cover of the smoke screen and accomplish its mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

EDWARD JACKEL, 42057916, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When Staff Sergeant Jackel and his squad, along with three prisoners, were surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry, they took refuge in a house.

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He quickly organized his men and planned an escape from the building. He instructed the prisoners to remain silent whenever tanks approached the house and encouraged them to persuade other enemy soldiers whom they might meet to surrender. They were stopped in their first attempt to escape when a tank crew on a reconnaissance drove their tank up to the window of the building. Later, Staff Sergeant Jackel, at risk of his life, led his squad through the tank positions and across an open field under intense artillery and machine gun fire. Though wounded in both legs, he refused evacuation until he had guided the squad with their prisoners safely to friendly territory. Through his courageous and adroit leadership, valuable information of enemy activity was obtained by his squad. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

JAMES W. PIERSON, 33519522, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an advance toward the town, a platoon of infantry was pinned down by fire from an enemy pillbox. At risk of his life, Staff Sergeant Pierson crawled to the strongpoint and entered it, but was forced out by machine pistol fire. Undaunted, he procured a white phosphorus hand grenade from a comrade, again moved to the pillbox and threw the grenade inside. As a result of his courageous act, the platoon was enabled to advance under cover of the ensuing smoke screen and accomplish its mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

III--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR --. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

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~~ROBERT B. McHOLLAND~~ 0433315, Captain, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 15 July to 25 November 1944 in France and Germany. Captain McHolland received command of Company \*\*, 358th Infantry, which had lost all of its officers, noncommissioned officers and all but 15 of its enlisted men. After receiving reinforcements and in the five days before they were committed to combat, he trained and organized these new men into an aggressive fighting force. From the initial battle of the new company, he led his men to numerous seemingly impossible victories. While closing the last enemy escape route at Chambois, Captain McHolland exercised unusual boldness and courage as he led his men in routing an enemy force which outnumbered Company \*\* ten to one. During the battle of Germany, Captain McHolland and a small number of his men routed an enemy force of over 100 men. Aggressively, he chased the retreating enemy through a series of communication trenches and was personally responsible for the capture of more than 100 of the enemy. During the fierce close-in fighting in Butzendorf, Germany, Captain McHolland was killed by an enemy machine gunner while saving the lives of two seriously wounded men. The courageous leadership displayed by Captain McHolland during his colorful command will be a lasting inspiration to all men who witnessed his actions. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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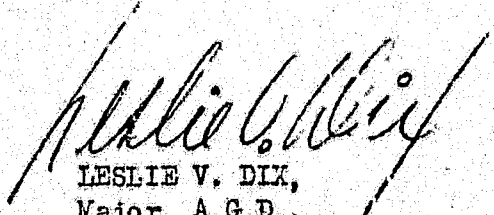
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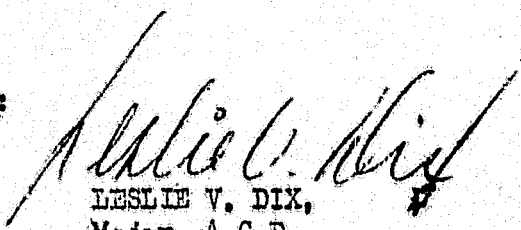
Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

VALENTINE J. EDWARDS, 32401504, Private First Class, Medical Department, \* \* Medical Collecting Company (Separate), 165th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Petite Hettange, France. When a litter squad arrived at an infantry company command post to evacuate the wounded, enemy artillery and mortar fire registered on the area inflicted additional casualties including three of the litter bearers. Private First Class Edwards, refusing to take cover, moved over the entire area despite the intense fire, administering first aid, and later carried bodily four wounded men to an area of comparative safety. His heroic achievement saved the lives of many men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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I--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

HARLEY N. GREGORY, 02000149, Second Lieutenant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on an enemy-held hill, a platoon leader and a platoon sergeant of Company \*\*, 357th Infantry, became casualties. Second Lieutenant Gregory, then acting as platoon guide, assumed command of the leaderless group and, despite enemy fire of all calibers, led it in the ensuing assault. So inspiring was his courageous leadership that seven enemy were killed, twelve were captured and the remainder were routed from their position. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

LYALL A. SCATES, 33519512, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 November 1944 in the vicinity of Siersdorf, Germany. While returning from a night reconnaissance behind enemy lines, Sergeant Scates and companions encountered an enemy patrol coming over the crest of a hill only 15 yards distant. Realizing that the safe return to friendly territory by his companions, who were in possession of vital information, was threatened; Sergeant Scates, with utter disregard for his personal safety, immediately climbed a bank in full view of the hostile troops and sprayed the area with automatic weapons fire. Though he was wounded mortally by a volley of counter fire, his courageous, selfless act enabled the remainder of the group to successfully reach its organization. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

QUILINOL VENEGAS, 38070461, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 6 - 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gavisse, France. During the establishment of a bridgehead across the Moselle River, it was vitally necessary to keep a constant flow of supplies to the forward assault elements. Sergeant Venegas, though constantly subjected to heavy artillery fire, worked at the loading site with indefatigable energy, supervising the work of both the day and night shifts for a period of five days. Though Sergeant Venegas was mortally wounded while in the prosecution of this hazardous assignment, the courageous action he displayed contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission and was a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

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II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR-. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

HAROLD C. BRANAE, 01317879, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While leading an ammunition carrying party to the assault echelons, First Lieutenant Branae encountered heavy enemy machine gun fire. After an unsuccessful attempt to force the fanatically determined enemy to surrender, he made his way around the foe's position and notified an adjacent battalion commander, in addition to his own, of the infiltrated enemy. Returning to his men, First Lieutenant Branae directed an intense concentration of small arms fire, causing considerable casualties and forcing the enemy's withdrawal. With this dangerous threat eliminated, he went on to direct a constant flow of critical supplies to the hard pressed rifle companies. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM MAGER, 0303667, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 6 - 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operations, First Lieutenant Mager, at risk of his life, subjected himself to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in organizing and leading combat carrying parties through enemy lines to isolated units of the battalion. While on one of these combat missions, he led his patrol in clearing a supply route and in capturing four pillboxes and 38 of the enemy. He also aided in the evacuation of 80 casualties of the regiment. His courageous and determined efforts and complete devotion to duty materially aided his battalion in the attainment of its objective. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

WILFRED G. SCHROEDER, 01319664, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 13 - 18 October 1944 in the vicinity of Kaizieres les Metz, France. During the battle in the town, Second Lieutenant Schroeder led his platoon in four attacks against a numerically superior enemy. At risk of his life and despite enemy fire of all calibers, he advanced from man to man and encouraged them to close with the enemy though the odds during critical phases appeared insurmountable. The courageous leadership which he displayed throughout the entire engagement was a material factor in routing the enemy from the town. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from District of Columbia.

JOHN M. GABBAMONTE, 32531630, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944 in the vicinity of Kaizieres les Metz, France. During an attack down the two main streets in the town, Staff Sergeant Gabbamonte led his squad through heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, operating his automatic weapon effectively and clearing houses with accurately thrown hand grenades. When machine gun fire from a barn temporarily halted the advance of a platoon, he crossed an open field at risk of his life and set fire to the building. The ensuing blaze destroyed the machine gun, killed innumerable enemy, resulted in the capture of 11 of the foe and permitted the platoon to take its objective. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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HARLEY T. STEVENS, 31218600, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on a strongly fortified hill by Company \*\*, the company commander and a platoon leader were killed and the platoon became temporarily disorganized. Aware of the gravity of the situation, Staff Sergeant Stevens assumed command of the platoon, quickly reorganized the men and, at the risk of his life, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers and led them in a successful assault on the fortifications. Though wounded, he remained in command of the platoon and organized a strong position on the commanding site. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Maine.

OSCAR HANSON, 37171706, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River bridgehead operation, Sergeant Hanson, Machine Gunner, was in support of two rifle platoons forming a road block in defense of the division's left flank. When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack supported by flame throwers, their momentum advanced them to within hand grenade range of the riflemen. Sergeant Hanson, at risk of his life, exposed himself to a terrific concentration of enemy grenades and small arms fire and moved his heavy machine gun to a commanding site where his accurate fire routed the enemy force. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

KENNETH E. FELGER, 35537572, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Rehlingen, Germany. Private First Class Felger was separated from his company during the night crossing of the Moselle River. At dawn, he discovered that he was with four companions beside an enemy occupied pillbox. After being observed by the enemy, they were subjected to grenade fire which wounded Private First Class Felger. Disregarding his wounds, he, at risk of his life, charged the fortification alone, throwing hand grenades into its embrasures and forcing the enemy to surrender. Shortly after entering the stronghold with his companions, he took two more prisoners who were sent on reconnaissance from an adjacent bunker. Other enemy soldiers, sent on similar missions, were also taken captive. By that night he had taken a total of 12 prisoners including one officer. He then secured a boat, crossed the river with the entire group and delivered the prisoners. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

JOSEPH P. FEYEREISEN, 36831190, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on an enemy held hill, a platoon's advance was temporarily impeded by machine gun fire. Private First Class Feyereisen moved to an exposed position and furnished continuous automatic weapons fire covering his squad while it advanced and destroyed the machine gun. As he started to move forward, he was wounded by an enemy sniper. Unable to move from where he was lying, he, at risk of his life, continued to fire until he was again wounded. By his fearless action, he materially aided the squad's accomplishment of its mission and assisted in the killing of seven enemy, the capture of twelve and the complete rout of the rest of the enemy force. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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III--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JOSEPH J. LINDMEYER, 37578121, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 3 - 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. Private First Class Lindmeyer, possessing knowledge of the German language, held a position throughout the night from which he could interpret the commands of the enemy. On many occasions, he, without regard for his personal safety, crept through intense machine gun and grenade fire to keep his squad leader informed concerning the accuracy and effect of friendly fire. The vital information he secured enabled the squad to anticipate the direction of two attacks at different points and rout the numerically superior enemy. His heroic achievement contributed to the fighting efficiency of the squad and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

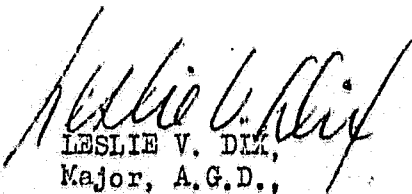
IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

JOE L. PRITCHETT, 38098512, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 - 8 August 1944 in the vicinity of Mayenne and Le Mans, France. During an assault on Le Mans, France, Technical Sergeant Pritchett led his platoon in a flanking attack, capturing 20 prisoners and eliminating a strongpoint. Advancing into the town, he immobilized an escaping tank by accurate direction of armored artillery fire. Later in the vicinity of Ste. Suzanne, France, he located an armored column and summoned supporting tanks and directed them into a position from which the entire enemy column was destroyed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

