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WALTER N. RICHARDSON, 36603082, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\*Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WOODROW J. WELLS, 0347731, Captain, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

PETER A. GROSSO, 36600361, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 September 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROLAND C. GARRELL, 0464963, Captain, DC, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-1, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

DONALD A. KILEY, 36950246, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Duren, Germany. Sergeant KILEY was carrying ammunition to his machine gun section when an enemy sniper fired on him. Sergeant KILEY crawled behind a wall, from which concealment he observed three German soldiers advancing on his machine gun position. He waited until the Germans were within twenty feet of him. Then, he stepped out of cover and opened fire with his pistol, wounding one German and causing the other two to surrender. Sergeant KILEY'S skillful and courageous act, which eliminated a grave menace to his machine gun section, reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

GLENN E. HEMPHILL, 37422643, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. While reconnoitering under enemy shelling for an observation point on high ground near Dorch, Staff Sergeant HEMPHILL observed German soldiers loading ammunition onto wagons in front of a number of storage caves. He was detected by the enemy who fired on him with automatic weapons, but he stayed on the crest of the slope and directed mortar fire by radio. Because of Staff Sergeant HEMPHILL'S resolute devotion to duty six of the ammunition wagons were destroyed. His steadfast performance under fire reflects distinct credit on Staff Sergeant HEMPHILL and on the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

JAMES M. HURT, 39286624, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Privat, France. While moving across a field near St. Privat, regimental scouts encountered an enemy artillery barrage which caused one casualty and halted the advance. With no regard for his own safety Staff Sergeant HURT carried the wounded man one hundred yards to a hollow offered by a slight depression. He then moved eight hundred yards alone across the field, fired on by twenty millimeter guns, to contact a group of Tank Destroyers. Informed of the situation by Staff Sergeant HURT, the Tank Destroyers held down a barrage which silenced the enemy guns. Staff Sergeant HURT'S intrepid conduct reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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ROBERT G. WEBER, 37213335, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private First Class WEBER had guided reinforcements to within one hundred yards of his hard-pressed company's command post when an enemy mortar barrage fell. Private First Class WEBER did not hesitate in continuing to move forward, and under his firm leadership the company was promptly reinforced. The resolute performance of duty by Private First Class WEBER reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

RALPH E. CLARK, 33842505, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. On a reconnaissance mission, Private First Class CLARK'S patrol was suddenly fired on from a cellar. Moving quickly, Private First Class CLARK hurled two grenades into the cellar, wounding a number of Germans and facilitating the capture of the entire enemy element. Private First Class CLARK'S bold action enabled his patrol to accomplish its mission without delay, reflecting distinct credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

RICHARD L. GILLUNG, 33763465, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In the attack on Fraulautern, Sergeant GILLUNG helped to emplace a mortar in an open field swept by German machine gun fire. In position, Sergeant GILLUNG and his comrades delivered such accurate fire on pillboxes at the opposite end of the field that rifle troops were able to advance with minimum casualties. Sergeant GILLUNG'S heroic performance of duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT P. BIX, 36250395, Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In the attack on Fraulautern, Sergeant BIX helped to emplace a mortar in an open field swept by German machine gun fire. In position, Sergeant BIX and his comrades delivered such accurate fire on pillboxes at the opposite end of the field that rifle troops were able to advance with minimum casualties. Sergeant BIX'S heroic performance of duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

KARL E. SOLLER, 35231583, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When an enemy tank fired on Company B's positions in Saarlautern-Roden, inflicting heavy casualties, Private First Class SOLLER gave first aid and care to the wounded men for twelve hours until evacuation under cover of darkness was possible. Private First Class SOLLER, slightly wounded in the action, refused to interrupt his heroic ministrations to obtain medical attention for himself until all casualties had been evacuated. The selfless devotion to his wounded comrades displayed by Private First Class SOLLER reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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JACK E. HARMON, 36601232, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, ~~\*\*\*~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Operating his radio on the top floor of the First Battalion's command post, Technician Fourth Grade HARMON remained at his post throughout a thunderous artillery barrage. When an enemy shell scored a direct hit, destroying the radio and killing two men in the building, Technician Fourth Grade HARMON hastily secured another set. Boldly installing the radio in the same dangerous spot where reception and transmission were superior, he manned it the remainder of the day, maintaining unbroken communications despite the fierce artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade HARMON'S courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

BERNARD L. ELAKE, 35486913, Private First Class, INF, Company B, ~~\*\*\*~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Heavy enemy tank fire, striking Company B's command post during violent fighting in Saarlautern-Roden, severed all communications with battalion headquarters. Private First Class ELAKE, setting out alone to report the situation to the battalion commander, made his way over the perilous route and successfully reached his objective, although fired on by hostile machine guns and small arms. Private First Class ELAKE'S heroic determination under heavy enemy fire while carrying information vital to his company's attack reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ROBERT H. WHEATER, 36877786, Private First Class, INF, Company K, ~~\*\*\*~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Advancing with Company K in Fraulautern house-to-house fighting despite a painful arm wound, Private First Class WHEATER crawled through a battered wall to find himself in a room crowded with German soldiers. Undismayed by his precarious situation, Private First Class WHEATER boldly attempted to persuade the enemy troops to surrender while his comrades fired rockets into the building. He heroically persisted in his efforts until he finally succeeded, twenty-six Germans surrendering to him. Private First Class WHEATER'S dogged courage on this occasion reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

HARLEY R. SWEETMAN, 35411033, First Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company D, ~~\*\*\*~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 October 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Giving close, continuous support to riflemen advancing on Gravelotte, First Sergeant SWEETMAN directed his mortar sections so skillfully that he was able to deliver immediate fire on any objective within the zone of attack. The mortars under his control destroyed one enemy mortar and forestalled a counter-attack developing on the infantry's right flank, although during the action the guns of Fort Driant and Fort Jeanne D'Arc were constantly menacing First Sergeant SWEETMAN and his men. The staunch, resourceful leadership displayed by First Sergeant SWEETMAN in furnishing invaluable mortar support to attacking elements reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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CHARLES SAUVE, First Lieutenant, French Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During Metz on 19 November 1944, while heavy fighting was still in progress prior to a junction between friendly forces advancing on the east and west banks of the Moselle River, First Lieutenant SAUVE, accompanied by another French officer, immediately contacted the Chief of the MFI. By enlisting the services of the MFI in the city, numerous German snipers and soldiers dressed in civilian clothes were detected and disposed of by the French authorities. First Lieutenant SAUVE's courageous action, of national importance in clearing the city of hostile elements, reflects justly and credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the French Army.

JOHN L. GRAVES, 015036, Colonel, FA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN TOPOOZIAN, 36252215, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CARL L. MYERS, 37143752, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

ALVIN O. MARKS, 37285959, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 22 February 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

PAUL DAVIS, 01284833, Captain, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 22 February 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

FRED W. PETERSEN, 37422603, Corporal, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

LAWRENCE W. MORGAN, 01284189, Captain, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

GEORGE H. MCCORD, 01301850, Captain, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

BEN Z. SHANK, 01284948, Captain, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against

the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DAN E. VAUGHAN, 01304673, First Lieutenant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

HENRY G. VOORHIS, 32604564, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

*Citation Amended by GO # 60 - MAR 17, 1945*

~~\* H. J. HOCH, 01054000, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty, this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from ~~20 October~~ 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. *12 NOVEMBER*~~

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\* CARL G. NYSTRON, 02052125, Captain, JAGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from ~~20 October~~ 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Iowa. *12 NOVEMBER*

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

HAROLD A. STITZER, 18012149, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. Staff Sergeant STITZER was a member of a combat patrol returning with German prisoners from a mission behind enemy lines across the Maas River. When the patrol leader and several soldiers were severely wounded in a minefield near the river, Staff Sergeant STITZER helped reorganize the patrol and evacuate the wounded. Although wounded himself in crossing the treacherous area, he steadfastly directed the transportation of German prisoners and wounded comrades to the west bank of the river. Staff Sergeant STITZER'S heroic devotion to duty in enabling the patrol to complete its mission successfully reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III - AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE  
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SECTION V - ACHIEVEMENT

*Amend*

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

RAYMOND J. FOXRUCKER, 36245603, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Staff Sergeant FOXRUCKER'S platoon was subjected to raking machine gun fire as it advanced in bitter house-to-house fighting in Saarlautern-Roden. When the group was temporarily halted by the heavy fire, Staff Sergeant FOXRUCKER dashed boldly across an open square toward the emplacement, firing his rifle furiously as he ran, in a heroic attempt to silence the enemy fire. Severely wounded after running thirty yards in the hail of bullets, Staff Sergeant FOXRUCKER, although not succeeding in eliminating the hostile weapon, so inspired his men by his gallant charge that the platoon surged forward and completed its mission quickly and ruthlessly. Staff Sergeant FOXRUCKER'S superb leadership and courage at the risk of his life reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JAMES F. FEHR, 35388332, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Observing an enemy tank and supporting infantrymen approaching the north approaches of the Saarlautern bridge, Staff Sergeant FEHR on his own initiative placed his squad members in strategic positions to seek to repel the hostile counter-attack. When Staff Sergeant FEHR ordered the squad to open fire on the advancing enemy, the tank immediately retaliated, sending three rounds into the squad positions. Unflinchingly braving the heavy fire delivered by the German tank and rifleman, Staff Sergeant FEHR remained in an exposed position to direct his men in a masterful action which frustrated the counter-attack completely. The gallant initiative and leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant FEHR reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

DURWOOD ROBINSON, 01296747, Captain (Then First Lieutenant), INF, Headquarters, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Itzbach, Germany. At Itzbach on 30 November 1944, Captain ROBINSON

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accompanied a rifle patrol on a dangerous mission to secure an observation post and, after several violent exchanges of small arms fire with the enemy, reached the objective high ground at the head of the patrol. Two hours later, he joined a heavy machine gun platoon in a feint to permit the successful advance of other battalion elements into the town. Under almost continuous fire throughout the maneuver, Captain ROBISON was the last man to retire in the withdrawal, which he directed with great skill and courage. Captain ROBISON'S heroic conduct reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

BYRON L. FISHER, 33691674, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. Throughout Company I'S operations in ansacrif, Private First Class FISHER served courageously and tirelessly as a company runner, exposing himself constantly to enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire to deliver essential messages and guide personnel. On several occasions bullets came so close as to tear holes in Private First Class FISHER'S clothing, but such grave personal danger did not deter him from continuing his heroic missions. Private First Class FISHER'S bold, determined devotion to his assigned tasks during this difficult period reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. PAGE, 35388646, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falk, France. Ambushed by a company of Germany troops while on a mission to eliminate snipers near Falk, Technical Sergeant PAGE'S platoon of regimental scouts was greeted by violent machine gun and rifle fire. Technical Sergeant PAGE killed one enemy soldier with rifle fire and destroyed a hostile machine gun while gallantly fighting against overwhelming odds. Assuming command when the platoon leader was wounded, he reorganized his group and, after beating off a powerful thrust, he ordered a withdrawal. Heaving the wounded officer to a protected position, Technical Sergeant PAGE intrepidly covered the withdrawing platoon with accurately-thrown grenades. Technical Sergeant PAGE'S heroic leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

IVAN B. ALKINSON, 01284426, First Lieutenant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. Taking command of Company I under difficult circumstances on 16 December 1944, First Lieutenant ALKINSON gained immediately the confidence of his men by his heroic action. During these trying days, he braved paling enemy fire constantly to maintain close contact with the men fighting under him, bolstering the company'S spirit by his aggressive leadership against a determinedly-resisting enemy. First Lieutenant ALKINSON'S inspiring actions and superb personal courage reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

JOHN H. MC CLAGHER, 33442453, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Air Bn, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade MC CLAGHER, while reconnoitering a wire route during heavy fighting in Fraulautern, observed a soldier fall,



severely wounded, fifty yards down the street from him. With complete disregard for his own safety, he rushed forward to the wounded man and carried him through the violent enemy fire to a building seventy-five yards away. Here Technician Fifth Grade MC CLAUERY administered first aid and removed litter to evacuate the casualty. Technician Fifth Grade MG CLAUERY's gallant actions at the risk of his life reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

JOE GURLEY, 34445065, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hainstadt, Germany. When a mortar was seriously damaged by shrapnel during fire in Maulauntern and several other persons were unable to reach him, Sergeant GURLEY voluntarily crawled forward to the light, exposed ground where the wounded man lay. Sergeant GURLEY had barely finished administering first aid under extremely heavy fire when an enemy counterattack was launched. Quickly carrying the casualty to safety in a nearby trench, Sergeant GURLEY moved back over the perilous route to assist his company in defending its positions. Sergeant GURLEY'S courage and determination in saving a wounded soldier's life reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

ROBERT S. ELASKO, 33698147, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Pochhammer, Germany. Seeking to establish contact with forward elements of Company I, cut off during heavy artillery and mortar shelling in Maulauntern, Staff Sergeant ELASKO was a member of a twelve-man patrol making its way across a vast, open area covered by devastating enemy fire. When a companion was grievously wounded Staff Sergeant ELASKO gave first aid and, despite the violent shell-fire, carried the casualty to a more sheltered place. Making the wounded man as comfortable as possible, Staff Sergeant ELASKO then left his covered position and fearlessly rushed across the fire-swept field to overtake the patrol as it advanced on its mission. The courageous, selfless conduct of Staff Sergeant ELASKO under heavy enemy fire reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS J. MURRAY, 33053523, Sergeant (Then Technician Fourth Grade), INF, Company I, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Baden, Germany. When a heavy artillery concentration fell near Company I's assembly point in Saarlautern-Baden, wounding six men, Sergeant MURRAY immediately began assisting medical soldiers in administering first aid. Seeing an injured man lying exposed to the bursting shells, Sergeant MURRAY courageously ran out of his covered position and brought the casualty back to the building. While giving first aid to the soldier, Sergeant MURRAY was severely shaken up by a shell exploding nearby, but he doggedly continued his voluntary task until additional medical personnel arrived. Sergeant MURRAY'S gallant actions on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE: Under the provisions of WD Circular Number 125, dated 12 June 1944, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Service Battalion 309th Field Artillery Battalion for superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty during the period 16 November 1944 to 16 January 1945:

Service Battery, 360th Field Artillery Battalion, performed in a superior manner exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 16 November 1944 to 16 January 1945. The battery's performance of duty under adverse conditions during the assault and reduction of the city of Metz, France and Saarbrücken, Germany was superior. All problems of supply brought about by continually changing conditions were met and conquered. At no time were the tactical or administrative functions of the Battalion impaired by lack of transportation or supply. The devotion to duty, discipline and appearance of the personnel of Service Battery during this important period of combat reflect great credit on the officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of the organization and exemplify high traditions of the military service.