GEORGE A. JOHNSON, 20123374, Private, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in Germany from 6 to 20 December 1944. During the Saar River operations, Private Johnson distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as aid man. When artillery and small arms fire prevented the evacuation of 50 casualties, Private Johnson, though wounded, remained alone with the casualties, giving medical treatment for five days until evacuation could be effected. His courageous and indefatigable work throughout the entire operation saved the lives of many wounded men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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I--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

KENNETH H. BURNS, 34851471, Staff Sergeant (then private), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944 in the vicinity of Lastelle, France. A night patrol penetrating enemy lines was observed when the area was illuminated by hostile flares and subjected to intense machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Burns, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the fire as he crawled 75 yards to reach a position from which he threw hand grenades and destroyed the machine gun nest. As a result of his courageous, aggressive action, the patrol was able to return to its unit with valuable information which aided materially in the company's accomplishment of its mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN, 34607795, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. Private First Class Griffin was wounded severely by machine gun fire as he entered a wooded area. Despite his painful wounds, he returned to his unit and, by accurate registration of artillery fire, destroyed the machine gun. Refusing evacuation, he then guided his platoon through the wooded area to its objective. There they were subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, which caused several casualties. During this barrage, he, at risk of his life, left a position of comparative safety and went to the aid of a wounded companion. He was mortally wounded by artillery fire as he assisted the wounded man to the aid station. His gallantry will be a lasting inspiration to all his comrades and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

MORRELL H. LARSON, 37577698, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, was in a holding position, Private First Class Larson secured an automatic rifle, moved to a commanding position and placed effective fire on the attacking enemy which delayed their advance long enough for his company to gain sufficient momentum to rout the attacking force. During this action, Private First Class Larson was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. His gallantry will be a lasting inspiration to those who witnessed it and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

JOHN G. DWYER, 0353312, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oudrenne, France. When the advance of an infantry company was temporarily impeded, a platoon became separated from the remainder of the unit. Despite intense artillery fire, First Lieutenant Dwyer continued to lead the platoon toward its objective, advancing through heavily mined areas and barbed-wire entanglements. After reaching the destination, he immediately established defensive positions, personally observed enemy activity at close range and held the objective until supporting troops arrived. His gallantry contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

ERNEST F. CRANE, 0537580, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 and 28 December 1944 and 3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Besseringen, Germany. Subsequent to the crossing of the Saar River, Second Lieutenant Crane volunteered to lead a patrol on a mission to capture one or more of the enemy. After skilfully maneuvering behind enemy lines for three days, under exceedingly adverse conditions, he discovered an enemy command post located in the town. At risk of his life, he entered the town at night, boldly challenged two enemy soldiers on the street and captured one of them. He then led his patrol through alerted enemy lines and returned to his organization with the prisoner. The information procured from the captured soldier proved to be of inestimable value in subsequent operations. The gallantry of Second Lieutenant Crane was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

HAROLD G. WEBSTER, 01305140, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944 in the vicinity of Pretot, France. During an attack on an enemy held hill, a platoon was temporarily pinned down by machine gun fire. Second Lieutenant Webster, at risk of his life, exposed himself to the enemy fire and made an attempt to reach a position from which he could knock out the machine gun nest. Though wounded seriously in this brave attempt, he refused evacuation and remained in his position encouraging and giving confidence to his men until the enemy fortified position was taken. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

R. L. GOODSON, 34473988, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Kerling, France. During an enemy counterattack, a concentrated artillery barrage rendered all other machine gun crewmen casualties, leaving Sergeant Goodson alone to face the advancing infantrymen. Despite the direct fire, he held his position and fired upon the attackers. With the aid of a newly-arrived comrade, he killed 20 enemy and drove the remainder into an open field where artillery and mortar fire inflicted innumerable additional casualties. His gallant action completely routed the counterattack and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

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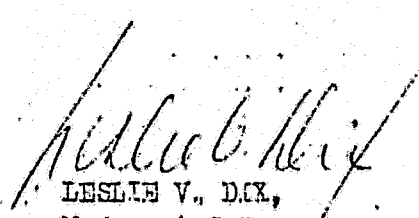
LEO ARIAS, 36543666, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Unable to assault a neutralized pillbox due to its approach being commanded by a second fortification's field of fire, an assault platoon left two of its supporting tanks to keep it neutralized while they made an attack on the second hostile position. When subjected to an intense barrage of artillery and mortar fire in the initial attack on this position, all the non-commissioned officers were wounded. Private First Class Arias assumed command of the platoon and led the men to commanding positions in a network of communication trenches surrounding the pillbox and directed effective fire on the enemy. Though in the midst of a strong hostile force, his courageous and aggressive leadership in directing the platoon's fire, quickly overran the enemy position and the pillbox, and enabled the platoon to capture 125 of the enemy. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

CARLTON R. MARLOWE, 34851773, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement near the town, an enemy platoon launched a counterattack directed at Private First Class Marlowe's automatic rifle position. Despite intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he held his position and fired point blank at the attackers. He destroyed a machine gun and killed its crew before they could set up and then continued to fire on the advancing infantry, killing eight and wounding six more. His gallant action completely routed the attacking force and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

LEO E. COWAN, 39919813, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Subsequent to the Saar River crossing, an assault platoon was given the mission of reducing an enemy pillbox. Private Cowan voluntarily accompanied the group, and, despite small arms and grenade fire, covered the engineers as they placed their demolition charges. As soon as the door of the stronghold was destroyed, Private Cowan, at risk of his life, entered and forced the surrender of the occupants by throwing hand grenades. Without regard for his personal safety, he then assisted in neutralizing another nearby pillbox. His courageous action resulted in the capture of 125 enemy and contributed materially to the security of his company's position. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Idaho.

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I--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

CANDELORO M. GARCIA, 38098988, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Garcia, with two companions, volunteered to breach a pillbox which was impeding the advance of the company. After reaching the objective, he placed his first charge against the entrance. The noise of the ensuing detonation attracted fire from adjacent pillboxes and mortar and artillery positions. When his second charge was ineffective, Private First Class Garcia traversed fire-swept areas, obtained additional explosives and returned in an attempt to place a third charge. When only a few feet from the fortification, he was mortally wounded by machine gun fire. His gallant attempt to destroy the enemy, even at the cost of his own life, inspired his comrades to successfully complete the mission and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

NORWOOD BENSON, 34457040, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, the movement of a supply train of the \* \* Infantry Regiment was temporarily halted by fire from three enemy pillboxes. Corporal Benson, a Demolition Engineer attached to the regiment, at risk of his life and unsupported by protective fire, advanced through intense enemy shelling to the first pillbox, placed a demolition charge against its door and detonated the charge which resulted in the surrender of the fort and the capture of 30 survivors. He repeated this operation on the other two strongholds, forcing the surrender of 71 more of the enemy. His courageous action enabled the supply train to continue the transportation of vital supplies to front line troops. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

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RAYMOND T. DICKEY, 34788394, Corporal (then private), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Corporal Dickey, with two companions, volunteered to breach a pillbox which was impeding the advance of the company. After reaching the objective, he placed and ignited his first charge. The explosion attracted fire from adjacent pillboxes and mortar and artillery positions. When ensuing charges produced no visible effect, Corporal Dickey made two trips through fire-swept areas and obtained additional explosives. His fourth detonation forced eleven enemy soldiers and one officer from the fortification into the open where they were taken prisoner. Four dead enemy were found within the enclosure. Corporal Dickey's gallant and determined action was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Florida.

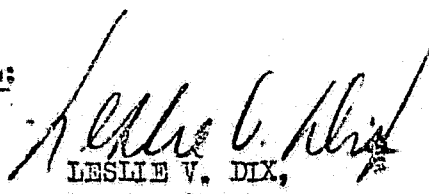
RALPH S. WOOD, 31108174, Corporal (then private), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. While working in support of the \* \* Infantry, Corporal Wood advanced to an enemy pillbox and placed and ignited a charge of C-2 at the entrance. Obtaining no visible result, he crossed 150 yards of open terrain under intense fire, obtained additional explosives and returned over the same route to the fortification. The second charge destroyed the door and resulted in the capture of the strongpoint and its 21 occupants. Corporal Wood's gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Hampshire.

HARVEY McNEIL, 36688995, Private First Class (then private), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class McNeil, with two companions, volunteered to breach a pillbox which was impeding the advance of the company. After reaching the objective, he placed and ignited his first charge. The explosion attracted fire from adjacent pillboxes and mortar and artillery positions. When ensuing charges produced no visible effect, Private First Class McNeil made two trips through fire-swept areas and obtained additional explosives. His fourth detonation forced eleven enemy soldiers and one officer from the fortification into the open where they were taken prisoner. Four dead enemy were found within the enclosure. Private First Class McNeil's gallant and determined action was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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I--AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ARTHUR F. BORGES, 31032425, Corporal, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 6 - 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the attack on the town, Corporal Borges located casualties, led litter squads to them and directed their evacuation to aid stations. Without regard for his personal safety, he subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers and traversed areas, frequented by enemy patrols, in search of wounded men. His heroic service aided materially in the saving of many lives and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

II--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

JOHN P. BRIERCHECK, 33704642, Staff Sergeant (then private), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of St. Hubert, France. In order to ascertain enemy positions and the situation in the vicinity, Staff Sergeant Brierccheck, volunteered to lead a reconnaissance party. While in prosecution of this mission, a numerically superior enemy patrol was observed. He immediately placed his men in concealed positions until the enemy departed from this area. Aware of enemy activity, he continued to lead his men until the objective was reached. After a thorough observation of enemy positions, he successfully led the patrol back with information concerning fortifications, machine gun nests and other information valuable to friendly troops. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

GAYLAND P. BETTS, 20511659, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service on 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Betts, volunteered to accompany a small party in recovering some medical supplies left at the Saar River bank during the initial crossing. En route to the river, the small group was under constant sniper fire. Arriving within proximity to the medical equipment, they found enemy machine guns in pillboxes, covering their approach. Without regard for his personal

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safety, Technician Fifth Grade Betts made four trips under the enemy's fire, retrieved all the supplies and then led the return trip, through intense machine gun and high-velocity artillery fire, to the aid station. Technician Fifth Grade Betts' heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

ANDREW FOUCHER, 31415561, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During intense concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fire coordinated with frequent attempts at infiltration, Private First Class Foucher manned a machine gun protecting a vital sector of his company's position. During darkness, he, without regard for his personal safety, constantly exposed himself to the continuous shellfire in order to prevent any further enemy attempts of infiltration. During an unusually heavy artillery barrage, Private First Class Foucher was killed by a nearby shellburst. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