*OK* IV. AMENDMENT: So much of General Orders, Number 59, this Headquarters, dated 14 March 1945, as pertains to J. J. HOCH, O1C54000, First Lieutenant, TIF, Headquarters Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty, this Headquarters), as reads, "from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945", is amended to read "from 12 November 1944 to 29 January 1945".

*OK* V. AMENDMENT: So much of General Orders, Number 59, this Headquarters, dated 14 March 1945, as pertains to CARL G. MYSTROM, O2C52125, Captain, JAGD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, as reads, "from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945", is amended to read "from 12 November 1944 to 29 January 1945".

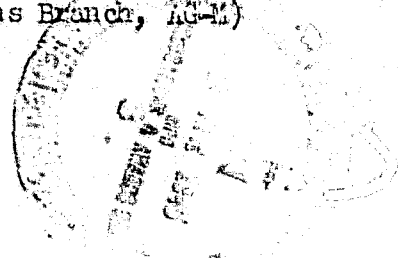
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

HERSHEL W. CROOK, 38154135, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Private First Class CROOK gave first aid at great personal risk to soldiers wounded in an assault on enemy positions near the Saarlautern bridge. Proceeding to give medical attention to the casualties, Private First Class CROOK unhesitatingly braved intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. On one occasion, when the attacking riflemen were halted temporarily by the violence of the enemy enfilade, Private First Class CROOK moved ahead of the main body of troops to a captured bunker to treat several of his comrades. Private First Class CROOK'S courage and unswerving devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

ROBERT L. RIZICK, 15362285, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Participating in Company B's attack on Saarlautern-Roden, Staff Sergeant RIZICK was occupying a recently-captured pillbox when he observed a comrade wounded severely by enemy small arms fire. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant RIZICK ran across fifteen yards of open ground being constantly raked by hostile fire to the fallen soldier and valiantly returned with him to the safety of the pillbox where first aid was administered. Staff Sergeant RIZICK'S gallant, timely action at the risk of his life reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

FRANK F. PALLANTI, 36950229, Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Assistant rifle squad leader, Sergeant PALLANTI was firing an automatic rifle in defense of his platoon's position against an enemy counter-attack when struck in the eye by a grenade fragment. Heroically disregarding the great pain he suffered, he remained at his post, pouring devastating fire into the hostile troops until the counter-attack was completely routed. The high courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant PALLANTI on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM J. GROVE, 13158183, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. While standing guard in a building at Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class GROVE was

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fired on by an enemy sniper who wounded him in the hand. With great determination Private First Class GROVE retaliated accurately, driving the sniper away, and in spite of his wound remained on guard for the entire night during which he killed six of the enemy. Private First Class GROVE'S bold and resolute devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EDGAR C. JACKSON, 35246712, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When an extremely heavy barrage of artillery and mortar fire fell on the building occupied by Private First Class JACKSON'S squad, setting fire to furniture and to the belt of ammunition in Private First Class JACKSON'S machine gun, Private First Class JACKSON acted with acute presence of mind and courage in cutting the ammunition belt with a knife, and in stifling the fire. His heroic behavior under terrible enemy fire reflects great credit on Private First Class JACKSON and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

LEWIS W. NEIL, 35413404, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Serving as a company messenger, Private First Class NEIL repeatedly distinguished himself under enemy fire in performing his duty with remarkable courage and efficiency. Private First Class NEIL'S heroic achievements throughout this period of combat contributed greatly to the success of his organization, reflecting high credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD W. MORRIS, 36357499, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern and Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Staff Sergeant MORRIS, as Company L supply sergeant, led numerous carrying parties across hazardous terrain under enemy mortar and small arms fire to deliver vitally essential supplies to advancing troops during this difficult period of combat operations. When the intensity of hostile fire prevented his group from reaching the forward elements during daylight, Staff Sergeant MORRIS courageously directed the carrying party under cover of darkness over the shell pounded route. Staff Sergeant MORRIS' determined, heroic efforts in maintaining a steady flow of ammunition and rations throughout an arduous period reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MEVIN E. BUCHANAN, 37128924, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Assuming command when his platoon leader was wounded on 5 December 1944 in Saarlautern-Roden, Technical Sergeant BUCHANAN executed his responsibilities in a consistently heroic, capable manner. Although without previous experience in this capacity, he led the platoon in bitter house-to-house fighting with signal aggressiveness and skill. His sound judgment, initiative and superior leadership were constantly evidenced by the dispatch and sureness with which the platoon's operations were performed during these difficult days of heavy combat. Technical Sergeant BUCHANAN'S sincere, courageous devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

quarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Staff Sergeant FOGLE, serving as communications chief for the Second Battalion, supervised the installation and maintenance of all wire communications. Much of the time Staff Sergeant FOGLE performed his arduous duties while under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Staff Sergeant FOGLE'S unceasing, fearless efforts in insuring the maintenance of superior wire communications within the Second Battalion reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

HERMAN L. BESTE, 3725744, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Advancing on enemy positions near the Saarlautern-Roden railroad station, Private First Class BESTE and ten other comrades in his mortar section were hit by hostile mortar and machine gun fire. Although painfully wounded, Private First Class BESTE returned to the point of departure and notified medical soldiers of his companions' plight. Then securing a rifle and bandoleers of ammunition, he led the aid men back through the continuing enemy fire to the seriously wounded soldiers and assisted in their treatment and evacuation. Private First Class BESTE'S selfless devotion to his wounded comrades in spite of his own suffering reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN D. PENNINGTON, W2112563, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Warrant Officer PENNINGTON directed the movement of two heavily laden trucks from Felsberg to Saarlautern under observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. Closing in to establish the distribution point while fierce fighting was still raging in nearby buildings, Warrant Officer PENNINGTON supervised the unloading of the sorely needed ammunition despite extreme danger from the heavy mortar and artillery barrage blanketing that portion of Saarlautern. Warrant Officer PENNINGTON'S great personal courage and determination to make adequate supplies of ammunition available to the troops holding the vital bridge reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ARTHUR W. SCHMIDT, 36061075, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. When three members of his machine gun section were wounded by machine pistol fire, while supporting assaulting riflemen, Staff Sergeant SCHMIDT unhesitatingly left his covered position to seek medical attention for the casualties. Crossing a street swept by machine gun fire, he secured litter teams and led them back through the murderous fire to the wounded men. Then, after assisting in placing his comrades on litters, he moved ahead of the medical soldiers to recross the raked street a third time. Staff Sergeant SCHMIDT'S gallant devotion to his comrades and his own life reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service from Illinois.

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560, Technical Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

HARRY B. HACKE, 01557291, First Lieutenant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

ERNEST H. THOMPSON, 39002255, Staff Sergeant, QM, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

RICHARD G. CASH, 36247461, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CLARENCE D. BATEMAN, 37453396, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

HOWARD C. KERCHIVAL JR, 35485752, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

MERLE L. HAFMS, 37422811, Technical Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

PETER P. SKUPIEN, 16000722, First Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

SELMAN A. KNAPP, 0343558, Major, FA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

FRANCIS T. MC GRATH, 01145194, Captain, FA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

WARNER J. ZIMMER, 36247364, Staff Sergeant, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CHARLES [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Troop, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

JACK HOUSER, 35544810, Private First Class, MD, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

RALPH A. CRABB, 37208979, Staff Sergeant, MD, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

WAYNE F. WENTZ, 0390842, Captain, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CHARLES KUBINA, 36600419, Staff Sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ADAM VIGIL, 38070266, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 12 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-5, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Fifth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

EDWARD LUND, 36245656, Sergeant, CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France, with the mission of destroying a tunnel leading into the midst of highly strategic high ground over which a fierce struggle was being waged, Sergeant LUND held his engineer squad in readiness at the rear of an infantry assault group. When the assault soldiers were pinned down by violent hostile mortar fire and the success of the mission seemed in doubt, Sergeant LUND advanced alone in the face of heavy machine gun and small arms fire to seek further instructions from the infantry officer commanding the maneuver. Instructed to effect the demolitions as quickly as possible, Sergeant LUND returned immediately to his squad. By his forthright, inspiring leadership he brought the group through to the objective, where the tunnel was demolished rapidly and efficiently in spite of the enemy's murderous resistance. Sergeant LUND'S bold, unflinching devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM D. MANIFOLD, 01557188, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant) CE, Company A, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. Accompanied by three infantry officers, First Lieutenant MANIFOLD made a highly important reconnaissance of the route to the Saar River bank on the night preceding the river crossing. Making their way across an unexploited and exposed field, First Lieutenant MANIFOLD and his companions went down to the water's edge, one hundred and fifty feet from the enemy, and a bold, detailed reconnaissance was made. Returning to his company, First Lieutenant MANIFOLD then set out over the hazardous route to guide trucks laden with river-crossing equipment to the river bank. In the absence of the platoon leader, First Lieutenant MANIFOLD assumed command of the Second Platoon, Company A, and directed the crossing of the first wave of infantry troops. First Lieutenant MANIFOLD'S courageous devotion to duty during this daring maneuver reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SYMPT S. MC LEAN, 01100681, First Lieutenant, CE, Company A, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Prior to the assault crossing of the Moselle, First Lieutenant MC LEAN, accompanied by his platoon sergeant, crawled under heavy enemy fire to reconnoiter the river front for a crossing site. When the crossing site was selected, First Lieutenant MC LEAN made his way back to his waiting platoon, formed them for the assault

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crossing, and directed them in the crossing under intense enemy fire which caused numerous casualties. First Lieutenant W. L. LEWIS during exploit aided materially in the successful assault crossing of the Moselle at Metz, France. His zealous devotion to duty and personal courage reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN G. KROUGH JR., 01104911, First Lieutenant, CF, Company C, \*\*\* Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 January 1945 to 23 January 1945 in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. From 3 January 1945 to 23 January 1945 First Lieutenant KROUGH commanded the platoon whose mission it was to construct a "fixed bridge" across the Saar river in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. To accomplish the assigned bridge, the task was made extremely difficult by the flooding and thawing of the river, and by hostile artillery fire. Yet First Lieutenant KROUGH's platoon accomplished its mission with only one casualty and without losing any equipment. The excellent leadership and superior professional ability displayed by First Lieutenant KROUGH reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE S. BERNETT, 37508664, Private First Class (Then Private), INF, Company I, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Roden, Germany. When a mine field lay across his squad's route of advance, Private First Class BERNETT risked his life to find a gap through which his squad could safely move. The field contained both anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, and the threat of fire from nearby buildings was imminent, but Private First Class BERNETT would not be deterred from the full accomplishment of his voluntary mission. His intrepid feat reflects great credit on Private First Class BERNETT and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

RICHARD C. OLTON, 12189190, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Roden, Germany. When his squad had the mission of regaining contact with a company which had become isolated from the main body of the battalion, Staff Sergeant OLTON, realizing that heavy casualties would be suffered if the entire squad attempted to cross the shell-pounded area across which the isolated company was located, moved out alone to make the necessary contact. His willingness to risk his own life in the fulfillment of duty reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant OLTON and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

VICTOR G. PETERSON, 36184830, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Roden, Germany. Private First Class PETERSON, a jeep driver for the Second Battalion aid station, repeatedly drove across a vast, open area to evacuate casualties sustained by the companies attacking Saarbrücken-Roden on 5 December 1944. Driving under intense mortar and artillery fire over the debris-littered, crater-pitted field during the day, Private First Class PETERSON continued his dangerous

Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Gunner in a machine gun squad supporting a rifle platoon clearing Saarlautern buildings, Private First Class MEYER and a companion were emplacing their weapon when a German bazooka gunner opened fire on the two men. Although plainly visible to the hostile soldier, Private First Class MEYER and his comrade quickly assembled the machine gun and began firing. When the gun jammed hopelessly after a few rounds, Private First Class MEYER intrepidly raised his rifle at the German and, although painfully wounded by the blazing bazooka rounds, succeeded in killing him. Private First Class MEYER'S staunch and heroic devotion to duty reflects high credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

MILTON T. POWELL, 3470722, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Gunner in a machine gun squad supporting a rifle platoon clearing Saarlautern buildings, Private First Class POWELL and a companion were emplacing their weapon when a German bazooka gunner opened fire on the two men. Although plainly visible to the hostile soldier, Private First Class POWELL and his comrade quickly assembled the machine gun and began firing. When the gun jammed hopelessly after a few rounds, Private First Class POWELL fearlessly fired his pistol at the German and, although painfully wounded by the blazing bazooka rounds, succeeded in killing him. Private First Class POWELL'S staunch and heroic devotion to duty reflects high credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

ROBERT WELCH, 34374982, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. During the night of 5 December 1944, Technician Fourth Grade WELCH crawled on open ground unobserved to enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire to secure a litter for the evacuation of a severely wounded man. Guiding the squad back across the dangerous area to the recently taken bunker where the casualty lay, Technician Fourth Grade WELCH assisted in placing the fallen soldier on the litter. The litter was out on the first wet field a third time, Technician Fourth Grade WELCH led the group safely to the aid station. His heroic disregard for his personal safety while saving the life of a wounded man reflects great credit on Technician Fourth Grade WELCH and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee.

GEORGE W. KELLEY JR, 17091387, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Most unhesitatingly across the Saarlautern-Roden railroad tracks many times, Private First Class KELLEY, a litter squad leader, rendered invaluable service on 7 December 1944 while treating and evacuating casualties suffered by the attacking First Battalion. On one occasion, Private First Class KELLEY crawled beneath boxcars while exposed to sweeping hostile machine gun and sniper fire to recover four severely wounded riflemen. Private First Class KELLEY'S intrepid, devoted service under extremely hazardous conditions reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the medical Department. Entered military service from Missouri.

LESTER T. STEINERSON, 36353264, Staff Sergeant, CE, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

EUGENE R. SIGNE, W2127027, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

ROBERT A. BASTILLE, 31266862, Staff Sergeant, CE, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 December 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

WILLIAM H. SCHWABE, 38465013, Private First Class, MD, Company B, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

JOSEPH O. SOLERVILLE, 35388097, Sergeant, GWS, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

GEORGE A. HEINDEL, 36249499, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CARL J. LA DOUCEUR, 38173790, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

BENJAMIN POSINSKI, 36354703, Technician Third Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

LE VERNE F. SNOXILL, 37449075, Technician Third Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

JOHN L. VENCH JR., 38207358, Technical Sergeant, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment, (Attached this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

JACOB W. SIANECKI, 36356517, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.



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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. North U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LEROY W. FACHMEYER, O1030656, First Lieutenant, CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 November 1944 to 29 January 1945, in France and Germany. First Lieutenant FACHMEYER repeatedly led his platoon on missions involving the security of the 95th Infantry Division during a period of great combat stress. Between 29 November 1944 and 1 December 1944, First Lieutenant FACHMEYER directed his group on a flank movement establishing contact between the division and another large unit, accomplishing the mission despite the presence of the enemy in division strength. Assigned a three thousand-yard front between Wallculangen and Ober-Linberg, Germany, First Lieutenant FACHMEYER maintained a solid platoon front and, by his resolute leadership, drove back strong infiltrating hostile patrols after fierce combat several times during these trying days. First Lieutenant FACHMEYER'S staunch, unwavering devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

HERBERT A. BRANNON, O1031387, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), CAV, \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 29 January 1945, in France and Germany. First Lieutenant BRANNON repeatedly led his platoon on missions involving the security of the 95th Infantry Division during a period of great combat stress. Between 29 November 1944 and 1 December 1944, First Lieutenant BRANNON directed his group on a flank movement establishing contact between the division and another large unit, accomplishing the mission despite the presence of the enemy in division strength. Assigned a three thousand-yard front between Reilingen and Ober Linberg, Germany, First Lieutenant BRANNON maintained a solid platoon front and, by his resolute leadership, drove back strong infiltrating hostile patrols after fierce combat several times during these trying days. First Lieutenant BRANNON'S staunch, unwavering devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

EUGENE L. KENNON, 38185485, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Alerted for an enemy counter-attack on their position, Private First Class KENNON, assistant machine gunner, and two companions observed German activity in the houses across the street. While the other two soldiers manned the machine gun, Private First Class KENNON, firing a rifle, emptied clip after clip into the Germans until the Germans withdrew. In the ten-minute action by the three

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and men, an enemy force of platoon strength was dispersed, leaving behind four machine guns, eighteen dead and twelve wounded. Private First Class KENNON'S resolute conduct in frustrating a threatened enemy counter-blow reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

EDWARD H. BOGAL, 36601276, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Acting as rifle platoon leader during the attack on Saarlautern-Roden, Technical Sergeant BOGAL brought his command rapidly across a large open area being subjected to observed enemy fire. Stopping to regroup the platoon after the dash to concealment, Technical Sergeant BOGAL noted that a small group of his men had fallen behind the rapid pace and were pinned down by sweeping machine gun and rifle fire. Unhesitatingly Technical Sergeant BOGAL went back to the halted group and, after a few words of advice and encouragement, led the men to cover through the murderous fire without casualties. Technical Sergeant BOGAL'S inspiring leadership and high personal courage reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER P. WRAIGHT JR, 39097860, Technician Third Grade, WD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

ALFRED E. GUENTHER, 0117038, Second Lieutenant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, (Special Duty, this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

LEO E. RUBEL, 0349728, Major, GH, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

JOHN D. COKER, 01325080, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

GEORGE R. KENT, 36247147, Private First Class, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

DAVID MARTINEZ, 37344227, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

ARNOLD T. JUERN, 36358257, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945.



for meritorious service in connection with military operations on 6 December 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

JOHN C. MC DONELL JR, 01304764, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RUEL W. MIDDLETON, 36509513, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

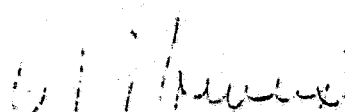
IT AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

ALFRED P. RICCI, 01301368, Captain (Then First Lieutenant), INF, Company G, \*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. While leading Company G across two hundred yards of open ground raked by enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire to force an entry into Saarlautern, Captain RICCI boldly faced the vicious fire to direct the movement of his men. Then fearlessly standing in the center of a street completely exposed to the enemy's action, he remained calmly urging his command forward until every platoon had reached nearby buildings. Captain RICCI'S exceptional courage and superb leadership under heavy enemy fire imparted new vigor and daring to his embattled company, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star medal is awarded to the following:

AUGUSTUS P. MILLER, 34923032, Corporal (Then Private First Class), MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Utterly disregarding the grave personal danger, Corporal MILLER left his covered position and went out into violent machine gun fire to recover three wounded soldiers lying helpless in the street. Corporal MILLER, after bringing the casualties back into the house he was occupying, immediately administered first aid to them and supervised arrangements for further evacuation. Corporal MILLER'S courageous actions at the risk of his own life reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee.

JOSEPH J. TURAY, 37151004, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Staff Sergeant TURAY, on guard in a house recently captured in Saarlautern-Roden, observed the stealthy approach of four Germans, one of whom carried a machine gun. Calmly taking careful aim, Staff Sergeant TURAY brought down the soldier carrying the machine gun. When a second German sought to retrieve the weapon, he too was killed by Staff Sergeant TURAY'S accurate fire, which had forced the remaining two enemy soldiers to flee. Then disregarding the threat of sniper fire, Staff Sergeant TURAY left his covered position to recover the machine gun. The cool courage and expert marksmanship displayed by Staff Sergeant TURAY on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

HERBERT F. KRUSE, 36249208, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Under covering fire of his platoon, Private First Class KRUSE, an automatic rifleman, and several other soldiers made a concerted rush toward a German-occupied house. Private First Class KRUSE boldly dashed into the cellar, surprising seven enemy troops who were endeavoring to dig their way through the house wall. Completely stunned by Private First Class KRUSE'S unexpected appearance, the Germans surrendered quickly without offering resistance. Private First Class KRUSE'S daring, quick actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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DONALD G. JOHNSON, 1917492, Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In the absence of medical soldiers, Sergeant JOHNSON voluntarily ventured onto a large, open field being pounded by an enemy artillery barrage to evacuate casualties suffered by Company I while repelling a counter-attack. Discovering that one wounded man needed immediate treatment before being moved, Sergeant JOHNSON administered first aid with shells bursting near him and then carried the casualty off the battlefield. Fearlessly returning, Sergeant JOHNSON continued his heroic efforts until all casualties were safely evacuated. His gallant, timely actions reflect great credit on Sergeant JOHNSON and on the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

FRANK T. PATTERSON, 4591381, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckersee, France. In the face of heavy artillery and mortar fire Technician Fifth Grade PATTERSON participated in the installation of temporary wire communications across the Moselle River, between elements of an infantry battalion on either bank. Carrying a radio, and unable to take cover, Technician Fifth Grade PATTERSON was wounded during this hazardous operation. His distinctly heroic achievement reflects great credit on Technician Fifth Grade PATTERSON and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

CLIFFORD H. MIRA, 17104648, Sergeant, OMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DONOVAN W. JONES, 36247098, Corporal, OMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

THEODORE S. NELSON, 36357521, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

MERLIN L. SILER, 36507317, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

WALTER E. WENDT, 16093149, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HENRY R. GROSS, 36352241, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

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FRANCIS G. CARANG, 30234481, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

FREDERICK H. IFFNER, 36350820, Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE J. KELLEY, 31203904, Corporal, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

RICHARD A. ELIAS, 34071057, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 18 January 1945 to 24 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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SECTION I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-47, as amended, and Memorandum No. 22, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

FRANK S. WILKUS, 36359650, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When the advance of his platoon was interdicted by sweeping machine gun and small arms fire from a pillbox to the front, Private First Class WILKUS, with no regard for his own safety, moved forward to a firing position in range of the pillbox apertures. In this bold position he was mortally wounded, but not until his deadly fire had forced the shutting of the apertures, and a consequent reduction in the volume of fire on his advancing comrades. Private First Class WILKUS' great gallantry under fire reflects lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

OLEN R. VINCENT, 35332094, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When his comrades were pinned to the ground by fierce machine gun fire from an enemy bunker, Private First Class VINCENT leaped into a shell hole and opened fire with his automatic rifle, forcing the enemy to shut the apertures. Before the Germans could close the door Private First Class VINCENT rushed the fortification, hurling grenades which killed two and wounded four of the frantic garrison. By the time his comrades reached the bunker Private First Class VINCENT had elicited the surrender of ten Germans. Private First Class VINCENT was killed in action, in Germany, on 4 March 1945. His bold and gallant actions reflect lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

HENRY L. J. SHERR, 02049481, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), MAC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 16 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in France and Germany. On 19 November 1944 with the hazardous mission of installing an aid station in Metz, while the battle for the city still raged, First Lieutenant SHERR led a party of seven aid men and litter bearers under intense enemy fire across the Moselle River. On 1 December 1944, under a heavy artillery barrage, First Lieutenant SHERR calmly supervised the treatment and evacuation of twenty casualties, saving many lives by the prompt injection of plasma. The high professional skill and fearless devotion to duty consistently

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shown by First Lieutenant SHERR are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and they reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GUY RAY, 24261988, Private First Class (Then Private), INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. During the German counter-attack at Saarlautern-Roden, an enemy force of forty men assaulted the blind side of a building used as a platoon command post. Realizing the extreme danger of the situation, Private First Class RAY braved intense enemy fire to reach open ground in the rear of the building. There he opened fire with his rifle at the oncoming Germans. Despite frequent attempts to dislodge him, Private First Class RAY remained at his self-assigned post and killed nine Germans and wounded four. His gallant and inspiring conduct reflects great credit on Private First Class RAY and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

EARL E. APPEL, 16092465, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. When German tanks, followed by infantry troops, advanced on his machine gun position, Staff Sergeant APPEL undaunted by the enemy's overwhelming fire power, remained at his post and kept his machine gun firing continuously, slowing down the enemy attack. Staff Sergeant APPEL'S fearless and determined conduct was an inspiration to his comrades and when several additional counter-attacks were hurled at them, they fought back furiously until friendly reinforcements arrived. The bold leadership given by Sergeant APPEL exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon Staff Sergeant APPEL. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

BERNARD SIEMER, 32616761, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 February 1945, in the vicinity of Hunsdorf, Germany. When a robot bomb caused several casualties and set fire to ammunition, Sergeant SIEMER, although himself wounded by the explosion, immediately smothered the flames with hastily obtained rags and blankets, and then administered first aid to three of his comrades. Sergeant SIEMER'S heroic action reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

AMEL F. SCALES, 35485977, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 February 1945, in the vicinity of Hunsdorf, Germany. Although wounded himself by the explosion of a robot bomb Staff Sergeant SCALES remained at his post to smother flaming ammunition, and he submitted to evacuation only after his wounded comrade had been treated. Staff Sergeant SCALES' heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

FRANCIS MARIN, Captain, French Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entering the city of Metz while heavy fighting was still in

progress Captain MARIN, accompanied by another French officer, immediately contacted the Chief of the FFI, and enlisted his service in facilitating the detection and disposal of numerous German snipers and German soldiers dressed in civilian clothing. Captain MARIN'S courageous actions, which was of great assistance in ridding the embattled city of hidden hostile elements, reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service.

ARTHUR W. ROBE, 01323176, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. First Lieutenant ROBE has repeatedly demonstrated his courageous devotion to duty in the fulfillment of extremely perilous undertakings. For five successive nights he led convoys carrying vitally needed rations across the Saar River, under heavy German barrages of artillery, in order to supply troops of his battalion who were extending the bridgehead at Fraulautern. First Lieutenant ROBE'S intrepid performance contributed materially to the maintenance of this bridgehead, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN A. HEIN, 02201087, Second Lieutenant (Then First Sergeant), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Portange, France. Under a heavy artillery barrage Second Lieutenant HEIN, after crossing the Moselle River with the first assault wave of his company, returned to the west bank to organize a group of reinforcements and lead them back across the river where they participated aggressively in repelling hostile armored attacks. The staunch leadership given by Second Lieutenant HEIN on this occasion reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

SPEN M. MC ELROY JR, 34392470, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade MC ELROY, during the attack on St. Barbara, constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire to treat casualties suffered by his own heavy machine gun platoon and the rifle company it was supporting. Advancing with forward elements into the town, Technician Fifth Grade MC ELROY fearlessly braved enemy tank and infantry fire to enter the cellar of a besieged house to administer first aid to a wounded comrade before leading him to safety. Technician Fifth Grade MC ELROY then established an aid station, when medical evacuation jeeps were unable to enter the embattled town, and gave expert, devoted care to the wounded until he was evacuated the following day, completely exhausted by his heroic efforts. Technician Fifth Grade MC ELROY'S resourceful, courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Alabama.