III--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

FLOYD H. BLACKWELL, 01684887, Captain, Dental Corps, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, litter bearers and medical supplies were urgently needed on the far side of the river. Captain Blackwell, Regimental Dental Surgeon, voluntarily, organized two squads of litter bearers with individual packs containing medical supplies. He then proceeded with the men across the raging torrent in an assault boat. He led the squads through intense artillery and mortar fire over one-half mile of marsh to the aid station. Captain Blackwell's courageous and unselfish devotion to duty materially aided the prompt care and evacuation of the wounded men. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

ROBERT W. LANDIES, JR., 01319292, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 30 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the attack on the town, First Lieutenant Landies was attached to the \* \* Battalion as Platoon Leader. Leading his men through constant enemy fire, he directed the advance with courage and skill to successfully complete the mission in less than one-half the anticipated time. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

JAMES P. MULLEN, 37539734, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 2 December 1944 in the vicinity of Gerlfangen, Germany. During an engagement with the enemy, two men were wounded by an artillery barrage. Technical Sergeant Mullen, despite continued shelling, left a position of cover, advanced to the casualties and evacuated them to a place of safety 300 yards distant. His heroic service inspired his comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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MERWIN F. WEBB, 20802960, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 26 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the assault on the town, Technical Sergeant Webb directed his mortar section with courage and skill. When hostile artillery fire destroyed one of his three guns, he reorganized his section and continued to operate effectively with two mortars. Working under constant enemy fire, he furnished supporting fire at all times to contribute materially to the success of the operation. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

LLOYD K. KRINGLER, 37172321, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 September 1944 in the vicinity of St Hubert, France. During an attack on a fortified position near the town, Staff Sergeant Kringler, voluntarily, with companions, reconnoitered territory reported to have contained enemy machine gunners and riflemen. While searching a building in the area, he noticed a hand grenade which was thrown into a room by an enemy occupant, and immediately warned his companions, one of whom had already entered the room. Heeding this warning, the soldier vacated the room before the grenade exploded. Though seriously wounded himself, Staff Sergeant Kringler's alert and selfless action saved his comrade from serious injury. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

DAVID H. MURPHY, 42028712, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Staff Sergeant Murphy was leading part of an infantry platoon in an attack on enemy positions located on high ground. Advancing up a hill in face of intense fire, he killed two machine gunners with hand grenades. He then moved to a more commanding position and launched a second attack. Staff Sergeant Murphy, advancing with two companions, destroyed a second position with hand grenades. Later, when two enemy worked their way behind him, he, warned of their approach, killed one with a sub-machine gun and continuing his advance on the enemy positions, captured the objective. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

DONALD C. PLUM, 37190088, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 16 September 1944 in the vicinity of Amenvillers, France. Staff Sergeant Plum, attached to an infantry company as forward mortar observer, was wounded severely during the company's attack on a heavily fortified position. Despite his painful wounds and continued hostile fire, he, refusing to be evacuated until relieved, continued to direct accurate mortar registrations which inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. His heroic achievement contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

EMIL MILLER, JR., 37154975, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 15 - 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Technician Third Grade Miller distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service during a task force operation. Though trained as a surgical technician, he expertly

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performed the duties of a medical officer in the treatment of the wounded. Without regard for his personal safety; and despite fire of all calibers, he organized litter squads and supervised the prompt evacuation of casualties. His courageous action maintained the morale of the fighting troops and saved the lives of many wounded men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

JOHN L. IVANCIE, 17050571, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 15 to 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Technician Fourth Grade Ivancie distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service during a task force operation. He worked indefatigably night and day under fire of all calibers, treating and evacuating casualties. Though trained as a dental technician, he expertly performed the multiple duties of medical technician, section clerk and utility man. On several occasions, he, without regard for his personal safety, braved intense mortar and artillery fire to replenish the depleted water supply. His courageous action maintained the morale of the fighting troops and saved the lives of many wounded men. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

KENNETH E. VAN GUNDY, 38089973, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 8 - 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. After reaching a group of casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Van Gundy was ordered to stay at that position overnight because of the intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire concentrated on the route back to the aid station. Although the fire was undiminished the next morning, he, realizing the necessity for immediate medical treatment for the wounded, organized litter squads and successfully evacuated all casualties. His heroic service saved the lives of several wounded men and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

DELBERT J. CALHOUN, 17066730, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Calhoun was occupying a strategic position on the left flank of a task force when he was subjected to a severe counterattack by a numerically superior force. Without regard for his personal safety, he remained in his position and with grenades and rifle fire, killed two of the enemy and routed the remainder. He then moved through open areas and, despite intense mortar and automatic weapons fire, reported enemy activities and directed artillery and mortar fire on hostile positions. His heroic achievement contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

CARL CHAMBERLAIN, 32853678, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Chamberlain remained with two casualties to offer them all the protection possible. Though the situation at times appeared hopeless due to the numerical superiority of the enemy, he elected to hold his ground and continued to resist the foe with courageous determination. As a result of his tenacity of purpose, the enemy force

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was repelled and the two wounded men were safely evacuated. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

ALFRED GAGNE, 31258359, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. A platoon of enemy infantry attempted to attack a rifle company supporting machine gun positions. Private First Class Gagne, Machine Gunner, aware that his company's weapons were short of ammunition, left his position and gathered rifle ammunition abandoned by the enemy. Then, with a companion who had secured an enemy rifle, he moved to an open position and fired at the enemy until the attack was repulsed. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

ROSCOE T. HOPPES, 35710101, Private First Class, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 8 July 1944 in the vicinity of Beau Coudray, France. During an enemy counterattack Private First Class Hoppes, manning a machine gun, and three companions were wounded by shell fire. Completely disregarding his own injury, he evacuated the three casualties to a place of safety where medical aid could be obtained. Despite his painful wounds, he requested to again participate in the engagement with the enemy, but was evacuated. Private First Class Hoppes' courage in removing the three men from the danger zone through enemy fire saved the wounded men from further injury. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

**HARRY C. WALTON**, 33529010, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Trentelhof, Luxembourg. During an advance, a machine gun platoon was suddenly subjected to direct hostile artillery and machine gun fire which reduced the platoon strength to five men. Despite his exposed post, Sergeant Walton maintained his position and continued to fire effectively upon the enemy. His heroic achievement inspired his comrades to hold their ground and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

**PRITE A. REITENBACH**, 35597564, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Private First Class Reitenbach and his wire team succeeded in laying a communication line across the treacherous river. With this completed, he accompanied the wire team in laying lines to all assault companies of the battalion and to the regimental command post. When heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire repeatedly cut the lines, Private First Class Reitenbach exposed himself to the continued fire and made constant repairs. Several times the line across the river was blown out, necessitating repairs to be made in boats on the turbulent river, under direct enemy fire of various calibers. Due to heavy casualties sustained by the team, Private First Class Reitenbach worked day and night maintaining the critically needed communications. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

**CHARLES A. SIMMS**, 35578534, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Private First Class Simms and his wire team succeeded in laying a communication line across the treacherous river. With this completed, he accompanied the wire team in laying lines to all assault companies of the battalion and to the regimental command post. When heavy enemy artillery and

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mortar fire repeatedly cut the lines, Private First Class Simms exposed himself to the continued fire and made constant repairs. Several times the line across the river was blown out, necessitating repairs to be made in boats on the turbulent river, under direct enemy fire of various calibers. Due to heavy casualties sustained by the team, Private First Class Simms worked day and night maintaining the critically needed communications. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION)-- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to: (Now Missing in Action)

DANIEL K. HALL, 34996911, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Trentelhof, Luxembourg. During an advance, a machine gun platoon was suddenly subjected to direct hostile artillery and machine gun fire which reduced the platoon strength to five men. Despite his exposed post, Private Hall maintained his position and continued to fire effectively upon the enemy. His heroic achievement inspired his comrades to hold their ground and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

III--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR-- Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

ERSAL D. WALKER, 0887630, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an enemy counterattack when his observation post came under direct tank and small arms fire from the supporting infantrymen, First Lieutenant Walker, without regard for his personal safety, remained in the position and directed effective fire upon the enemy. As a result of his courageous action 30 of the enemy were killed and the remainder were forced into a disorganized withdrawal. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

ARNEY H. SCRONCE, 34435095, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Kaundorf, Luxembourg. During an attack on the town, a platoon leader of Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, became a casualty. Technical Sergeant Scronce immediately assumed command of the platoon, reorganized it, and although under heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, set up a defensive position. Later, he was informed that two platoons were isolated in a nearby woods and without loaders. On his own initiative, Technical Sergeant Scronce crawled across open ground under heavy enemy fire, reached the two platoons, reorganized them and led them to their companies. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

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HUBERT J. TYRRELL, 33783036, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 10 to 13 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. During an attack on enemy positions, a platoon leader was wounded. Despite intense artillery and mortar fire, Technical Sergeant Tyrrell reorganized the platoon and placed its members in strategic positions enabling them to give support fire to the attacking rifle company. For three days he commanded the platoon and kept the machine guns in action until the mission was accomplished. His heroic service contributed to the fighting efficiency of the unit and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

LEONARD J. BROCKMAN, 37256171, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. An infantry company, bringing up the left flank of a battalion attack on enemy positions, was pinned down by heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Brockman, despite the intense barrage, led his men in a frontal assault, with all men firing rifles or automatic weapons from the hip and destroyed the hostile machine gun position, killing 10 enemy. His heroic achievement enabled the company to continue its advance on the objective and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

FRANK C. CARIOTO, 33406495, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. During the attack on enemy positions near the town, a rifle company was pinned down by intense fire of various calibers. Staff Sergeant Carioto, as forward observer for the supporting mortar platoon, left a position of comparative safety and advanced under the continued barrage to a commanding site. Though subjected to heavy observed fire, he directed effective mortar fire on the enemy from this position, which enabled the platoon to disable three machine guns, repel the enemy and advance to its objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

BURTON L. CLARK, 37154807, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. While Staff Sergeant Clark and his section were detached from the rest of an 81mm platoon, a counterattack, supported by tanks and 150 infantrymen, threatened to overrun their position. Aware of the impending danger, he organized his ammunition bearers as riflemen and placed them in defensive positions in front of his mortars. Without regard for his personal safety, he subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers, returned to his observation post and by directing effective mortar fire, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and repelled the counterattack. His heroic achievement prevented the enemy from forcing a serious gap in the battalion's lines and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

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GEORGE G. DAHL, 36707913, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During an enemy counterattack by an infantry company supported by tanks, Staff Sergeant Dahl was in advance of a rifle company as forward mortar observer. Though subjected to close range tank and small arms fire, he remained in his position and directed accurate mortar registrations which inflicted heavy casualties and routed the numerically superior attacking force. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