CHARLES L. PESIMUS, 36247420, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. Remaining at his heavy machine gun post throughout repeated counterattacks, Sergeant PESIMUS gave invaluable support to riflemen holding St. Barbara against furious enemy tank and infantry assaults. When the hostile tanks fired directly into his position, Sergeant PESIMUS defiantly remained at his hazardous post, holding his fire until the supporting riflemen were well within range. Then

cutting into the advancing troops with timely, accurate machine gun bursts, Sergeant RESMIUS accounted for many casualties while repelling the counter-attack in this sector. Sergeant RESMIUS' fearless, determined actions reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM L. KRUMFAKER, 01059170, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 November 1944 to 22 January 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the offensive operations against Metz, France and Fraulautern, Germany, First Lieutenant KRUMFAKER manned forward observation posts, constantly delivering close, accurate mortar support to the advancing rifle companies. On one occasion during an enemy counter-attack, First Lieutenant KRUMFAKER, while directing fire from an exposed position, came under direct enemy observation. Although his helmet was struck by a hostile sniper's bullet, he remained in his dangerous location and, with complete disregard for his own safety, continued directing devastating mortar fire, routing the German assault troops. First Lieutenant KRUMFAKER'S skillful leadership and heroic devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND E. WESTON JR, 0540548, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 November 1944 to 28 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Fraulautern, Germany. Consistently directing accurate, deadly mortar fire in support of attacking rifle companies throughout the assaults against Metz and Fraulautern, First Lieutenant WESTON fearlessly chose hazardous, front-line observation posts from which to accomplish his missions. In one instance, First Lieutenant WESTON operated from a building only twenty-five yards from an enemy-occupied house and, by his superior observation while shrapnel from his own shells showered about him, he succeeded in forcing the hostile troops to withdraw. First Lieutenant WESTON'S courage and unwavering devotion to duty in spite of great personal risk reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

THOMAS KIDDON, 33513548, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Ittersdorf, Germany. When his platoon was pinned down by intense machine gun fire from an enemy emplacement in Ittersdorf, Sergeant KIDDON, armed with a bazooka, moved out into the withering fire and approached the hostile position. After firing one round which fell short of its mark, he reloaded and dauntlessly knelt in a dangerously exposed location to fire a second round, this time destroying the emplacement and killing the entire crew. Technical Sergeant KIDDON'S daring action in eliminating a menacing enemy position and permitting his platoon to continue its advance reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HENRY HEMOZ, 12012417, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Given the mission of setting mines to



combat enemy patrols nightly infiltrating Company L's zone in the Saarlautern-Roden bridgehead, Private First Class MUMFORD worked throughout the night while exposed to harassing enemy fire and in constant danger of being captured. Returning the following night he found one German killed by one of his cleverly-emplaced booby traps. After replacing the mine, Private First Class MUMFORD spent the remaining hours of darkness setting more booby traps despite the enemy's almost continuous artillery and mortar fire. Private First Class MUMFORD's fearless tenacity of purpose and initiative, aiding immeasurably in the defense of the vital bridgehead, reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

WILLIAM E. GANOE, 33889644, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Observing two wounded soldiers lying beneath a box car being heavily fired on by hostile machine guns emplaced one hundred yards away, Private First Class GANOE without hesitation left his covered position and went to the aid of the casualties. In spite of the withering fire covering his progress, Private First Class GANOE made two trips across the hazardous route to drag both men back to the safety of a building, where he immediately administered first aid and arranged for evacuation. Private First Class GANOE'S courageous devotion to duty under trying circumstances reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Virginia.

PETER P. VELASQUEZ, 02010931, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Staunchly rallying his heavy weapons platoon when cross fire from enemy pillboxes threatened to pin down the group as it moved to new positions, Second Lieutenant VELASQUEZ kept his men advancing in spite of the violent fire. The platoon had barely succeeded in setting up its weapons in the new location when an enemy tank and infantry counter-attack was launched, threatening to disorganize the right flank. Fearlessly seizing a rocket launcher, Second Lieutenant VELASQUEZ, standing in full view of the enemy, fired three rounds, disabling one tank and successfully routing the others. Second Lieutenant VELASQUEZ'S valiant, inspiring leadership on this occasion reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

HAROLD D. SCHWALB, 32334707, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Staff Sergeant SCHWALB and his squad, spearheading Company E's assault on enemy positions in Saarlautern-Roden, succeeded in reaching two fortified houses and a steel turret pillbox, fire from which was seriously impeding the company's advance. Directing the squad to probe the houses, Staff Sergeant SCHWALB meanwhile secured a rocket launcher and began firing at the pillbox from a completely exposed position. Although subjected to hostile mortar and sniper fire, he persisted in his actions until the bunker was forced to close its gun apertures, enabling Company E to move forward toward its objective. The heroic initiative and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant SCHWALB at great personal risk, reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FARL J. HENRY, 36062668, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Sanno D'Arc, France. During Company F's attack on positions near Fort Sanno D'Arc, leading elements of the company were pinned down by vicious enemy machine gun fire which threatened to disrupt the assault completely. Sergeant HENRY, quickly seizing a light machine gun from a wounded comrade, began advancing on one of the emplacements, firing his weapon as he moved. Undaunted by the intense fire erecting his bold advance, Sergeant HENRY succeeded in silencing one German machine gun, permitting a large part of the company to resume its attack. Sergeant HENRY'S intrepid combat skill and fearless initiative reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JACK T. DOBBS, 37213000, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Garlandern-Roden, Germany. Radio operator, Private First Class Dobbs and the mortar section forward observer of Company E were subjected to intense mortar, artillery and rifle fire while occupying an advanced position. When the forward observer was wounded, Private First Class DOBBS took over his duties and, although without previous experience, continued to adjust effective mortar fire until a new observer was able to reach the observation post after dark. Then on his own initiative, Private First Class DOBBS single-handedly laid one thousand yards of wire to the command post, establishing an additional means of contact with the mortar section to insure unbroken communications. Private First Class DOBBS' courageous initiative and determined devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

DELFRED D. CSECRN, 36356257, Sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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WILLIAM B. ~~EDGE~~, 36113955, Staff Sergeant, CMC, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

SAM S. PECCHIA, 37202821, Technical Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHARLES E. CROOK, 36252006, Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

GONZALO SANDOVAL, 36353886, Staff Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES W. WICKREY, 36353222, Sergeant, GMP, Military Police Platoon, 25th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD E. SHEDLOWSKY, 32009/10, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER E. ERSING, JR., 35216005, First Sergeant, (then Technical Sergeant), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 December 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

K. D. JOHNSTON, 02006480, Second Lieutenant, (then First Sergeant), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

VICTOR O. OLSEN, 16093901, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FLOYD G. HUNDLE, 36357486, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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\* WAYLAND I. SMITH, ~~36248930~~, Technical Sergeant, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

RUSSELL J. SHEPARD, 31461864, Private, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When machine gun fire from a second story window of a Metz building temporarily halted his platoon's advance, Private SHEPARD and two companions moved forward voluntarily to silence the enemy gun. Covered by his comrades' fire, Private SHEPARD boldly entered the house and worked his way upstairs where he located the hostile emplacement. Private SHEPARD quickly threw a grenade into the room and dashed in immediately after the explosion, capturing eleven Germans. Private SHEPARD'S resolute, daring action reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

CLAYTON C. NIXON, 38068298, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. During an artillery barrage in Fraulautern, a shell struck the building occupied by Private First Class NIXON'S machine gun squad and lodged unexploded in the stairway. Voluntarily seeking to remove the dangerous missile which represented a constant menace to his comrades, Private First Class NIXON was forced first to hack away the surrounding debris with his bayonet. Then lifting the projectile from its nest of broken wood, he carried it from the building. Private First Class NIXON'S conspicuously valiant action reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

BERNARD J. ETIEN, 37292911, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Chieulles, France. Observing German Troops hastily emplacing several machine guns to bring flanking fire on the advancing First Battalion near Chieulles, Private First Class ETIEN, another soldier and an officer drove fearlessly over a road covered by artillery fire toward the hostile group. Dismounting, and still undiscovered by the enemy troops, the three men boldly approached the Germans and demanded immediate surrender. Stunned by this aggressive action, eighteen enemy soldiers surrendered to Private First Class NIXON and his companions. Private First Class NIXON'S con-

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spicuous gallantry in removing a grave threat to the First Battalion's advance reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

IRVING E. HUNTING, 95413164, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Chieulles, France. Observing German troops rapidly assembling several machine guns to bring flanking fire on the advancing First Battalion near Chieulles, Private First Class HUNTING, another soldier and an officer drove fearlessly over a road covered by artillery fire toward the hostile group. Disorganizing, and still undiscovered by the enemy troops, the three men boldly approached the Germans and demanded immediate surrender. Stunned by this aggressive action, eighteen enemy soldiers surrendered to Private First Class HUNTING and his companions. Private First Class HUNTING'S conspicuous gallantry in removing a grave threat to the First Battalion's advance reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

MARVIN W. HOLDER, 6260982, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade HOLDER was occupying a platoon observation post in Saarlautern Roden with two other soldiers when an enemy counter-attack was launched. Quickly assigning his two comrades strategic firing positions in the basement and arming himself with an automatic rifle, Technician Fifth Grade HOLDER held his fire until the enemy had advanced into the open. Then killing five Germans with his first burst of fire, he ran to an advantageous position and accounted for three more. Technician Fifth Grade HOLDER'S conspicuous heroism and tenacity of purpose in disorganizing an enemy counter-attack until reinforcements arrived reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

WILLIAM E. WHITEHEAD, 6116071, First Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. First Sergeant WHITEHEAD, serving as guide of the first platoon, was leading Company F forward against German positions in Saarlautern Roden when intense machine gun and rifle fire from nearby fortified houses slowed down the advance dangerously. Moving from group to group while exposed to murderous fire, First Sergeant WHITEHEAD so inspired and encouraged his men by his gallant leadership that the advance was resumed and the objective taken with only slight casualties. First Sergeant WHITEHEAD'S superb heroism in preventing a disaster to his company reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

FRANK DURAN, 19016614, Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Attacking enemy positions in Saarlautern-Roden, Sergeant DURAN'S company came under withering machine gun cross fire while moving across the railroad tracks. Seeking cover under boxcars, the men hesitated to advance into the devastating fire. Sergeant DURAN, moving out into plain view of the enemy, shouted words of encouragement to his comrades and began charging toward the enemy emplacements, firing his rifle as he moved. The company, inspired by Sergeant DURAN'S heroic action, surged ruthlessly forward to take its objective despite the fearful enemy resistance. The inspiring gallantry displayed by Sergeant

DEAN on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

ROY B. MC KEAN, 27422623, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, 888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mandersbach, Germany. During the attack on Frontalstein, Company I encountered heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which caused a large number of casualties and attacking elements were forced to halt. Sergeant MC KEAN at the risk of his life left his company and began advancing across the open terrain, at the same time directing his company to follow. Several enemy soldiers Sergeant MC KEAN'S unit, in aggressive action, followed him for a few minutes, but while company was moving toward the front, Sergeant MC KEAN'S conspicuous leadership and determination under intense fire reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

CARL W. ROCKWOOD, 20506202, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, 888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Seershausen-Paden, Germany. Alerted for an enemy counter-attack on 13 December 1944, Staff Sergeant ROCKWOOD ordered his two companions to take up positions when he observed shadowy figures moving in adjacent buildings. Seizing the initiative, Staff Sergeant ROCKWOOD directed his comrades' machine gun fire into the hostile position, at the same time supporting the assault with his grenades. Staff Sergeant ROCKWOOD continued his heroic efforts until the machine gun had ceased, the enemy having withdrawn in confusion. Staff Sergeant ROCKWOOD'S aggressive, courageous actions in routing hostile troops in fifteen minutes, leaving behind eighteen dead, twelve wounded and four machine guns are a great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

LEONARD L. STEPHAN, 35205051, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company E, 888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Seershausen, Germany. His platoon fired on the enemy's machine guns in a wooded area near Seershausen, Staff Sergeant STEPHAN armed with an antitank rifle, continued advancing although his comrades were down. Silencing the first gun and wounding or killing its entire crew, Staff Sergeant STEPHAN moved on toward the second emplacement, firing as he walked. The first search party, he unhesitatingly rushed forward, throwing a grenade as he ran. Although the grenade failed to explode, the four-man German crew, frightened by Staff Sergeant STEPHAN'S fire, immediately surrendered. Staff Sergeant STEPHAN'S intrepid conduct under fierce enemy fire reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AIR FORCE AIR MERIT: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-46, as amended, and Memorandum No. 31, 1st, Fifth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Air Merit is awarded to:

LYNN E. TRAPP, 01180723, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery A, 888th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 11 October 1944 to 2 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

III. AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

ERNEST BRICE JR, O1180010, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 27 November 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

RICHARD W. MICHAELSEN, O1175241, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 11 October 1944 to 1 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

IV. AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

FRANCIS P. MC KERNAN, O1184112, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 1 December 1944 to 4 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

HENRY W. KEDDIE, O1170445, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 30 December 1944 to 23 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM J. HELLON, O1177443, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 7 December 1944 to 9 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

V. AWARD OF THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

RAYMOND B. MARIE, O1167528, Captain, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 17 December 1944 to 4 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

EDWARD C. ENGELHART, O1162357, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 19 December 1944 to 24 February 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

NANCE G. FURFELL, O575743, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 6 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

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VI. AWARD OF FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-15, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM K. SPRICKLIN, O1182722, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 19 December 1944 to 23 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ELMER G. BEAHM, O20462, Major, FA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 28 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in France and Germany. Entered U. S. Military Academy from Iowa.

WILLIAM G. MCCOY, O1166656, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 27 December 1944 to 28 February 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

VII. AWARD OF FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

MERRY WEST, O1177694, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 18 December 1944 to 30 December 1944, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

JOHN J. OLIVER, O1999302, Second Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 17 December 1944 to 15 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

JAMES R. KING, O555551, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 27 December 1944 to 5 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

GORDON L. BAGGINSLOSS, O1190794, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 18 December 1944 to 2 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from California.

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VIII. AMENDMENT: So much of Section III, General Orders Number 65, this Headquarters, 23 March 1945, as reads: "WILLIAM B. ENGELBOM, 36148955, Staff Sergeant, QMC, \*\*\*Quartermaster Company", is amended to read: "WILLIAM B. ENGELBOM, 36148955, Staff Sergeant, QMC, \*\*\*Quartermaster Company".