THOMAS DUANE, 37138383, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of Pretot, France. During the attack on enemy positions near the town, a rifle company was pinned down by intense fire of various calibers. Staff Sergeant Duane, as forward observer for the supporting mortar platoon, left a position of comparative safety and advanced under the continued barrage to a commanding site. Though subjected to heavy observed fire, he directed effective mortar fire on the enemy from this position, which enabled the platoon to disable two machine guns, repel the enemy and advance to its objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

BURTON L. KIRTLEY, JR., 38125560, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 to 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of Lithaire, France. When an infantry battalion was subjected to repeated counterattacks, Staff Sergeant Kirtley, despite intense artillery and mortar fire, continued to direct accurate mortar registrations on the enemy, destroying one observation post and inflicting numerous casualties on the attacking forces. When not engaged in fire missions, he voluntarily assisted in the line as automatic rifleman. His heroic service contributed to the battalion's success in routing the enemy and maintaining its position and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

RALPH M. MORPHIS, 37107950, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Staff Sergeant Morphis, and his mortar squad, under heavy fire of various calibers, crossed the swollen river with the initial assault wave of troops. On the far side, he quickly formed his squad and placed his mortar gun in position. He then organized a group of 12 men, who were separated from their units while crossing the raging current, and placed them in support of his mortar squad. Immediately, the enemy counterattacked his position, but his courageous and adroit leadership so inspired the men that they repelled the enemy and consolidated their position. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

REGINALD M. POOLE, 7009803, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 12 to 16 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operations, Staff Sergeant Poole offered invaluable assistance in keeping an infantry battalion supplied at all times. Though the crossing site and entire supply route was constantly illuminated by flares and subjected to intense fire, he led carrying

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parties over the route leading across the river each night and carried food and ammunition to the battalion. On two occasions, when heavy artillery and mortar fire inflicted heavy casualties on the party, he reorganized the men and continued on the mission. His heroic service contributed to the fighting efficiency of the battalion and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

WILLIAM A. BOGIE, 37155779, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 January 1945 in the vicinity of Kaundorf, Luxembourg. During an attack near the town by Company \*\*, 359th Infantry, the platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties. Sergeant Bogie, Squad Leader, reorganized and successfully led the platoon in the attainment of its objective. Upon reaching the objective, he supervised the construction of defensive positions, and although exposed to heavy enemy artillery fire, rendered first aid to all casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

ADAM J. KASICK, 37156362, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Trontelhof, Luxembourg. During an advance, a machine gun platoon was suddenly subjected to direct hostile artillery and machine gun fire which reduced the platoon strength to five men. Sergeant Kasick quickly reorganized the other four men and formed them into a squad. His expert leadership and personal bravery so inspired the squad that they held their precarious position and fired effectively upon the enemy. Sergeant Kasick's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

HAROLD H. LIER, 20109327, Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Sergeant Lier led his wire team in laying a communication line across the treacherous river. With this complete he directed the laying of wire to all assault companies of the battalion and to regimental command post. When heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire repeatedly cut the lines, Sergeant Lier exposed himself to the continued fire and made constant repairs. Several times the line across the river was blown out, necessitating repairs to be made in boats on the turbulent river, under direct enemy fire of various calibers. Due to heavy casualties sustained by the team, Sergeant Lier worked day and night maintaining the critically needed communications. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

MILTON E. SAMUELS, 36765535, Sergeant (then corporal), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. A counterattack threatened to overrun a position held by an 81mm mortar section and part of the section became temporarily disorganized. Despite the heavy fire of various calibers, Sergeant Samuels quickly reorganized his squad and effectively fired his mortar gun at the advancing enemy. His courageous and determined leadership so inspired the rest of the section that they rallied and with accurate mortar fire assisted his squad in inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and repelling the counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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JOEL P. BURNS, 38099858, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. A mortar platoon, firing in support of a battalion attack, expended all of its ammunition. Private First Class Burns, realizing the critical situation, voluntarily drove a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle over a road not yet cleared of mines and though constantly subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, supplied the platoon with the vital ammunition. His heroic achievement contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ROBERT L. CARDWELL, JR., 38230453, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 5 July 1944 in the vicinity of Protot, France. A mortar platoon, firing in support of a battalion attack, expended all its ammunition. Private First Class Cardwell, realizing the critical situation, voluntarily drove a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton vehicle over a road not yet cleared of mines and though constantly subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, supplied the platoon with vital ammunition. His heroic achievement contributed to the success of the mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

HOBART H. GARFIELD, 42023486, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy from 15 to 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. Private First Class Garfield distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the \* \* Battalion wire team. During an attack on the town, he assisted in laying communication lines to all units of the battalion, and repeatedly advanced through intense fire of various calibers to repair breaks in the wire. His courageous action in establishing and maintaining communications contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

HAROLD H. GREGORY, 36443301, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 19 - 22 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the drive to close the Falaise-Argentan Gap, the enemy launched a counterattack which penetrated the town, isolated the battalion and severed all wire communications. Private First Class Gregory, with a companion, operated a radio at the forward command post sending and receiving all messages and instructions between the companies of the battalion. Despite the heavy artillery and mortar fire and the proximity of the enemy, he, with his companion, remained at his post throughout the period and materially aided the battalion in repelling the counterattack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

WILLIAM A. GREGORY, 38230545, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When the antenna of his radio was destroyed by rifle fire during a fierce enemy counterattack, Private First Class Gregory immediately improvised another antenna out of wire and continued to relay accurate fire orders. His heroic achievement in keeping his radio operative with complete disregard for his personal safety aided materially in the repelling of the enemy counterattack and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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JOHN E. KENNEDY, 38589619, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy from 15 to 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. Private First Class Kennedy distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the \* \* Battalion wire team. During an attack on the town, he assisted in laying communication lines to all units of the battalion, and repeatedly advanced through intense fire of various calibers to repair breaks in the wire. His courageous action in establishing and maintaining communications contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

JOHN L. LAUTERIA, 20312264, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Trentelhof, Luxembourg. During an advance, a machine gun platoon was suddenly subjected to direct hostile artillery and machine gun fire which reduced the platoon strength to five men. Despite his exposed post, Private First Class Lauteria maintained his position and continued to fire effectively upon the enemy. His heroic achievement inspired his comrades to hold their ground and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

PETE A. REITENBACH, 35597564, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy from 15 to 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. Private First Class Reitenbach distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the \* \* Battalion wire team. During an attack on the town, he assisted in laying communication lines to all units of the battalion, and repeatedly advanced through intense fire of various calibers to repair breaks in the wire. His courageous action in establishing and maintaining communications contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

MURRAY SHULSINGER, 32353779, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 19 - 22 August 1944 in the vicinity of Chambois, France. During the drive to close the Falaise-Argentan Gap, the enemy launched a counterattack which penetrated the town, isolated the battalion and severed all wire communications. Private First Class Shulsinger, with a companion, operated a radio at the forward command post sending and receiving all messages and instructions between the companies of the battalion. Despite the heavy artillery and mortar fire and the proximity of the enemy, he, with his companion, remained at his post throughout the period and materially aided the battalion in repelling the counterattack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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CHARLES A. SIMMS, 35578534, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy from 15 to 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. Private First Class Simms distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the \* \* Battalion wire team. During an attack on the town, he assisted in laying communication lines to all units of the battalion, and repeatedly advanced through intense fire of various calibers to repair breaks in the wire. His courageous action in establishing and maintaining communications contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

JESSE E. SMITH, 36568231, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy from 15 to 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. Private First Class Smith distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the \* \* Battalion wire team. During an attack on the town, he assisted in laying communication lines to all units of the battalion, and repeatedly advanced through intense fire of various calibers to repair breaks in the wire. His courageous action in establishing and maintaining communications contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

SIDNEY S. WEINSTEIN, 12185716, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 15 - 17 September 1944 in France. During an attack on fortified positions in a forest, continuous artillery and mortar fire cut wire lines which made it impossible to maintain constant wire communication. Private First Class Weinstein, without regard for his personal safety and despite the enemy shell and mortar fragments, remained at an observation post and maintained radio communications. The determination and courage displayed by Private First Class Weinstein during this period greatly facilitated the success of the battalion. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

ROSSER L. YOUNG, 34637504, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations against the enemy from 15 to 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Malmaison, France. Private First Class Young distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as a member of the \* \* Battalion wire team. During an attack on the town, he assisted in laying communication lines to all units of the battalion, and repeatedly advanced through intense fire of various calibers to repair breaks in the wire. His courageous action in establishing and maintaining communications contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

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MAXIE G. HALL, 34996492, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Trentelhof, Luxembourg. During an advance, a machine gun platoon was suddenly subjected to direct hostile artillery and machine gun fire which reduced the platoon strength to five men. Despite his exposed post, Private Hall maintained his position and continued to fire effectively upon the enemy. His heroic achievement inspired his comrades to hold their ground and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

HERBERT H. JOHNSON, 37581487, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 to 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Private Johnson and his wire team succeeded in laying a communication line across the treacherous river. With this completed, he accompanied the wire team in laying lines to all assault companies of the battalion and to the regimental command post. When heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire repeatedly cut the lines, Private Johnson exposed himself to the continued fire and made constant repairs. Several times the line across the river was blown out, necessitating repairs to be made in boats on the turbulent river, under direct enemy fire of various calibers. Due to heavy casualties sustained by the team, Private Johnson worked day and night maintaining the critically needed communications. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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I--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ PAUL J. DAVIS, 35129834, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. While awaiting further orders for a new advance, the platoon of which Technical Sergeant Davis was a member, was suddenly surprised by enemy machine gun and rifle fire from the left flank. He, without regard for his personal safety and despite intense fire, advanced with three companions and covered the exposed flank. The courageous action displayed by Technical Sergeant Davis aided materially in routing the enemy and enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ CHARLES H. KING, 34637827, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 31 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mittel, Germany. When information concerning the foe was needed, Technical Sergeant King led a patrol to capture prisoners for interrogation. Upon gaining the town, he deployed his men expertly around a house. With two men, he entered the building and surprised and captured 13 enemy soldiers and six civilians within. Technical Sergeant King's skilful leadership effected the completion of the mission without a shot being fired. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

✓ GERALD H. OGAN, 37118962, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the battle in the town, Technician Fifth Grade Ogan, who was stationed at a forward battalion command post, led his litter team in a search for casualties. Despite the heavy enemy fire of various calibers, he succeeded in contacting the companies of the battalion and directed the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

II--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

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✓ **PLUMMER B. TERRELL**, 34428338, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 22 July 1944 in the vicinity of the Isle of Seves, France. During an attack on the island, Staff Sergeant Terrell organized his squad and led it in close combat with the foe. Though the situation appeared hopeless at times, due to the numerical superiority of the enemy, he elected to hold his ground and continued to fight with undaunted determination. During a critical phase of the battle, he advanced through intense fire of all calibers to commanding ground and covered the movement of battalion elements to a more strategic position. His heroic achievement proved inspirational to his comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

✓ **SAMUEL KOCKOVCAK**, 12155433, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 - 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. Sergeant Kockovcak, member of a mortar section, volunteered to assist litter bearers in evacuating casualties. Leaving a position of comparative safety, he made repeated trips through intense fire and evacuated several casualties from an exposed area. Though he was mortally wounded while in the prosecution of this hazardous mission, his courageous act saved the lives of many men and was a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ **REXFORD T. BIGGS**, 35763336, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 - 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. Private First Class Biggs, member of a mortar section, volunteered to assist litter bearers in evacuating casualties. Leaving a position of comparative safety, he made repeated trips through intense fire and evacuated several casualties from an exposed area. Though he was mortally wounded while in the prosecution of this hazardous mission, his courageous act saved the lives of many men and was a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

✓ **HERMAN F. KAUFFUNGER**, 20223542, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully crossed the Saar River under the cover of tank destroyer fire and smoke shells, Private First Class Kauffunger continued on through intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to the objective. He then accompanied his small unit in assaulting an enemy pillbox and assisted in knocking it out. By his courageous aggressive actions, Private First Class Kauffunger aided materially in enabling the battalion to advance with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ **PASCHAL BOHN**, 39615388, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Nohn, Germany. Preparatory to an attack, a reconnaissance party of which Private Bohn was a member, was given the mission of locating enemy patrol routes and of capturing one or more of the enemy for informational purposes. During the course of this assignment, Private Bohn, with other members of the patrol, observed two soldiers walking down a trail, and by a cleverly devised ambush, took them prisoner without alerting the

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remainder of the nearby enemy. The information procured from the two prisoners concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy proved of inestimable value in subsequent operations. The heroic achievement of Pvt Bohn was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Montana.

III--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION)--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to: (Now missing in action)

✓ ELMER C. MILLER, 35921631, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on the town, a machine gun furnishing support fire for an advancing company was disabled by an enemy artillery shell. Private First Class Miller, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas subjected to artillery and small arms fire to a supply point, obtained another machine gun and returned with the urgently needed weapon, which enabled the section to accomplish its mission of giving support fire to the advancing riflemen. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ JOSE C. DONOSO, 39286180, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. While awaiting further orders for a new advance, the platoon of which Private Donoso was a member, was suddenly surprised by enemy machine gun and rifle fire from the left flank. He, without regard for his personal safety and despite intense fire, advanced with three companions and covered the exposed flank. The courageous action displayed by Private Donoso aided materially in routing the enemy and enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

✓ WILBUR M. WILLIAMS, 34760594, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Nohn, Germany. Preparatory to an attack, a reconnaissance party of which Private Williams was a member, was given the mission of locating enemy patrol routes and of capturing one or more of the enemy for informational purposes. During the course of this assignment, Private Williams, with other members of the patrol, observed two soldiers walking down a trail, and by a cleverly devised ambush, took them prisoner without alerting the remainder of the nearby enemy. The information procured from the two prisoners concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy proved of inestimable value in subsequent operations. The heroic achievement of Private Williams was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

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✓ ARTHUR L. NICHOLS JR., 0370186, Major, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Preparatory to the Saar River crossing, the \* \* Battalion 358th Infantry was given the mission of crossing the river under cover of darkness and capturing the eastern half of the city of Dillingen. Having crossed with the initial assault wave, Major Nichols, Battalion Commander, expertly directed his men past numerous pillboxes and led them on to the first objective. When the enemy discovered the attack, Major Nichols, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to intense fire of all calibers, to organize the battalion along its first phase line. By daylight the mission was accomplished without a casualty. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ ARNOLD L. BROWN, 012 6318, Captain, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Under the cover of darkness, an enemy force penetrated a company's position in an attempt to split the battalion front. Captain Brown advanced through intense fire, reorganized his platoons and led them in a maneuver which trapped the spearhead of the hostile thrust and repulsed the attack, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. His heroic achievement enabled both the company and battalion lines to remain intact and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ LAWRENCE H. WRIGHT, 0430370, Captain, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse-Ham, France. Upon arriving at the Moselle River ferry site, Captain Wright discovered only two crewless boats available for crossing purposes. Despite the direct observed enemy fire, he instituted a ferry system and continued its operation until his entire company had crossed the river. He then reorganized his men and led them in the accomplishment of their mission of giving supporting fire for the attack on Fort Koenigsmacker. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Montana.

✓ JULIUS MINDEL, 01312492, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 8 - 12 November 1944 in France. During the crossing of the swollen Moselle River, First Lieutenant Mindel, despite incessant enemy shelling and without regard for his personal safety, supervised the ferrying of ammunition and supplies to the far side of the raging torrent. He worked day and night with little rest, directing and leading carrying parties to maintain a constant flow of supplies to the companies. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ JOHN C. TOBIN, JR., 01061270, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement from 14 - 15 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bras, Belgium. After taking the town, a battalion was unable to locate an adjacent battalion. Second Lieutenant Tobin voluntarily led a night patrol through an enemy held wooded area in an effort to locate the unit. He kept his men organized despite the intense concentrations of hostile mortar fire and, in the course of the reconnaissance, captured two enemy. Upon locating the

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position of the adjacent battalion, he reported his information to the proper headquarters by telephone and then led his men back to the company. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ WALTER M. VILMUR, W2108577, Chief Warrant Officer, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Chief Warrant Officer Vilmur subjected himself to intense artillery fire, supervised the collection of vital materials for the regiment on the far side of the river and the transportation of these supplies to the ferry site. When heavy fire of various calibers destroyed the ferry and inflicted many casualties on the crews attempting to rebuild it, he rallied the temporarily disorganized men and reorganized them. He then led them back to the ferry site and continued the construction of the ferry and the loading of supplies. His heroic service facilitated the movement of the critically needed supplies to the front line troops and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

✓ ARTHUR B. CAPPA, 37152621, First Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 19 August 1944 in the vicinity of Forêt de Gouffern, France. While the battle continued in the forest, First Sergeant Cappa, under the cover of darkness traversed the dense undergrowth. Moving through areas containing enemy patrols and snipers and, constantly under intense artillery and mortar fire, he distributed rations and ammunition to his well dispersed company. First Sergeant Cappa's courageous actions greatly inspired the men and better prepared them for the next days' attack. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

✓ MERVIL L. CHRISTIAN, 36717351, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 22 July 1944 in the vicinity of the Isle of Seves, France. During an attack on the island, Technical Sergeant Christian organized his section and led it in close combat with the foe. Though the situation appeared hopeless at times, due to the numerical superiority of the enemy, he elected to hold his ground and continued to fight with undaunted determination. During a critical phase of the battle, he advanced through intense fire of all calibers to commanding ground and covered the movement of battalion elements to a more strategic position. His heroic achievement proved inspirational to his comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ EZRA D. STOCKSDALE, 35899201, Technical Sergeant (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During the attack on Fort Koenigsmacker, a demolition squad attempted to destroy an emplacement impeding the advance of the company, but were pinned down by a sniper firing from a building in the area. On his own initiative, Technical Sergeant Stocksdale subjected himself to heavy observed fire, led his squad into the open field, and removed the threat of the sniper by demolishing the house with accurate mortar fire. His courageous action enabled the demolition squad to advance and destroy the emplacement. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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✓ CARL C. WILLIAMS, 35034339, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Technical Sergeant Williams volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ EMIL G. BOHM, 37168762, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mohn, Germany. Preparatory to an attack, a reconnaissance party led by Sergeant Bohm was given the mission of locating enemy patrol routes and of capturing one or more of the enemy for informational purposes. During the course of this assignment, he, with the other members of the patrol, observed two soldiers walking down a trail, and by a cleverly devised ambush, took them prisoner without alerting the remainder of the nearby enemy. The information procured from the two prisoners concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy was of inestimable value in subsequent operations. Sergeant Bohm's heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ RAYMOND D. COYLE, 17066727, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 6 - 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Staff Sergeant Coyle worked long hours under the most adverse conditions at the river crossing site to facilitate the movement of adequate supplies across the Saar to the company on the far side. Without regard for his personal safety, he subjected himself to heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, and, standing waist deep in the icy water, supervised and assisted the loading and unloading of supply boats. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ HERBERT A. HENSEL, 36618069, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully crossed the Saar River under the cover of tank destroyer fire and smoke shells, Staff Sergeant Hensel led his squad through intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire across open ground to their objective. He then led his unit in an attack against an enemy pillbox and assisted in destroying it. By his courageous action, Staff Sergeant Hensel enabled his battalion to advance with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ LEO O. OSLAND, 36777970, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Mohn, Germany. Staff Sergeant Osland commanded an eight man outpost which was attacked by two machine gun squads and a bazooka team. Armed only with a rifle, he remained at his post despite intense bazooka and automatic weapons fire and, with companions,



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killed one enemy and routed the numerically superior force. His heroic achievement contributed to the fighting efficiency of the unit and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ ALBERT J. SHELTON, 17045782, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. Prior to the final assault on Fort Koenigsmacker, a platoon of Company \* \* was subjected to a heavy artillery and mortar barrage and many casualties were sustained. Staff Sergeant Shelton reorganized the remaining men and joined a platoon of a company on his right flank. When the company attacked he, though suffering from concussion, led his men in a successful assault on the Fort, assisted in destroying the last hostile position in the fortification and in capturing 300 of the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ JACK S. VERNON, 34845482, Staff Sergeant (then sergeant), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. While awaiting further orders for a new advance, the platoon of which Staff Sergeant Vernon was a member, was suddenly surprised by enemy machine gun and rifle fire from the left flank. He, without regard for his personal safety and despite intense fire, advanced with three companions and covered the exposed flank. The courageous action displayed by Staff Sergeant Vernon aided materially in routing the enemy and enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

✓ WILLIAM L. BENNETT, JR., 38094618, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While the company advanced, a machine gun platoon had the assignment of preventing activity in a pillbox, 75 yards distant, by directing a constant stream of fire upon the fortification's gun ports. Sergeant Bennett, operating his machine gun at a window in a house, was subjected to hostile small arms fire of every caliber and 20 mm shellfire which set the building ablaze. Despite the proximity of the flames and the continued enemy fire, he held his post and continued to man his gun until the company had accomplished its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ AMERICO A. CARNEIRO, 31416972, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 to 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During an attack on the fort, Sergeant Carneiro, voluntarily organized litter teams and, despite intense enemy mortar fire, supervised the evacuation of innumerable casualties. As a result of his courageous leadership the lives of many wounded men were saved. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