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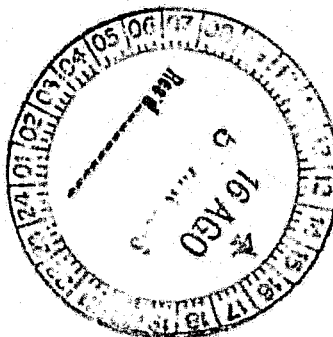
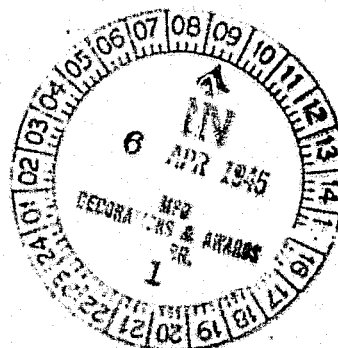
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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

MELFAPE J. LAKATTA, 37617634, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Private First Class LAKATTA and another soldier were on guard in the hallway of their platoon's Fraulautern position when the building was attacked by a German patrol. Although bazooka and heavy machine gun fire struck the wall directly behind them, Private First Class LAKATTA and his comrade steadfastly remained at their post, firing rapidly at the Germans seeking to force entrance through the barricaded door. Private First Class LAKATTA and his companion, wounding or killing three enemy soldiers, held off the fierce attack completely until reinforcements arrived, forcing the patrol's withdrawal. Private First Class LAKATTA'S valiant devotion to duty under intense enemy fire reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

WAYNE O. WRIGHT, 38686806, Private First Class (Then Private), INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Private First Class WRIGHT and another soldier were on guard in the hallway of their platoon's Fraulautern position when the building was attacked by a German patrol. Although bazooka and heavy machine gun fire struck the wall directly behind them, Private First Class WRIGHT and his comrade steadfastly remained at their post, firing rapidly at the Germans seeking to force entrance through the barricaded door. Private First Class WRIGHT and his companion, wounding or killing three enemy soldiers, held off the fierce attack completely until reinforcements arrived, forcing the patrol's withdrawal. Private First Class WRIGHT'S valiant devotion to duty under intense enemy fire reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

BYRD LAMB JR, 34375185, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern Roden, Germany. Observing a soldier fall, severely wounded, during a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class LAMB ran sixty-five yards through the intense fire to the cas-

uality. After administering first aid to the wounded men in spite of the great personal danger, Private First Class LAMB, returning to secure a litter stand, was mortally wounded by fragments of a bursting mortar shell. Private First Class LAMB's heroic, selfless devotion to a wounded comrade reflects lasting honor on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

MARVIN E. FRANK, 36903877, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarburg Station, Germany. When his platoon leader was fatally wounded during an attack on an enemy position, Private First Class FRANK moved to the front of the attack and personally led the assault. Displaying unusual courage and determination, Private First Class FRANK remained in the forefront of the attacking platoon until the enemy was repulsed and captured. Private First Class FRANK was killed in action on 1 January 1945 in Germany. The intrepid combat skill and leadership displayed by Private First Class FRANK on this occasion reflect lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT E. RYCKMAN, 01210445, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarburg Station, Germany. Leading his platoon in an attack on an enemy occupied house at Saarburg Station First Lieutenant RYCKMAN succeeded in capturing the building and his group. Quickly organizing his men to clear the house, First Lieutenant RYCKMAN began directing rocket fire into a battered wall into the position of the building held by the enemy. After firing eight rockets, First Lieutenant RYCKMAN led his men in a direct assault on the German troops. In the ensuing struggle, ten of the hostile soldiers were killed, six wounded and the remainder sixteen captured. First Lieutenant RYCKMAN'S heroic leadership reflects lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

JOHN W. JOHNSON, 36600181, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. While moving forward to new positions to support Company B's attack near Gravelotte, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON and his mortar section were subjected to violent machine gun fire, forcing the group to halt. When enemy snipers promptly opened fire on his men, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON, aware of the hazards of remaining stationary, began moving forward toward a wooded area, vigorously urging his men to follow. Staff Sergeant JOHNSON succeeded in moving the entire group to cover when mortally wounded by enemy bullet. Staff Sergeant JOHNSON'S heroic leadership reflects lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ART. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Fifth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LANCER E. STEPHENSON, 34976042, Private First Class, INF, Company N, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarburg Station, Germany. Isolated at a second floor guard post by a German patrol attacking his guard building,

Private First Class SWENDSON staunchly defended his position, killing two enemy soldiers with rifle fire as they advanced on the horse. Then cornering himself completely, he threw two grenades into the midst of the hostile group, wounding four Germans and compelling the remainder to retreat in confusion. Private First Class SWENDSON'S valiant, solitary defense of his squad's position in the face of strong enemy forces reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

CECIL D. SANDERSON, O/24226, Captain, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 October 1944 to 23 January 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the Metz and Saarland campaigns, Captain SANDERSON'S high courage and decisive leadership contributed greatly to the successful completion of numerous difficult missions. Assuming command of a difficult company at the attack on Metz, Germany, Captain SANDERSON reorganized his depleted company and, by aggressive and heroic leadership, pressed the attack ruthlessly until the objective was taken. During a strong enemy counter-attack in Saarlautern-Roden, Captain SANDERSON led his men in a determined house to house search for the infiltrating enemy and, after engaging in several vicious fire fights, successfully cleared his area of hostile elements. Captain SANDERSON'S during, resourceful leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

CESAR A. DOYRA, 39179239, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannibois Wood, France. Throughout the night of 8 and 9 November 1944, during the attack on Hannibois Wood, Private First Class DOYRA valiantly braved fierce enemy fire to assist in evacuating casualties and prisoners across a heavily-mined area. Returning to forward rifle and machine gun positions, Private First Class DOYRA delivered severely needed ammunition at a time of great combat stress. His courageous performance of self-imposed duties was of invaluable assistance to the success of the Second Battalion's operations, reflecting great credit on Private First Class DOYRA and on the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

EARL R. MEDIGER, 30297349, Corporal, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannibois Wood, France. Throughout the night of 8 and 9 November 1944, during the attack on Hannibois Wood, Corporal MEDIGER valiantly braved fierce enemy fire to assist in evacuating casualties and prisoners across a heavily-mined area. Returning to forward rifle and machine gun positions, Corporal MEDIGER delivered severely needed ammunition at a time of great combat stress. His courageous performance of self-imposed duties was of invaluable assistance to the success of the Second Battalion's operations, reflecting great credit on Corporal MEDIGER and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

EDWARD J. ZAVISLAK, 36950232, Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Approaching enemy-occupied houses in Saarlautern-Roden, Sergeant ZAVISLAK and his squad captured a German soldier guarding one of the buildings. Discovering that the prisoner spoke Polish, Sergeant ZAVISLAK, speaking that language fluently,

convinced the hostile soldier that further resistance by the German garrison was useless. The prisoner entered the building and returned shortly with seven men who surrendered immediately. Sergeant ZALISIAK, learning that ten hostile speaking Germans occupied the adjoining building, called out to the garrison to surrender. His efforts were rewarded by the immediate capitulation of the entire group. Sergeant ZALISIAK'S heroic resourcefulness on this occasion seems to great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

DOEHL V. PROWSEY, 329,0362, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. During a heavy battle, Private First Class PROWSEY was in a position completely exposed to hostile fire while assisting his squad leader in the defense of a position. Firing from the hip, Private First Class PROWSEY killed four Germans and successfully repulsed the counter attack. Private First Class PROWSEY'S intrepid combat skill and cool courage reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WILLIAM R. WOOD, 37203130, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Technician Fifth Grade WOOD assisted in moving two heavily laden trucks into Saarlautern under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring the barrage, Technician Fifth Grade WOOD helped unload the vital cargo at the forward distribution point while fierce fighting still raged in nearby buildings. Technician Fifth Grade WOOD'S determined, courageous actions in making available adequate ammunition supplies to troops holding the Saarlautern bridgehead reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

JOHN K. HEARD, 01285237, Captain, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Captain HEARD directed the movement of two heavily laden trucks from Felsberg to Saarlautern while observing enemy artillery and mortar fire. Closing in to establish the distribution point while fierce fighting was still raging in nearby buildings, Captain HEARD supervised the unloading of the sorely needed ammunition despite extreme danger from the heavy mortar and artillery barrage blanketing that portion of Saarlautern. Captain HEARD'S great personal courage and determination to make adequate supplies of ammunition available to the troops holding the vital bridge reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

ROBERT T. GREENBERG, 36613431, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. After voluntarily reestablishing contact with an isolated squad, Sergeant GREENBERG and another soldier, leading two prisoners captured by the advanced group back to their platoon command post, were ambushed by a German machine gun squad. Sergeant GREENBERG, taking charge of the prisoners, covered his companions fearless dash into the enemy-held house. When two enemy soldiers, seeking to escape,

rushed out of the building, Sergeant GRIENBERG killed both of them with rifle fire. Meanwhile his comrade, hurling grenades, killed one German and captured the remaining two. Sergeant GRIENBERG'S heroic devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MARVIN W. LEPTICH, 33831000, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When four men were wounded by a direct hit by an artillery shell on a Saarlautern-Roden house, Sergeant LEPTICH remained alone to care for two seriously wounded soldiers while the other two returned to the platoon command post to receive medical attention. After administering first aid to the casualties, Sergeant LEPTICH stood guard beside his two wounded comrades throughout a violent artillery barrage, during which three more shells registered direct hits on the shattered house. Sergeant LEPTICH'S courageous, determined action reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL R. KEMPKER, 01223003, First Lieutenant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern and Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Throughout this period of arduous combat operations, First Lieutenant KEMPKER, a platoon leader in Company B, courageously and vigorously led his men in crossing the Saar River, in hazardous assaults against strongly-held enemy pillboxes, and in bitter house to house fighting in the streets of Saarlautern-Roden. First Lieutenant KEMPKER'S superb leadership, resourcefulness and unfailing concern for his men during the successful execution of difficult missions reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOSEPH SAKSEWSKI, 3' 11707, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern and Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Serving as battalion wire chief, Staff Sergeant SAKSEWSKI installed and maintained wire communications within the Second Battalion throughout bitter fighting following the seizure of the Saarlautern bridge. Called upon time after time to repair or install telephone lines after communications were disrupted by unceasing mortar and artillery shelling, Staff Sergeant SAKSEWSKI unhesitatingly exposed himself to accomplish his assigned duties. His high personal courage and superior efficiency in maintaining communications under extremely trying conditions reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant SAKSEWSKI and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

LEO MOZELSKI, 35520415, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Private First Class MOZELSKI assisted in moving two heavily-laden trucks into Saarlautern under enemy artillery and machine fire. Ignoring the barrage, Private First Class MOZELSKI helped unload the vital cargo at the forward distribution point while fierce fighting still raged in nearby buildings. Private First Class MOZELSKI'S determined, courageous

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actions in making available adequate ammunition supplies to troops holding the Saarlautern bridgehead reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

EARL L. BOYCE, 37372979, Private First Class (Then Private), INF, Service Company, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Private First Class BOYCE assisted in moving two heavily-laden trucks into Saarlautern under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring the barrage, Private First Class BOYCE helped unload the vital cargo at the forward distribution point while fierce fighting still raged in nearby buildings. Private First Class BOYCE'S determined, courageous actions in making available adequate ammunition supplies to troops holding the Saarlautern bridgehead reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

HARRY J. FORSTER, 36249549, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

THEODORE J. KUCH, 37288314, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN D. JORDAN, 15116687, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

EARL M. EGGLESTON, 12214081, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Leading his platoon's dawn assault on a heavily fortified bunker in Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class EGGLESTON encountered a German on guard at an outpost. Private First Class EGGLESTON felled him with a butt stroke and moved on. One hundred yards from the objective he came upon three Germans sleeping at their machine gun. He quietly took them prisoner. By dawn the platoon, so skillfully spearheaded by Private First Class EGGLESTON had surrounded the bunker and the garrison of forty-three failed out to surrender. Private First Class EGGLESTON'S bold, swift actions reflect great credit to him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

CARL F. SCMEPS, 35934270, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 26 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Voluntarily leading a five-man patrol forward to establish an ambush in a Saarlautern-Roden building, Staff Sergeant SCMEPS and his men were subjected to intense machine gun fire, riddling down the patrol. Orders to his comrades to remain motionless. Staff Sergeant SCMEPS crawled forward under the searing fire until ten yards away from the gun emplacement. He then threw two well-aimed grenades which killed the gunner and destroyed the gun, permitting his patrol to occupy its positions without casualty. Staff Sergeant SCMEPS' valiant action in this instance reflects great credit to him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM H. LOVE, 37210136, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Volunteering to protect an interpreter seeking to effect the surrender of a strong enemy pillbox, Private First Class LOVE led the soldier under heavy enemy fire to within twenty yards of the bunker. Then vigilantly watched throughout the conversation between the interpreter and the German garrison, Private First Class LOVE remained in his exposed position the entire time until the twenty-six enemy

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soldiers surrendered. Private First Class LOVE'S high personal courage reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

WILLIAM B. LA RENEE, 37421334, First Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When wire communications between Company I and Company K were disrupted by an enemy barrage during heavy fighting in Saarlautern-Roden, First Sergeant LA RENEE and another soldier without orders began checking the lines. Although enemy artillery fire was pouring the area, Sergeant LA RENEE continued on his self-appointed task until communications were successfully restored. The heroic initiative displayed by First Sergeant LA RENEE at great personal risk reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

JOHN L. ANDERSON, 36508232, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hraulautern, Germany. In the attack on Hraulautern, Private First Class ANDERSON helped to contain a mortar in an open field swept by German machine gun fire. In position, Private First Class ANDERSON and his comrades delivered such accurate fire on pillboxes at the opposite end of the field that rifle troops were able to advance with minimum casualties. Private First Class ANDERSON'S heroic performance of duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

KARL P. SECKLER, 35921281, Private, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private SECKLER and his platoon, occupying a recently captured house in Saarlautern-Roden, were fighting fiercely to expel enemy troops which had succeeded in entering one room of the building. During the vicious fire fight, Private SECKLER, although wounded three times, heroically prepared the enemy's entrance into the platoon's position by his timely rifle fire until his comrades reorganized and routed the Germans. Private SECKLER'S gallant, determined stand in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects a magnificent credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES H. BRUCEWICK, 02070929, Second Lieutenant (Then First Sergeant), INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When enemy forces, attempting to seize a house occupied by the headquarters personnel of Company L, set up a machine gun in a menacing position, Second Lieutenant BRUCEWICK fearlessly began firing on the gun and its crew. Undaunted by the danger of direct machine gun fire, Second Lieutenant BRUCEWICK continued firing until the entire three-man crew was killed and the counter-attack utterly routed. Second Lieutenant BRUCEWICK'S aggressive and courageous actions in the defeat of a numerically superior enemy force reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

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JOHN V. LA CROSSE JR, 36240244, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frankfurt, Germany. Assuming command when his platoon leader was wounded in an assault on a strongly fortified hotel building, Technical Sergeant LA CROSSE immediately regrouped the disorganized platoon. Then vigorously leading the attack, Technical Sergeant LA CROSSE led his men forward with great determination and inspired determination that the platoon quickly took its objective along with enemy mortars and two machine guns. Technical Sergeant LA CROSSE is aggressive, energetic, leadership reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FRANKIE NICHOLSON, 34010223, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Roden, Germany. While on guard duty at an outpost in Saarbrücken-Roden, Private First Class NICHOLSON observed movements in a nearby crosscut his position. Proceeding to a better vantage point, Private First Class NICHOLSON saw two Germans in the act of firing a bazooka. Although dangerously exposed, Private First Class NICHOLSON unhesitatingly fired on the Germans, killing both of them. Private First Class NICHOLSON'S alert and courageous action reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FLOYD G. MC NEETERS, 35382111, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 December 1944 to 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Roden, Germany. Serving as communications sergeant of Company A, holding a wide front on the Saarbrücken bridgehead, Sergeant MC NEETERS went out repeatedly to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to install and repair platoon radios. Throughout four days of violent fighting, Sergeant MC NEETERS, by his heroic personal courage and unflinching efforts, maintained superior communications under the most difficult circumstances. His heroic devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Sergeant MC NEETERS and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ARTHUR HUBERTAN, 34947546, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. While on duty in a well known area between Saarbrücken and Saarbrücken-Roden, Private First Class HUBERTAN and his company were subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire. Although his squad was hit and sought cover from the fierce barrage, Private First Class HUBERTAN unhesitatingly continued moving forward toward the objective. His courage, inspired by Private First Class HUBERTAN'S heroic example, inspired his squad and the advance by the entire company was quickly resumed. Private First Class HUBERTAN'S courageous devotion to duty under conditions reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

JOHN KULTANECH JR, 36562717, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Roden, Germany. During the assault on Saarbrücken-Roden, Staff Sergeant KULTANECH and his squad were isolated from Company G and threatened with an enemy

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counter-attack. Staff Sergeant KULINICH skillfully placed his men in highly strategic positions and staunchly led the squad in a successful defense of its position. Staff Sergeant KULINICH'S heroic leadership and fearless devotion to duty in repulsing a strong enemy force with heavy losses reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WOODROW F. FARNHAM, 31468486, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 22 December 1944 to 28 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. During the period 22 December 1944 to 28 December 1944 Private First Class FARNHAM continually distinguished himself as a scout on night patrols. His aggressive employment of the principles of night fighting inspired his comrades with confidence and proved disastrous to the enemy. Private First Class FARNHAM'S skillful and courageous performance of duty in combat reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

THOMAS GIKAS, 39285145, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In brief, fierce action at Saarlautern-Roden, machine gunner Private First Class GIKAS participated brilliantly in repelling a German counter-attack in platoon strength on a position manned only by himself and two comrades. Firing belt after belt of ammunition at the menacing enemy Private First Class GIKAS was largely responsible for thirty German casualties and the capture of four German machine guns. The intrepid combat skill displayed by Private First Class GIKAS reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

JAMES R. SHOWERS, 01285320, Captain (Then First Lieutenant), INF, Company K, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. During the period 5 December 1944 to 20 December 1944 Captain SHOWERS continually braved sniper and machine gun fire in the embattled streets of Ensdorf to closely coordinate the action of his platoons in the vigorous accomplishment of their missions. The informed, staunch leadership given by Captain SHOWERS instilled a spirited confidence in his command, reflecting great credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

CARL C. ULSAKER, 024815, Captain, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. Assuming command of Company I after two company commanders had been killed in the Saar River crossing, Captain ULSAKER faced a strong enemy force in Ensdorf. With no regard for his own safety Captain ULSAKER moved about the fire-swept streets to vigorously reorganize the company and instill his men with new confidence. Captain ULSAKER'S fearless, skillful leadership engendered a powerful determination in his company, exemplifying high traditions of the military service and reflecting great credit on Captain ULSAKER. Entered U. S. Military Academy from Texas.

ORVILLE J. JOHNSON, 37287643, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Neidervisse, France.

Private First Class JOHNSON'S squad, flanking the battalion attack, encountered sweeping machine gun and small arms fire at the onset of a hail. Private First Class JOHNSON advanced into the culminate firing and assault rifle, and after fierce fighting two German machine guns were knocked out of action. On the forward slope, Private First Class JOHNSON was met by intense fire from two pillboxes, accompanied by intense artillery shelling. Determined to carry the assault home, he advanced through the shelling to the pillboxes where he outperformed the snipers and secured the hostile positions. Private First Class JOHNSON'S heroic fight reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JACOB J. ROY, 36451365, Corporal, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

MILTON BLOOMFIELD, 12187712, Private First Class, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, (Special Duty Headquarters 95th Infantry Division), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

RICHARD C. THIBERT JR., 28356314, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

OLIVER F. THORNTON, 27287514, Corporal, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

RUSSELL F. STAMPAF, 27286815, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

VIRGIL A. SCREI, 0305537, Captain, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty Headquarters 95th Infantry Division), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 74, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

HERMAN L. SOGGINS, 25485606, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When a heavily armed enemy patrol, greatly superior in numbers, attacked the position occupied by Staff Sergeant SOGGINS' squad in Saarlautern-Roden, Staff Sergeant SOGGINS rallied his men around him and they vigorously routed the hostile force. In violent fighting Staff Sergeant SOGGINS' squad killed a German within

five feet of their position, captured eight and routed the survivors. The staunch leadership given by Staff Sergeant SCOGGI'S in a most critical combat situation reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

DICK DE KNINKER, 37293830, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. In the midst of a hostile artillery barrage Technician Fifth Grade DE-KNINKER voluntarily risked his life to lay communications wire across the Saar River on the Saarlautern bridge. Technician Fifth Grade DE KNINKER'S courageous and selfless act, made all the more perilous by the necessity for placing the wire under the bridge, rather than on top, greatly facilitated communication between units on both banks of the river and it reflects high credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

IV. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq Ninth U. S. Army, 3 September 1944, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

JAMES F. NICHOLS JR, 0555444, Second Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 13 December 1944 to 13 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

LESTER J. LYONS, 36184251, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On his own initiative Sergeant LYONS took firm command of a disorganized machine gun squad whose leader was killed in a heavy hostile mortar barrage at Saarlautern. Rallying his comrades and reorganizing the squad, he was soon able to return the machine gun to action and vigorously facilitate his platoon's attack. Sergeant LYONS was killed in action, on 5 March 1945, in Germany. The alert leadership and great courage which he displayed under fire reflect lasting honor on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

FORREST I. PESCH, 36247337, Corporal, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannibois Wood, France. Under heavy enemy fire, at night, Corporal PESCH voluntarily participated in the evacuation of wounded soldiers over mined terrain near Hannibois Wood. The next morning under intense enemy shelling he voluntarily carried ammunition to forward rifle and machine gun positions. Then he led a group of comrades across fire-swept ground to retrieve three machine guns under close hostile observation. Corporal PESCH'S vigorous devotion to duty and his outstanding courage under fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EARL HONEYCUTT, 34185061, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannibois Wood, France. Under heavy enemy fire, at night, Private First Class HONEYCUTT voluntarily participated in the evacuation of wounded soldiers over mined terrain near Hannibois Wood. The next morning under intense enemy shelling he voluntarily carried ammunition to forward rifle and machine gun positions. Then he accompanied a group of comrades across fire-swept ground to re-

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trieve three machine guns under close hostile observation. Private First Class HOFFYCHT'S vigorous devotion to duty and his outstanding courage under fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ROBERT L. SMITH, 15105907, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannibois Wood, France. Under heavy enemy fire, at night, Private First Class SMITH voluntarily participated in the evacuation of wounded soldiers over mined terrain near Hannibois Wood. The next morning under intense enemy shelling he voluntarily carried ammunition to forward rifle and machine gun positions. Then he accompanied a group of comrades across fire-swept ground to retrieve three machine guns under close hostile observation. Private First Class SMITH'S vigorous devotion to duty and his outstanding courage under fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD J. TOWLE, 36249622, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 18 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Corporal TOWLE has repeatedly distinguished himself under fire in the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon of Headquarters Company. In the advance from Metz to Saarlautern his keen personal reconnaissance revealed many enemy installations to friendly fire. When a delayed-fuse artillery shell penetrated the building in which his observation post was located, Corporal TOWLE ordered his men to take cover while he remained to observe the hostile fire. Because of his bold perseverance the enemy gun position was located and silenced by friendly artillery. Corporal TOWLE'S devout and courageous performance of duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOHN E. SHELLABARGER, 31420008, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 18 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Private First Class SHELLABARGER has often distinguished himself under fire in the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon of Headquarters Company. In the advance from Metz to Saarlautern his keen personal reconnaissance revealed many enemy installations to friendly fire. When a German shell struck his observation post Private First Class SHELLABARGER was knocked unconscious. Upon recovering, he attempted to render first aid to a comrade. When this man proved dead he reported the situation and resumed observation of the enemy. Private First Class SHELLABARGER'S devout and courageous performance of duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

RALPH R. KING, 15154526, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Moving into the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class KING went to the aid of his platoon sergeant, severely wounded in a skirmish with a hostile patrol. Private First Class KING, after removing the casualty to an adjacent building, administered first aid and assisted in evacuating his comrade to an aid station. The courageous action of Private First Class KING in

saving the life of a wounded man reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

JAMES D. MARKWELL, 30785564, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Member of a patrol covering the advance of reinforcements of Company B over a road swept by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox. Staff Sergeant MARKWELL remained at his post for five hours delivering accurate fire on the bunker. Staff Sergeant MARKWELL'S efforts forced the pillbox to cease fire and close its gun apertures, permitting the reinforcements to advance without incident. At one point, Staff Sergeant MARKWELL, observing two enemy soldiers seeking to gain entry into the bunker, heroically intercepted and captured them. His intrepid conduct on this occasion reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JAMES E. REDD, 34806087, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Sent to retrieve his company's radio abandoned in a Saarlautern-Roden building when the operator was wounded in action, Private First Class REDD made his way under tank and machine gun fire toward the position. Skillfully picking a route through buildings along the street, Private First Class REDD succeeded in recovering the essential radio and returning with it to the company command post in spite of the intense fire covering the area. Private First Class REDD'S determined, heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

LEWIS J. PARKS, 35438248, Sergeant (Then Corporal), INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Sergeant PARKS, serving as a messenger for Company L, fighting in Saarlautern, was given an important message to be delivered to the Third Battalion Headquarters, located across the Saar River. Crossing the bridge while an intense artillery barrage covered the structure and its approaches, Sergeant PARKS persisted at his hazardous mission until the vital information was delivered. The great courage and determination displayed by Sergeant PARKS at the risk of his life reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

LEONARD F. KOCH, 36600429, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. After voluntarily reestablishing contact with an isolated squad, Staff Sergeant KOCH and another soldier, leading two prisoners captured by the advanced group back to their platoon command post, were ambushed by a German machine gun squad. Covered by his comrades, who took charge of the prisoners, Staff Sergeant KOCH dashed fearlessly into the enemy-held house. Hurling grenades at the fiercely resisting hostile gunners, Staff Sergeant KOCH killed one and captured two. The remaining two Germans, forced to flee into the open, were killed by Staff Sergeant KOCH'S companion. Staff Sergeant KOCH'S heroic actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.



MELVIN L. HARRINGTON, 36062327, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Volunteering to deliver smoke shells to mortar positions virtually isolated by enemy mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class HARRINGTON heroically drove his heavily-laden vehicle through the intense barrage to the gun emplacements. Then ignoring the shells bursting about him, he steadfastly unloaded the ammunition before returning over the dangerous route to safety. Private First Class HARRINGTON'S courageous performance of his self-assigned duty reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

NATHAN LAY, 34185907, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Leaving his covered position in a Gravelotte building, Technician Fifth Grade LAY unhesitatingly went fifty yards to the aid of a severely-wounded man, lying in a road junction being heavily shelled by enemy artillery and mortars. Technician Fifth Grade LAY, after remaining fifteen minutes in the fearful shelling while dressing the casualty's wounds, then carried the soldier to the safety of a nearby building. The selfless, heroic devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade LAY at the risk of his own life reflects high credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee.