✓ CHARLES G. GIRARD, 36891841, Sergeant (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in operations on 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of Bon Kenil, France. When the radio operators at a nearby artillery

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observation post, became casualties and all communication lines were cut, Sergeant Girard, volunteered to contact his battalion headquarters by radio. Due to terrain features and the distance involved, Sergeant Girard was forced to place his radio atop a barn in order to establish contact. He then, although under constant enemy small arms fire, relayed the artillery officer's fire direction to his battalion, the answering artillery fire resulted in the complete disorganization of enemy troops and the destruction of a large amount of equipment. Sergeant Girard's heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

✓ HYMAN L. HERRING, 18080390, Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 5 to 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Sergeant Herring volunteered to assist in organizing and transferring equipment across the flooded Saar River to the 358th Infantry. Maintaining liaison with the battalion motor pools, he eliminated the necessity of moving vehicles under high explosive shell fire. He then personally directed the vehicles to the loading site and, despite intense fire of all calibers and the raging torrent, the supplies were ferried across, allowing the supply situation at no time to become critical. His heroic service contributed to the fighting efficiency of the regiment and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ GEORGE C. HOWARD, 34795779, Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When fire from a pillbox threatened the advance of the battalion on the town, Sergeant Howard, with a companion, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers and set up a machine gun in an exposed position 100 yards from the pillbox. He, with his comrade, registered effective fire on the pillbox which materially aided the platoon in capturing it and 35 of the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Florida.

✓ JOHN R. MULROONEY, 32864219, Sergeant (then corporal), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nohn, Germany. Sergeant Mulrooney was a member of an eight man outpost which was attacked by two machine gun squads and a bazooka team. Armed only with a rifle, he remained at his post despite intense bazooka and automatic weapons fire and, with companions, killed one enemy and routed the numerically superior force. His heroic achievement contributed to the fighting efficiency of the unit and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ EDWARD O. JOHNSON, 38146953, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse-Ham, France. Immediately subsequent to crossing the Moselle River, Technician Fourth Grade Johnson observed a wounded man lying in an open field subjected to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Voluntarily and without regard for his own safety, he advanced through the fire to the casualty, administered medical treatment and carried him to the comparative safety of a building. His heroic service saved the life of the wounded man and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

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✓ ALBERT D. NADEAU, 37154966, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 2 January 1945 in the vicinity of Launstroff, France. During an engagement with the enemy, a patrol sustained numerous casualties. Voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade Nadeau left a position of comparative safety and went to the aid of the wounded men. Working under constant fire over areas mined and booby-trapped by the enemy, he assisted in the prompt evacuation of the casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

✓ POMER E. KEY, 38417276, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Elzange, France. During an engagement with the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Key observed four wounded men lying in an open field subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. He immediately led his litter squad to the men and, making two trips through the heavy fire, evacuated the casualties to a place of safety. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ WILLIAM A. LILLARD, JR., 33446333, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Lillard volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the landing sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

✓ OLLETFORD A. STEEN, 37190520, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 to 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the assault crossing of the Saar River by an infantry company, Technician Fifth Grade Steen offered invaluable assistance in keeping the company supplied at all times. Though constantly subjected to artillery and machine gun fire, he worked at the loading site, often in water waist deep, with indefatigable energy for a period of 17 days and maintained a steady flow of supplies across the flooded torrent to the assault forces. His heroic service contributed to the fighting efficiency of the company and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ PAUL L. VANASSE, 31039428, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During the attack on the fort, the rifle company to which Technician Fifth Grade Vanasse was attached as aid man, suffered many casualties. Working under the most hazardous conditions, subjected to constant mortar fire, he worked tirelessly for 36 consecutive hours rendering first aid and comforting the painfully wounded. After this long period, he volunteered to help other aid men in the battalion. When the battalion set up an aid station he assisted in treating all casualties sustained in the assault; Technician Fifth Grade Vanasse's courage, devotion to duty and, technical skill, saved the lives of many seriously wounded men. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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✓ GEORGE G. ALLEN, 31338314, Private First Class, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Elzange, France. During an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Allen observed four wounded men lying in an open field subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced to the men and, with the aid of companions, made two trips to evacuate the casualties to a place of safety. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

✓ ELDON E. ANDERSON, 38146542, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Anderson volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

✓ FRANZ BALLALATAK, 37190002, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gattenom, France. During the Moselle River operation, heavy enemy artillery concentrations forced the men to take cover. When a soldier was buried in his foxhole by a shell which landed nearby, Private First Class Ballalatak, left his place of comparative safety, hastened to the foxhole of the buried soldier and despite the continued enemy shell fire, he successfully extricated the man with the use of his helmet and a shovel. His heroic achievement saved the buried soldier from suffocation and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

✓ THOMAS F. BRUNSON, 35919680, Private First Class (then private), Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the battle in the town, the platoon of which Private First Class Brunson was a member, had very little ammunition and no rations and was pinned down by fire from two pillboxes for two days. Without regard for his personal safety, he voluntarily advanced alone through machine gun and small arms fire to obtain food and ammunition. His courageous action in replenishing the supply of these critically needed items enabled the platoon to repel the enemy and continue its advance. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ EDGAR J. COCK, 42009546, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Cook volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load



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the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ MORRIS H. FREEMAN, 38300792, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 25 November 1944 in the vicinity of Oberleuken, Germany. During an attack on the town, an infantry company became temporarily pinned down by fire from a machine gun emplacement. Upon observing this situation, Private First Class Freeman, without regard for his personal safety, advanced with companions upon the enemy installation, routed the crew and captured three of its members. His heroic achievement enabled the company to continue its advance and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ BARNABE B. GONZALEZ, 38155075, Private First Class, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Launstroff, France. During a night reconnaissance, Private First Class Gonzalez decided to keep his squad with the patrol rather than remain behind at an advance post. When the patrol sustained casualties, medical attention was given at once and evacuation effected promptly. Private First Class Gonzalez's exemplary leadership and selfless actions greatly accelerated the treatment and evacuation of wounded men and were inspirational to all his comrades. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ JOHN D. HARDIN, 34795306, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While the company advanced, a machine gun platoon had the assignment of preventing activity in a pillbox, 75 yards distant, by directing a constant stream of fire upon the fortification's gun ports. Private First Class Hardin, operating his machine gun at a window in a house, was subjected to hostile small arms fire of every caliber and 20 mm shell fire which set the building ablaze. Despite the proximity of the flames and the continued enemy fire, he held his post and continued to man his gun until the company had accomplished its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Florida.

✓ FRANK HARDY, 33536465, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When fire from a pillbox threatened the advance of the battalion on the town, Private First Class Hardy, with a companion, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers and set up a machine gun in an exposed position 100 yards from the pillbox. He, with his comrade, registered effective fire on the pillbox which materially aided the platoon in capturing it and 35 of the enemy. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

✓ ADAM Q. HARTLE, 38103660, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 to 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Private First Class Hartle distinguished himself in the perform-

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ance of outstanding service as Messenger. Working day and night under constant enemy fire, he guided carrying parties to and from the crossing sites, helped locate units and individuals and delivered all messages to the proper destination with efficiency and despatch. His heroic service contributed materially to the success of the battalion mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

✓ HERMAN J. HORN, 42044332, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 3 and 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Obertunsdorf, Germany. Private First Class Horn volunteered to cross through enemy lines under the cover of darkness, observe any movement throughout the next day and return that night. He successfully infiltrated through the enemy's closely built defenses and established an observation post. Due to terrain features, he found his visibility limited. Without regard for his personal safety, he made a daylight reconnaissance in the hostile territory. Despite a fierce fire fight against two machine guns, he continued on his patrol and obtained vital information. Realizing the importance of his valuable data, he decided to cross back through the enemy lines during daylight instead of waiting for nightfall. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ ODOM B. HOWELL, 36767874, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Howell volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM Q. HOWELL, 35696162, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While the company advanced, a machine gun platoon had the assignment of preventing activity in a pillbox, 75 yards distant, by directing a constant stream of fire upon the fortification's gun ports. Private First Class Howell, operating his machine gun at a window in a house, was subjected to hostile small arms fire of every caliber and 20 mm shellfire which set the building ablaze. Despite the proximity of the flames and the continued enemy fire, he held his post and continued to man his gun until the company had accomplished its mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

✓ MICHAEL J. HRABOWSKY, 32914521, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Koenigsmacker, France. During the attack on the fort, Private First Class Hrabowsky manned a machine gun in an exposed position to protect the flank of the assault force. Despite intense mortar and

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sniper fire that wounded two riflemen protecting his position, he remained at his post in the face of the heavy fire, killed two enemy soldiers attempting to reach him and denied the enemy an opportunity of counterattacking. Private First Class Hrabowsky's courageous devotion to duty enabled his company to successfully accomplish its mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ ROBERT V. LOGAN, 38148522, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Logan volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

✓ ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN, 37155401, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 9 - 16 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom, France. After the Moselle River crossing, Private First Class McLaughlin, driving the only vehicle available, delivered supplies from the river bank to front line troops. Due to the heavy enemy artillery fire, it was often necessary for him to choose his own routes. By his determined action and devotion to duty, a steady flow of ammunition and supplies were transported to the front. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

✓ EDWIN J. MILLER, 36190787, Private First Class, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Elzange, France. During an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Miller observed four wounded men lying in an open field subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced to the men and, with the aid of companions, made two trips to evacuate the casualties to a place of safety. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

✓ VITO N. NAVARRA, 42044593, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 7 July 1944 in the vicinity of Les Telle, France. During a critical stage in the battle, a company's supply of ammunition was nearly expended. Private First Class Navarra observed that the lead supporting tank had been disabled by intense hostile artillery and small arms fire. He made three trips through the intense fire to the damaged vehicle and obtained the urgently-needed ammunition from the supply inside the tank. His heroic service enabled the company to repel a counterattack and continue its advance and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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✓ ANDREW F. OPYT, 36782498, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully crossed the Saar River under the cover of tank destroyer fire and smoke shells, Private First Class Opyt continued on through intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to the objective. He then accompanied his small unit in assaulting an enemy pillbox and assisted in knocking it out. By his courageous aggressive actions, Private First Class Opyt aided materially in enabling the battalion to advance with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ DESIDERIO G. ORTIZ, 38168592, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully crossed the Saar River under the cover of tank destroyer fire and smoke shells, Private First Class Ortiz continued on through intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to the objective. He then accompanied his small unit in assaulting an enemy pillbox and assisted in knocking it out. By his courageous, aggressive actions, Private First Class Ortiz aided materially in enabling the battalion to advance with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