TERRENCE E. O'NEIL, 31359326, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Private First Class O'NEIL valiantly crossed a heavily-mined area near Gravelotte while under direct enemy observation to the side of a wounded soldier. Administering first aid while in this precarious situation, Private First Class O'NEIL with heroic perseverance carried the casualty five hundred yards to a point where evacuation by medical jeep was effected. Private First Class O'NEIL'S devoted and courageous service reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JAMES J. O'NEILL, 33786578, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private First Class O'NEILL, serving as a medical technician in the Second Battalion aid station at Saarlautern-Roden, observed a soldier hit by machine gun fire during fierce street fighting. Voluntarily proceeding to the side of the wounded man under the continuous fire, Private First Class O'NEILL heroically gave first aid to the casualty and then carried him back to the aid station. The determined heroism displayed by Private First Class O'NEILL under these difficult circumstances reflects distinct credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROMAN F. STEICHEN, 37286137, Staff Sergeant, CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When tank destroyer support was urgently needed to frustrate an enemy tank attack on infantry assault troops in Saarlautern, Staff Sergeant STEICHEN went out alone to clear a mine-infested road hindering the destroyers' advance. Staff Sergeant STEICHEN'S voluntary mission was accomplished under vicious mortar, artillery and

sniper fire and under the added hazard of extreme haste in removing the skillfully-camouflaged mines. His high courage and unswerving devotion to duty at great personal risk reflect distinct credit on Staff Sergeant SREIBEN and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ANTHONY F. VECCHI, 32676074, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

GERALD E. RAMSEY, 36356188, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

HAROLD DAVIS, 37286313, Technician Fifth Grade, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

SANFORD A. WAUGH, 39248673, Staff Sergeant, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment (Attached this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

WILFRED V. ABBOTT, 20451628, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

JOHN A. SKOK, 01285322, First Lieutenant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

HERMAN E. SCHLAGER, 30151714, First Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

WALTER F. REBERTS, 35485045, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

ALEX H. STEVCOVE, 39539752, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

HYMAN WAXBERG, 36356482, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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CHARLES W. WHITLOCK, 39225817, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

CLAUDE L. HAMILTON, 39457568, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

WILLIAM S. MURDAY, 01304773, First Lieutenant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

REFINO E. JARVI, 37294824, Corporal, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JOHN H. PRICE, 34375038, Corporal, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

HENRY B. WILLIAMSON, W2108606, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

III. AWARD OF SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to an Air Medal and five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal previously awarded, a sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

PERRY WEST, 01177694, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 31 December 1944 to 23 January 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

JOHN J. OLIVER, 01999302, Second Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 26 January 1945 to 26 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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IV. AMENDMENT: So much of Section III, General Orders Number 65, this Headquarters, 23 March 1945, as reads: "WAYLAND I. SMITH, 36357276, Technical Sergeant, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band", is amended to read: "WAYLAND I. SMITH, 36248930, Technical Sergeant, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band".

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SECTION I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION IV - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

EVERETT L. CORBIN, 37293185, Sergeant, JMF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 2 December 1944, in fierce house to house fighting in Saarlautern, Sergeant CORBIN encountered an enemy machine gun and anti-tank gun whose crews were running toward their weapons. Firing quickly and accurately on the Germans Sergeant CORBIN prevented them from reaching their weapons until his comrades arrived to help him knock out both hostile guns. On 14 December 1944 Sergeant CORBIN was killed in action. The heroic combat skill and devotion to duty which he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and they reflect lasting honor on Sergeant CORBIN. Entered military service from North Dakota.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

RICHARD FRADKIN, 33798994, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When German troops fled across a Moselle River bridge Sergeant FRADKIN was one of a platoon element who raced over the bridge, through intense machine gun fire, to prevent the enemy from destroying the bridge. But the enemy set off demolitions which destroyed the bridge before reinforcements could reach Sergeant FRADKIN'S group, and for seven hours Sergeant FRADKIN and five comrades held their gallantly-won bridgehead against overwhelming German numbers. Finally, on orders, Sergeant FRADKIN'S group withdrew by boat. The extraordinary personal courage displayed by Sergeant FRADKIN on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

WILMER L. LEWIS, 32243287, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When German troops fled across a Moselle River bridge Staff Sergeant LEWIS was one of a platoon element who raced over the bridge, through intense machine gun fire, to prevent the enemy from destroying the bridge. But the enemy set off demolitions which destroyed the bridge before reinforcements could reach Staff Sergeant LEWIS' group, and for seven hours Staff

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Sergeant LEWIS and five comrades held their gallantry-won bridgehead against overwhelming German numbers. Finally, on orders, Staff Sergeant LEWIS' group withdrew by boat. The extraordinary personal courage displayed by Staff Sergeant LEWIS on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Delaware.

ROBERT E. AIGNER, 01323059, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When a German machine gun, which was emplaced on high, densely wooded terrain, covered with intense fire the approach to his company assembly area, Second Lieutenant AIGNER voluntarily led a squad up to destroy the hostile weapon. Despite bitter enemy resistance Second Lieutenant AIGNER'S men completed their mission, and killed four of the enemy in so doing. The staunch leadership given by Second Lieutenant AIGNER reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FRANCIS W. DAWSON, 0400036, First Lieutenant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdungen, Germany. In his platoon's attack on Verdungen, First Lieutenant DAWSON encountered heavy enemy artillery, tank and small arms fire. Employing an automatic rifle with deadly accuracy First Lieutenant DAWSON advanced boldly to eliminate two German machine guns and one artillery piece. In this violent action he killed four Germans, wounded two and captured twenty. First Lieutenant DAWSON'S bold, brilliant and utterly fearless leadership reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

PRICE D. SMITH, 32961249, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Boden, Germany. Accompanied by another soldier Private First Class SMITH invaded a German bunker occupied by thirteen enemy troops armed with machine guns and bazookas. Moving quickly and fearlessly Private First Class SMITH and his comrade captured eight of the Germans and with devastating fire routed the surviving five. Two machine guns, three bazookas and seven rifles were also captured. The bold determination displayed by Private First Class SMITH on this occasion reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WESLEY COFFEEN, 36899020, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Boden, Germany. Accompanied by another soldier Private First Class COFFEEN invaded a German bunker occupied by thirteen enemy troops armed with machine guns and bazookas. Moving quickly and fearlessly Private First Class COFFEEN and his comrade captured eight of the Germans and with devastating fire routed the surviving five. Two machine guns, three bazookas and seven rifles were also captured. The bold determination displayed by Private First Class COFFEEN on this occasion reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-25, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

EDWARD J. KAPALLA, 36185022, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Technical Sergeant KAPALLA has repeatedly distinguished himself by his staunch leadership and bold personal conduct in action. On one occasion, during bitter street fighting in Metz, he led his squad in eliminating all hostile resistance in an entire block of stoutly-defended buildings. In this action Technical Sergeant KAPALLA'S squad took forty prisoners. Technical Sergeant KAPALLA'S consistently intrepid performance of duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

HIRAM F. SMALL, 0226566, Captain, INF, Company II, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Ittersdorf, Germany. On 20 November 1944, during the attack on Metz, Captain SMALL accompanied assault troops to an island in the Moselle River where he routed an enemy party with his own accurate fire, killing three Germans. Then he directed mortar fire against hostile emplacements, greatly facilitating the attack. The resourceful and courageous leadership consistently given by Captain SMALL exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Oregon.

NELS G. A. NORMAN, 1708771, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St Barbara, Germany. One of an advancing column of enemy tanks fired point blank on the building occupied by Private First Class NORMAN, tearing a gap in the wall and wounding six of Private First Class NORMAN'S comrades. With bold initiative, Private First Class NORMAN, aided by a companion, thrust his bazooka through the hole torn by the enemy shell and fired at the tank. His accurate fire partially disabled the tank and forced it to withdraw. Private First Class NORMAN'S cool, courageous act reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

ELZA J. HARL, 37450897, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St Barbara, Germany. One of an advancing column of enemy tanks fired point blank on the building occupied by Private First Class HARL, tearing a gap in the wall and wounding six of Private First Class HARL'S comrades. With bold initiative, Private First Class HARL, aided by a companion, thrust his bazooka through the hole torn by the enemy shell and fired at the tank. His accurate fire partially disabled the tank and forced it to withdraw. Private First Class HARL'S cool, courageous act reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

WARREN G. HARDING, 31209045, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. After crossing the swollen Maas River to obtain prisoners, the returning assault group of a combat patrol detonated several mines near the river bank. Private First Class HARDING immediately began administering first aid to the wounded under the resulting enemy fire and, despite the difficult conditions, made hurried evacuation possible.

Making several trips through the intense enemy fire, Private First Class HARDING carried and guided the wounded to waiting boats, in which they were returned to safety. The heroic determination displayed by Private First Class HARDING reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

RAYMOND H. KALLIO, 36184727, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Karlsdorf, Germany. In spite of a fierce concentration of enemy mortar fire, Staff Sergeant KALLIO heroically gave essential first aid to a soldier wounded during a powerful hostile counter-attack. Menaced by both the constant mortar shelling and the advance of enemy elements, Staff Sergeant KALLIO applied a tourniquet to the leg of the badly wounded man and then assisted in carrying the casualty to a point where evacuation was possible. Staff Sergeant KALLIO'S high courage and devotion to a wounded comrade at great personal risk reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

RAY A. FLINTROP, 36247019, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. On 21 December 1944, near Lisdorf, Private First Class FLINTROP and three comrades frustrated with machine gun and rifle fire a developing enemy attempt to cross the Saar River. Utterly disregarding hostile small arms fire, Private First Class FLINTROP left his associates' emplacement and, fearlessly taking up an exposed position commanding an area not covered by the machine gun, killed two Germans, wounded one, and captured five more. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class FLINTROP while assisting in the dissolution of the enemy thrust reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FERRY B. GALLOWAY JR, 37362755, Staff Sergeant, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. Leading a party of seventeen casualties, including four litter patients, Staff Sergeant GALLOWAY made his way toward the Saar River across five hundred yards of open ground being constantly pounded by enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. Reaching the river, Staff Sergeant GALLOWAY immediately dispersed his group upon discovering that the barrage would make a river crossing at this time virtually impossible. After waiting an hour under the intense fire, Staff Sergeant GALLOWAY succeeded in evacuating the casualties in boats to safety and much-needed medical attention. His fearless leadership and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant GALLOWAY and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Indiana.

CLINTON F. GARRETT, 35316051, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 12 March 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as intelligence sergeant during the arduous days of the Metz and Saarland campaigns, Staff Sergeant GARRETT performed his duties in a consistently courageous, devoted manner. The only enlisted man assigned to Headquarters, Task Force \*\*\*\*, Staff Sergeant GARRETT displayed decisive determination in controlling ninety-six German prisoners of war under a



heavy enemy artillery barrage. Staff Sergeant GARRARD'S courageous conduct throughout this extended period of combat reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

EARL W. WOLFF, 35333114, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Private First Class WOLFF displayed great courage and ability while serving as a platoon runner, exposing himself to intense enemy fire many times to carry messages or to install and maintain the vital communications system serving his company. In addition, Private First Class WOLFF voluntarily acted as an automatic rifleman with outstanding success during the period 3 December 1944 to 20 December 1944 when his platoon was badly depleted. Private First Class WOLFF'S courageous initiative and devotion to duty throughout an extended period of arduous combat reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

CLARENCE CRDWAY, 35333265, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When a direct shell hit caused ten casualties in his heavy machine gun section during an attack on a heavily fortified bunker, Sergeant CRDWAY and two other soldiers fearlessly continued firing the section's mission. Maintaining a constant stream of fire on the pillbox, Sergeant CRDWAY forced the bunker's garrison to close its gun apertures and cease firing until riflemen closed in and captured it. Sergeant CRDWAY'S staunch leadership and high courage on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAYMOND C. LANDERS, 37627836, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Courageously advancing two hundred yards down a fire-raked Fraulautern street, Private First Class LANDERS went to the aid of his wounded platoon sergeant. Despite being knocked down twice by mortar blast during the hazardous journey, Private First Class LANDERS persevered in his heroic efforts until he brought the wounded man to an adjacent building and administered first aid. Then while leading the casualty to the rear, Private First Class LANDERS observed and killed a German sniper about to fire on another comrade. Private First Class LANDERS' heroic, alert conduct under heavy enemy fire reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

LOUIE PALLACRO, 38009610, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. His company attacked by enemy infantry supported by armor, Private First Class PALLACRO aggressively crawled forward ninety yards and began firing his bazooka at the advancing hostile tank. Blasting the tank out of action with a direct hit, Private First Class PALLACRO then turned his destructive weapon on the assaulting hostile infantrymen and aided greatly in the complete repulse of the counter-blow. Private First Class PALLACRO'S fearless, determined performance reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

THOMAS W. MC GUTCHAN, 20254658, First Sergeant, FA, Company C, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 29 June 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

ALFRED WILLIAMS, 20254425, Technical Sergeant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

FRANCIS E. STONE, 31069022, Technical Sergeant, FA, Company C, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 29 June 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CLAUDE O. BUSHEY, 32088403, Sergeant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 June 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

HAROLD W. MURRAY, 20254677, Sergeant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 June 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES W. VAN WINKLE, 32115819, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 June 1944 to 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM E. NIFFER, 33213924, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 June 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

WILLIAM F. MACKEY, 0464254, Captain, MC, Company D, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ARTHUR H. WISTMAN, 02047218, First Lieutenant, MAC, Company B, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

RAY A. JENSEN, 36247141, Staff Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CLARENCE B. SAGER, 37039472, Staff Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 11 January 1945 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

GEORGE J. DEES, 36247224, Staff Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HAROLD W. HELSEL, 36183646, Technician Third Grade, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

WARREN E. FRAHL, 36249811, Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EDWARD J. FRARLIK, 37604183, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

EDWARD J. MAGINIS, 33194958, Technician Fourth Grade, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

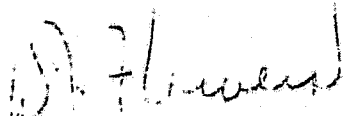
IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

FRED A. STERN, 32617150, Technician Third Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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SECTION IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, MISSING IN ACTION, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

STANLEY SHYCHUK, 33938126, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In the face of intense enemy fire Private First Class SHYCHUK and three others began to lay a mine field before Company A's position at Saarlautern-Roden. A patrol of ten Germans attempted to drive them from the incomplete field but Private First Class SHYCHUK and his comrades fought so aggressively that the Germans fled to a nearby house. Without hesitation Private First Class SHYCHUK'S group assaulted the house, killing four of the Germans and capturing the six who survived. Then they returned to plant the rest of the mines. Private First Class SHYCHUK'S heroic devotion and performance of duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

MILFORD R. DAVIS, 01304692, Captain (Then First Lieutenant), INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. A German pillbox, protected by fire from a bunker fifty yards to its flank, imperiled the advance of a rifle company and a machine gun platoon. To reduce this dangerous obstacle, Captain DAVIS bravely climbed to the roof of the pillbox and dropped several grenades down the chimney. Eight Germans vacated and surrendered, and the garrison of the other pillbox, demoralized by Captain DAVIS' bold action, quickly joined their comrades. Captain DAVIS' fearless conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Texas.