✓ VALDIMAR PETERSON, 31426216, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 to 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Private First Class Peterson distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Messenger. Working day and night under constant enemy fire, he guided carrying parties to and from the crossing sites, helped locate units and individuals and delivered all messages to the proper destination with efficiency and despatch. His heroic service contributed materially to the success of the battalion mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

✓ CHARLES W. REED, 35565237, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private First Class Reed volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

✓ WAGNUS T. RUE, 37171650, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 to 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operations, Private First Class Rue distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as Messenger. Working day and night under constant enemy fire,

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he guided carrying parties to and from the crossing sites, helped locate units and individuals and delivered all messages to the proper destination with efficiency and despatch. His heroic service contributed materially to the success of the battalion mission and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

✓ FREDERIC SCHMIDT, 32973336, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 3 and 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Obertunndorf, Germany. Private First Class Schmidt volunteered to cross through enemy lines under the cover of darkness, observe any movement throughout the next day and return that night. He successfully infiltrated through the enemy's closely built defenses and established an observation post. Due to terrain features, he found his visibility limited. Without regard for his personal safety, he made a daylight reconnaissance in the hostile territory. Despite a fierce fire fight against two machine guns, he continued on his patrol and obtained information. Realizing the importance of his valuable data, he decided to cross back through the enemy lines during daylight instead of waiting for nightfall. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

✓ ROBERT C. STANGE, 16163313, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on the town, a machine gun furnishing support fire for an advancing company was disabled by an enemy artillery shell. Private First Class Stange, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, traversed areas subjected to artillery and small arms fire to a supply point, obtained another machine gun and returned with the urgently needed weapon, which enabled the section to accomplish its mission of giving support fire to the advancing riflemen. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ ELLORY W. WATSON, 34138522, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Nohn, Germany. Preparatory to an attack, a reconnaissance party of which Private First Class Watson was a member, was given the mission of locating enemy patrol routes and of capturing one or more of the enemy for informational purposes. During the course of this assignment, Private First Class Watson, with other members of the patrol, observed two soldiers walking down a trail, and by a cleverly devised ambush, took them prisoner without alerting the remainder of the nearby enemy. The information procured from the two prisoners concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy proved of inestimable value in subsequent operations. The heroic achievement of Private First Class Watson was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Georgia.



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✓ CECIL H. WILKINSON, 35447824, Private First Class, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Elzange, France. During an engagement with the enemy Private First Class Wilkinson observed four wounded men lying in an open field subjected to intense hostile mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he advanced to the men and, with the aid of companions, made two trips to evacuate the casualties to a place of safety. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

✓ JOHN A. YOUNG, JR., 42007594, Private First Class, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the battle in the town, Private First Class Young, who was stationed at a forward battalion command post, led his litter team in a search for casualties. Despite the heavy enemy fire of various calibers, he succeeded in contacting the companies of the battalion and directed the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ MICHAEL ABATE, 33583977, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully crossed the Saar River under the cover of tank destroyer fire and smoke shells, Private Abate continued on through intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to the objective. He then accompanied his small unit in assaulting an enemy pillbox and assisted in knocking it out. By his courageous, aggressive actions, Private Abate aided materially in enabling the battalion to advance with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ CLIFFORD R. CULVER, 3386, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Having successfully crossed the Saar River under the cover of tank destroyer fire and smoke shells, Private Culver continued on through intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to the objective. He then accompanied his small unit in assaulting an enemy pillbox and assisted in knocking it out. By his courageous aggressive actions, Private Culver aided materially in enabling the battalion to advance with a minimum of casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Washington.

✓ WILLIAM J. FINNERTY, 31290032, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Lohn, Germany. Preparatory to an attack, a reconnaissance party of which Private Finnerty was a member, was given the mission of locating enemy patrol routes and of capturing one or more of the enemy for informational purposes. During the course of this assignment, Private Finnerty, with other members of the patrol, observed two soldiers walking down a trail, and by a cleverly devised ambush, took them prisoner without alerting the remainder of the nearby enemy. The information procured from the two prisoners concerning the strength and disposition of the enemy proved of inestimable value in subsequent operations. The heroic service of Private Finnerty was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.



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✓ DONALD L. NAST, 36990384, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nohn, Germany. An eight man outpost, located in a building, was attacked by two enemy machine gun squads and a bazooka team. Private Nast, on guard at an upper floor window, was knocked to the floor by an exploding bazooka projectile. Though stunned, he unhesitatingly ran to the lower floor to aid other members of the patrol. Armed only with a rifle, he, with companions, killed one enemy and routed the numerically superior force. His heroic achievement contributed to the fighting efficiency of the unit and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

✓ FRED A. PTAK, 33566709, Private, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 7 to 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. Private Ptak volunteered to assist in keeping a supply line open across the Saar River to the forward assault elements. Though the entire route to the river and the loading sites were frequently illuminated by flares and constantly subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapon fire, he worked with indefatigable energy. He was forced to wade into the mud and flood waters of the icy torrent each trip to load the ferry boats. His heroic service contributed to the success of the mission, maintained a steady flow of supplies to the front and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

✓ WALLACE WILLIEN, 34893944, Private, Medical Department, 358th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Private Willien, First Aid Man, elected to accompany the attacking forces in lieu of remaining with the rear elements. Without regard for his personal safety and despite intense fire of all calibers, he advanced with an assault platoon in an attack on a strongly held fortification to render first aid to wounded men. His heroic achievement proved inspirational to his comrades and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ JAMES D. GARY, 0408996, Captain, Cavalry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 27 November 1944 to 9 January 1945 in the vicinity of Gerlfangen and Beringen, Germany and Notlum, Luxembourg. During the \* \* Infantry's advance, an antitank ditch prevented the supporting armor and vehicles from accompanying the foot troops. Captain Gary, although subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, made an extensive ground reconnaissance of the situation and returned with a plan that would, by coordinating the efforts of tanks, engineers, infantry and artillery, solve the problem. During darkness, he outlined the plan, personally directed its execution under enemy fire and accomplished the hazardous task with speedy success. Later, he performed the same dangerous task at another site along the ditch, again under harassing fire. With this obstacle overcome, Captain Gary went on to lead his tanks, directing strategic movement and fire until he was wounded and evacuated. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

✓ EDWARD L. FORREST, 01017955, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 9 - 12 and 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. After crossing the Saar River, all of a platoon's tanks except that of First Lieutenant Forrest became embedded in the marshy soil near the bank. Driving through constant enemy observed fire, First Lieutenant Forrest made four trips to the town to obtain cables and clovises. Working tirelessly, he helped extricate the vehicles and led them into Pachten where they provided the only tank support for the \* \* Infantry for the next three days. He then reconnoitered routes subjected to artillery, mortar and small arms fire to enable his platoon to reach and give urgently needed tank support to another regiment. His gallant actions contributed materially to the success of two infantry regiments in the Saar River operations and were in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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✓ **THELSON D. MESKER**, O1017253, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. A battalion's advance was temporarily halted by intense fire from a heavy steel-turreted pillbox. Second Lieutenant Mesker maneuvered his tank to within 100 yards of the fortification and opened fire upon it only to find that his 75mm shells could not pierce the turret sides. The ensuing fire fight was so fierce that demolition men were unable to reach the strong-point. At risk of his life, Second Lieutenant Mesker drove his armored vehicle, carrying a demolition man, through artillery, mortar and small arms fire until he reached a point only 10 yards from the pillbox. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, he manned one of the tank's guns and continued to fire until he had penetrated one of the embrasures and neutralized the fire within the fortification. The demolition man was then able to destroy the pillbox with charges. Second Lieutenant Mesker's gallant action permitted the battalion to advance to its objective and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ **ROBERT W. VUTECH**, O1013127, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. When a company commander became a casualty during an attack on the town, First Lieutenant Vutech assumed command. After several futile attempts had been made to rescue many wounded men situated in a forward position, he personally led a group of medical aid men through intense fire of various calibers to successfully accomplish the evacuation of the casualties. He then reorganized and coordinated the depleted tank force into an efficient fighting unit and courageously led it in support of a regiment of infantry. His heroic achievement materially aided the infantry in taking its objective and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

✓ **DESS W. TIBBITTS**, 19065502, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 13 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bras, Belgium. While returning from a mission, a tank was hit by high velocity fire forcing the crew to evacuate the vehicle and take cover. When the tank burst into flames, Technician Fourth Grade Tibbitts, without regard for his personal safety, left his place of cover and started climbing into the tank despite the fact that an armor piercing shell hit the tube of the vehicle just above his head. He continued into the tank, extinguished the blaze and used the radio to advise the company command post of the situation. As a result of his courageous action the valuable tank was saved from total destruction. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

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✓ RAY A. GRIFFIN, 0401728, First Lieutenant, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 12 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Nebraska. *only*

III--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ JOHN R. WILLIAMS, 15042132, Sergeant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 January 1945 in the vicinity of Berle, Luxembourg. Sergeant Williams commanded a tank which supported an infantry company's assault on hostile positions. After advancing through a wooded area to a small clearing, the infantry was pinned down by intense artillery and machine gun fire. In the face of the terrific barrage, Sergeant Williams continued to move his tank forward and despite five direct hits from armored artillery, he directed such accurate fire that a machine gun nest was destroyed. Though he was mortally wounded during the engagement, his courageous act enabled the company to continue the advance and accomplish the mission and will be a lasting inspiration to all his comrades. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR---. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ ORIN M. BOURDE, 36202626, Sergeant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 12 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bohooy, Luxembourg. During a counterattack by a numerically superior enemy, Sergeant Bourde, Tank Commander, directed such accurate fire upon the foe that three tanks and four self-propelled guns were immobilized, 150 of the enemy were taken prisoner and the remainder were routed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

✓ HAROLD M. FREEMAN, 12133249, Sergeant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 12 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bohooy, Luxembourg. During a counterattack by a numerically superior enemy, Sergeant Freeman, Tank Commander, directed such accurate fire upon the foe that three tanks and four self-propelled guns were immobilized, 150 of the enemy were taken prisoner and the remainder were routed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ WILLIAM V. NICK, 36202659, Sergeant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 12 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bohooy, Luxembourg. During a counterattack by a numerically superior enemy, Sergeant Nick, Tank Commander, directed such accurate fire upon the foe that three tanks and four self-propelled guns were immobilized, 150 of the enemy were taken prisoner and the remainder were routed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.



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WILLIAM T. SIGGINS, 38063963, Sergeant, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 12 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bohoey, Luxembourg. During a counterattack by a numerically superior enemy, Sergeant Siggins, Tank Commander, directed such accurate fire upon the foe that three tanks and four self-propelled guns were immobilized, 150 of the enemy were taken prisoner and the remainder were routed. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

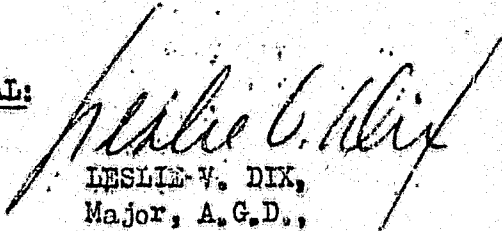
ROY R. LAPISH, 33481501, Corporal, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 14 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bras, Belgium. In the attack near the town, a tank of Company \* \* was hit by artillery fire and the crew sought a position of comparative safety. Without regard for his personal safety, and despite heavy artillery and small arms fire, Corporal Lapish returned to the tank and found that it was not completely disabled. He then located a driver for the vehicle and guided it back to the rear for repair. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK W. MORLOCK, 35297764, Private First Class, Infantry, 712th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Berlo, Luxembourg. During an armored attack on a heavily defended strong point, Private First Class Morlock, was seriously wounded, when an artillery shell struck his tank. Without regard for his personal safety, he continued to fire his cannon, destroying one enemy tank and a self-propelled gun. Not until his tank was completely immobilized did he reveal his wounds to his comrades and submit to evacuation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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I--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

1. GEORGE F. SPATH, 01322726, Captain, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 January 1945 at Binsfield, Luxembourg. Commanding the assault company in the attack on Binsfield, Captain Spath saw the many newly joined reinforcements in his leading platoon were confused and uncertain in their advance. Without regard for the heavy enemy fires and resistance, Captain Spath placed himself at the head of his troops and led them into the strongly defended town, killing at least two of the enemy with his pistol. The gallantry displayed by Captain Spath inspired his troops to capture the village and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Montana.

II--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ FRED SNYDER, 35002375, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. An enemy counterattack immediately following an intense mortar barrage trapped Staff Sergeant Snyder in a dugout. In an attempt to reach his nearby machine gun, he left a place of cover and advanced through a concentration of hand grenades and small arms fire to his gun position. Confronted by additional enemy and trapped by two enemy employing flame throwers, he managed to escape and reach his company command post. Here, he revealed important information concerning the attack and obtained aid to return to the area which the enemy was threatening. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ BILL M. CLAXTON, 37491409, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 15 - 21 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ FERNANDO A. GASPAR, 31224824, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Luxembourg during the period 8 June 1944 to 18 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ ISADORE F. HOFFMAN, 01283960, Captain, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 18 July to 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

✓ FRANCIS E. LORD, 01291140, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 15 June to 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

✓ WELDON J. HICKEY, 38094760, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the periods 15 - 18 September 1944 and 11 - 16 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

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✓ JOHN S. GREENE, 0364533, Captain, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Luxembourg during the period 8 June 1944 to 19 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Vermont.

✓ OWEN Z. CAIN, 01305543, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 10 June to 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ ELTON C. COOK, 02006436, Second Lieutenant (then staff sergeant and technical sergeant), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

✓ THEODORE W. HENNING, 32597978, Master Sergeant, Military Intelligence Service, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Luxembourg during the period 20 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

✓ GEORGE W. PARKER, JR., 38072898, First Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 8 June to 17 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

✓ WARREN F. CHESNUT, 37153248, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Luxembourg during the period 8 June 1944 to 19 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

✓ BERT E. BURTONCIN, 37138660, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 8 June 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

✓ LEIGH B. SHIRLEY, 37154272, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 20 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

✓ MILLE A. GRAY, 31282720, Sergeant, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 11 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Maine.

✓ VIRGIL E. WIDENER, 37138491, Sergeant (then technician fifth grade), Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Luxembourg during the period 8 June 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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✓ WILLIAM S. BOISSEAU, 33444473, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Luxembourg during the period 8 June 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

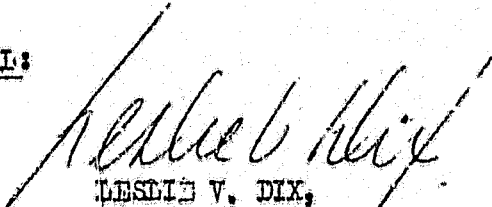
✓ HOMER W. FRY, 35327863, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 10 June 1944 to 9 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

✓ CHESTER L. SENTI, 37156344, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, 357th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany during the period 10 June to 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ROBERT L. KEENAN, 37178289, Private First Class, Medical Department, 315th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. A litter squad, advancing to an infantry company's position to evacuate wounded, observed approximately 25 enemy who had infiltrated through the company lines. Private First Class Keenan returned to the battalion with the squad and voluntarily guided a 15 man combat unit to the area to reduce the pocket of resistance. He then continued on the original mission and, despite intense enemy fire, evacuated one seriously wounded man and several walking wounded over difficult terrain to the aid station. His heroic achievement saved one man's life, lessened the suffering of several others and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ JOHN A. MROZEK, 33302295, Private, Medical Department, 315th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. A litter squad, advancing to an infantry company's position to evacuate wounded, observed approximately 25 enemy who had infiltrated through the company lines. Private Mrozek returned to the battalion with the squad and voluntarily guided a 15 man combat unit to the area to reduce the pocket of resistance. He then continued on the original mission and, despite intense enemy fire, evacuated one seriously wounded man and several walking wounded over difficult terrain to the aid station. His heroic achievement saved one man's life, lessened the suffering of several others and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

MELVIN PACK, 37179617, Private, Medical Department, 315th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Nothum, Luxembourg. A litter squad, advancing to an infantry company's position to evacuate wounded, observed approximately 25 enemy who had infiltrated through the company lines. Private Pack returned to the battalion with the squad and voluntarily guided a 15 man combat unit to the area to reduce the pocket of resistance. He then continued on the original mission and, despite intense enemy fire, evacuated one seriously wounded man and several walking wounded over difficult terrain to the aid station. His heroic achievement saved one man's life,

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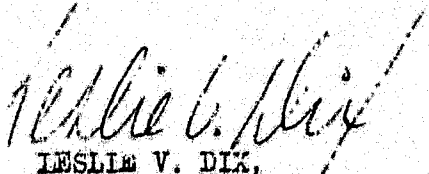
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lessened the suffering of several others and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered military Service from Missouri.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

✓ JACK S. SHARDON, 01310509, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New York. *medal* \*

✓ WILLIAM D. HOOPER, 33382458, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

✓ RUDOLPH TAFOYA, 38103641, Corporal, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

✓ JOHN H. APPLGATE, 35700040, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France during the period 1 August to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

✓ CARL H. JOHNSON, 37118668, Private First Class, Infantry, 358th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in France during the period 8 June to 31 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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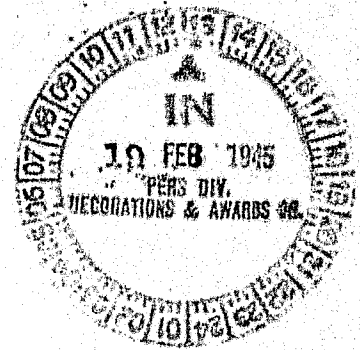
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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ FRANK A. JACOBSEN, 01104883, Captain, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 - 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, Captain Jacobsen, worked with indefatigable energy under extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions. While subjected to a continuous barrage of enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he organized various engineer crews, supervised the cable ferry construction and continued to direct its maintenance throughout the river crossing. Captain Jacobsen's courageous leadership and technical knowledge aided materially in the success of the operation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

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✗ AUGUSTUS H. McDONALD, 3717854, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 8 - 10 November 1944 in France. During the Moselle River operation, it was necessary to ferry supplies across the swollen river to the battalion on the far side. Staff Sergeant McDonald, voluntarily, with a companion, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers, operated boats carrying the critically-needed supplies and on return trips evacuated casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

✓ JOHN S. MADUX, 37153966, Sergeant (then corporal), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Gravlotto, France. While removing a road block consisting of 500 yards of fallen trees, heavily mined and booby-trapped, an intense concentration of artillery fire inflicted heavy casualties among an engineer squad, including the squad leader. Without hesitation, Sergeant Maddux assumed command and, aware of the importance of the mission, rallied his men while under constant enemy fire. He moved from man to man while in dangerous proximity to shellbursts, directing and encouraging the continuance of the clearing operations. The courageous leadership and devotion

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to duty of Sergeant Maddux was directly responsible for the opening of a major road. His heroic service was in accordance with Military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

✓ JOSEPH L. HIGDEM, 37169642, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the Moselle River operation, Technician Fourth Grade Higdem's raft was sunk by enemy mortar fire. Reaching shore, after being swept downstream 600 yards, he donned dry clothing and, while subjected to the continuous enemy shell-fire, returned to operate a power boat. When another assault boat capsized, Technician Fourth Grade Higdem raced his boat after the five occupants swiftly drifting downstream. Though in constant danger of upsetting his own boat in the turbulent waters, he succeeded in rescuing the men. Floating debris had struck and jammed his motor and, only through Technician Fourth Grade Higdem's skillful paddling, was the boat brought to shore. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ KENNETH E. NELSON, 37171461, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations during the period 8 - 10 November 1944 in France. During the Moselle River operations, it was necessary to ferry supplies across the swollen river to the battalion on the far side. Technician Fifth Grade Nelson, voluntarily, with a companion, subjected himself to heavy fire of various calibers, operated boats carrying the critically-needed supplies and on return trips evacuated casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

✓ HARRY PALMQUIST, 37286209, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 6 - 9 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the initial stages of the battle, Private First Class Palmquist, voluntarily made four 1,000 yard trips through open marsh land, exposed to enemy machine gun, sniper and observed artillery fire, carrying explosives to the front line companies. As a result of Private First Class Palmquist's courageous actions, several enemy pillboxes were destroyed, which allowed the infantry to continue its advance. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

✓ FREDERICK J. POLKA, 37171071, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 - 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the advance through the town, Private First Class Polka voluntarily crossed a series of exposed railroad tracks with an infantry assault platoon as a demolition man. While partially isolated from the main infantry force for two days, Private First Class Polka accompanied the assault platoon in attacking enemy fortifications. During this period he made four trips across the tracks under artillery, sniper and mortar fire to secure more explosives and, assisted in destroying three enemy pillboxes. His heroic service enabled an infantry regiment to advance with a minimum of casualties and was in accordance with Military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

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