ELLIS R. BLACK, 33889385, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In order to eliminate a heavily-armed hostile patrol, Staff Sergeant BLACK, carrying a twenty pound satchel charge, crawled to within twenty-five yards of the building occupied by the Germans. Lighting the fuse, and disregarding furious enemy fire, Staff Sergeant BLACK raced across open ground and laid the charge against the base of the building. The subsequent explosion demolished one side of the building and revealed thirty-eight

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Germans, who immediately surrendered. Staff Sergeant BLACK'S daring feat reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

BERNARD A. CYRIER, 01313155, First Lieutenant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. On the night of 17 February 1945 First Lieutenant CYRIER led a patrol of volunteers across the swollen Maas River, boldly probing enemy lines and taking several prisoners. On the way back First Lieutenant CYRIER was seriously wounded by the explosion of a German mine. Despite the pain he suffered, First Lieutenant CYRIER continued to direct his patrol to the river and it was largely due to his valiant, skillful leadership that the mission was successfully completed. First Lieutenant CYRIER'S heroic conduct and battle skill reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

ARCHIE E. SMITH, 34393597, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 1 and 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Hostenbach and Schaffhausen, Germany. With heroic disregard for his own safety Private First Class SMITH evacuated our casualties from fierce fighting at Hostenbach and Schaffhausen although the route of evacuation lay under heavy German artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Once, Private First Class SMITH had to dismount from his jeep on this shell-swept road in order to change tires. At no time did the enemy fire deter him from his hazardous duty. Private First Class SMITH'S resolute performance was an inspiration to the riflemen who witnessed his conduct and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Georgia.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

WILLIE LAUER, 37287494, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. With great resourcefulness and stubborn valor Sergeant LAUER, who was wounded, and two comrades fought off repeated German assaults on a bunker occupied by other soldiers who had been wounded in the terrible fighting before Fort Jeanne D'Arc. Besides denying the bunker to powerful enemy thrusts for four violent days, Sergeant LAUER and his gallant comrades efficiently administered first aid to the rest of their battered garrison. The unsurpassable fortitude displayed by Sergeant LAUER in a situation which would have been hopeless otherwise is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JESSE J. BOCHER, 35711541, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. Returning from hostile territory across the Maas River, Technician Fifth Grade BOCHER and several

other members of a patrol were wounded by the explosion of a German mine. In spite of rain and the peril of heavy enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade BOOHER helped administer first aid to his comrades, after which he recrossed the mine field to establish rear guard security for the evacuation of the seriously wounded. The exceptional gallantry displayed by Technician Fifth Grade BOOHER reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FRVIN K. STARK, 30076321, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Seneourt, France. On the night of 14 November 1944 Technical Sergeant STARK led his platoon into a road near Seneourt, France with the hazardous mission of removing mines from the route to be taken by tanks in the morning's attack. Advancing a thousand yards beyond friendly lines, Technical Sergeant STARK'S platoon worked all night long to fully accomplish their mission. In the attack, the platoon was subjected to fierce mortar shelling and small arms fire, but under Technical Sergeant STARK'S intrepid leadership the advance did not pause. Inspiring his comrades, Technical Sergeant STARK'S brave behavior reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

ROBERT H. STEWART, 0520544, Second Lieutenant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. The aggressive, skillful leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant STEWART was greatly instrumental in the success achieved by the Second Battalion of the \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment during a five day battle at Emsdorf. Despite intense fire from German mortars and small arms Second Lieutenant STEWART directed his anti-tank platoon into positions from which they were able to deal heavy blows to the enemy. The personal example of battle conduct set by Second Lieutenant STEWART has instilled his platoon with indomitable confidence, reflects distinct credit on the military service and on Second Lieutenant STEWART. Entered military service from Nevada.

HOWARD E. RITTER, 31253966, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. Returning from a patrol into enemy lines across the Maas River, several of Private First Class RITTER'S comrades were wounded by the explosion of German mines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class RITTER made trip after trip through the hazardous mine fields, which was swept by machine gun fire, carrying and guiding the wounded to boats in which they were safely evacuated to the friendly bank. His bold devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflects great credit on Private First Class RITTER and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CHARLIE O. CLOUSE, 34909366, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. Returning from a patrol into enemy lines across the Maas River, several of Private First Class CLOUSE'S comrades were wounded by the explosion of German mines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class CLOUSE made trip after trip through the hazardous mine fields, which was swept by machine gun fire, carrying and guiding the wounded to boats in which they were safely evacuated to the friendly

bank. His bold devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflects great credit on Private First Class CLCUSE and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

JOHN V. BLAIR JR, 35648452, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Helt, Holland. Returning from a patrol into enemy lines across the Maas River, several of Private First Class BLAIR'S comrades were wounded by the explosion of German mines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class BLAIR made trip after trip through the hazardous mine field, which was swept by machine gun fire, carrying and guiding the wounded to boats in which they were safely evacuated to the friendly bank. His bold devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflects great credit on Private First Class BLAIR and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

LLOYD W. BICKING, 36982753, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Helt, Holland. Returning from a patrol into enemy lines across the Maas River, several of Private First Class BICKING'S comrades were wounded by the explosion of German mines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class BICKING made trip after trip through the hazardous mine field, which was swept by machine gun fire, carrying and guiding the wounded to boats in which they were safely evacuated to the friendly bank. His bold devotion to the welfare of his comrades reflects great credit on Private First Class BICKING and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

ROBERT D. BEHUNIN, 39928602, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Scheffhausen, Germany. In order to carry a wounded soldier off the battle field Private First Class BEHUNIN moved across ground which lay under heavy machine gun and deliberate sniper fire. When he had brought the casualty to cover and medical aid Private First Class BEHUNIN returned to the exposed area and retrieved the radio which had been carried by the wounded man. Private First Class BEHUNIN'S heroic action reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

RUSSELL A. BALDWIN, 35465070, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France and Germany. Technical Sergeant BALDWIN'S calm, courageous conduct under fire has been a consistent inspiration to his comrades and an immeasurable contribution to the success of his platoon in battle. One time, during a fight near Fraulautern, two soldiers were severely injured by the explosion of mines. Without hesitation Technical Sergeant BALDWIN moved up to evacuate them, disregarding the close peril of other mines. His fearless devotion to duty and staunch leadership over a long period of time reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant BALDWIN and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

WILBUR L. BAKKEN, 26246375, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensderf, Ger-

many. Leading a platoon for the first time, Technical Sergeant BAKKEN took his men through heavy machine gun and mortar fire at Emsdorf with such boldness and tact that the enemy was routed from a group of houses and suffered severe casualties. The vigorous leadership given by Technical Sergeant BAKKEN was largely instrumental in the success of this action, which expanded the Emsdorf bridgehead two hundred yards. Technical Sergeant BAKKEN'S intrepid performance of duty reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

DAVID M. LANDIS, 36501516, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

KARL H. MAGEL, 19118316, Technician Fifth Grade, CW3, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

CARROLL W. JOHNSON, 37294771, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

GEORGIO CIRISHIOLI, 01324476, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

LAWRENCE P. CYONKO, 32922322, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 November 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 530-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

RAMON G. JARMER, 36332495, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hannibois Wood, France. Upon observing a wounded comrade caught in a German barbed wire entanglement, Private First Class JARMER crossed fifty yards of covarless terrain, under intense machine gun fire, to extricate him and administer first aid. Private First Class JARMER then evacuated the casualty to a medical position four hundred fire-swept yards away. His heroic act, which made possible the saving of his comrade's life, reflects great credit on Private First Class JARMER and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JEFFERSON L. PHILLIPS, 34968308, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Strop, Germany. Fearlessly exposing himself to severe hostile rifle and machine gun fire, Private First Class PHILLIPS remained at his post and directed accurate machine gun fire on a German tank and an eighty-eight millimeter gun four hundred yards away. Two of the tank crew and three of the gun crew were killed by Private First Class PHILLIPS, and as a result of his daring action both tank and gun were soon eliminated. Private First Class PHILLIPS' gallant performance of duty under heavy fire reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

MARCUS J. DALE SR, 6251194, Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Korry-la-Vesour, France. Despite a grievous leg wound which he received during a heavy artillery barrage, Sergeant DALE refused to be evacuated and for two days he advanced with his machine gun platoon three miles against determined enemy resistance. Sergeant DALE'S heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JESSE R. PRILLAMAN, 32881557, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Schaffhausen, Germany. Although wounded during the cost of an attack on strong German positions in Schaffhausen, Sergeant PRILLAMAN, with heroic fortitude, continued to lead his squad forward until the battalion objective was taken. Sergeant PRILLAMAN'S conduct on this occasion was clearly in-

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spiring to his comrades, and it was directly responsible for the reduction of the platoon's objective. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant PHILLMAN reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq, Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

LEO J. NOEL, 35233218, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 October 1944 to 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mosow, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Staff Sergeant NOEL repeatedly distinguished himself as a fearless and resourceful leader during the period 13 October 1944 to 11 December 1944, when he was killed in action. In the vicious fighting at Saarlautern he maintained the devastating fire of his machine gun even in the face of heavy fire from an enemy tank. Staff Sergeant NOEL'S fortitude and battle skill have brought lasting honor on him and they exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

TOR FUGLSETH, 32988501, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Mosow Farm, France. To relieve enemy pressure on bunkers in which he and his comrades were isolated, near Mosow Farm, Private First Class FUGLSETH, who had been caring for the wounded, crawled to a German position one hundred and twenty-five yards from one bunker and boldly demanded and obtained the surrender of four Germans. This daring feat eliminated a perilous menace to friendly troops entering or leaving the bunker and reflects great credit on Private First Class FUGLSETH. On 19 November 1944, he was killed in action. Private First Class FUGLSETH'S heroic achievements are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq, Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM B. GAVIN, 36841555, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In the face of intense enemy fire Staff Sergeant GAVIN and three others began to lay a mine field before Company A's position at Saarlautern-Roden. A patrol of ten Germans attempted to drive them from the incomplete field but Staff Sergeant GAVIN and his comrades fought so aggressively that the Germans fled to a nearby house. Without hesitation Staff Sergeant GAVIN'S group assaulted the house, killing four of the Germans and capturing the six who survived. Then they returned to plant the rest of the mines. Staff Sergeant GAVIN'S resolute and courageous actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LEOY ADAMS, 35463035, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In the face of intense enemy fire Staff Sergeant ADAMS and three others began to lay a mine field

before Company A's position at Saarlautern-Roden. A patrol of ten Germans attempted to drive them from the incomplete field but Staff Sergeant ADAMS and his comrades fought so aggressively that the Germans fled to a nearby house. Without hesitation Staff Sergeant ADAMS' group assaulted the house, killing four of the Germans and capturing the six who survived. Then they returned to plant the rest of the mines. Staff Sergeant ADAMS' resolute and courageous actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

BLAS V. MOJICA, 38876270, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In the face of intense enemy fire Private First Class MOJICA and three others began to lay a mine field before Company A's position at Saarlautern-Roden. A patrol of ten Germans attempted to drive them from the incomplete mine field but Private First Class MOJICA and his comrades fought so aggressively that the Germans fled to a nearby house. Without hesitation Private First Class MOJICA'S group assaulted the house, killing four of the Germans and capturing the six who survived. Then they returned to plant the rest of the mines. Private First Class MOJICA'S resolute and courageous actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CHARLIE G. GABLE, 35464757, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 26 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When a concentration of two hundred and forty millimeter shells began demolishing buildings occupied by Technical Sergeant GABLE'S unit, he and another soldier climbed to the attic of a roofless house to observe the devastating enemy fire. In this dangerously exposed position Technical Sergeant GABLE and his companion gained intelligence which made it possible for liaison planes to locate the German guns and direct their elimination. The bold initiative displayed by Technical Sergeant GABLE reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SAM SIGALOW, 35388670, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 26 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When a concentration of two hundred and forty millimeter shells began demolishing buildings occupied by Staff Sergeant SIGALOW'S unit, he and another soldier climbed to the attic of a roofless house to observe the devastating enemy fire. In this dangerously exposed position Staff Sergeant SIGALOW and his companion gained intelligence which made it possible for liaison planes to locate the German guns and direct their elimination. The bold initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant SIGALOW reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

EDWARD J. AMBROSE, 35064697, Private First Class, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern and Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In order to maintain necessary communications between artillery and infantry attacking Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class AMBROSE continued to operate his radio when German shelling was at its heaviest. Carrying his radio on his back, he braved hostile machine gun and sniper fire to keep pace with the relentless advance on the enemy. Private First

Class A BROSSE'S courageous performance of duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

PAUL A. BENJOLAMI, 31176352, Corporal, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 January 1945 to 5 March 1945, in Germany and Holland. During the period 2 January 1945 to 5 March 1945 Corporal BENJOLAMI consistently performed his duty with distinct courage and skill. In the advance on Kneford he moved forward in the face of heavy enemy fire, carrying his radio on his back in order to maintain the necessary communications between artillery and infantry. Corporal BENJOLAMI'S heroic achievements over a long period of combat reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

EDWARD J. HICKEY, 0497335, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Germany. Captain HICKEY'S devoted performance of duty as intelligence officer of a field artillery battalion contributed greatly to the success of his unit in combat during the period 2 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. Prompt, thorough reconnaissance, frequently under enemy fire, by Captain HICKEY of the routes on which his battalion subsequently advanced displayed high professional skill, reflecting great credit on Captain HICKEY and on the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

LAWRENCE W. SLOAN, 01168468, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sinsheim, Germany. As an artillery liaison officer serving with an infantry battalion Captain SLOAN repeatedly distinguished himself by the high professional skill which he displayed under fire. His careful adjustment of artillery fire on enemy positions only fifty yards beyond friendly lines resulted in the elimination of a grave menace without causing any casualties among our troops. Captain SLOAN'S heroic achievement is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Washington.

EDWIN J. ARTHUR, 36953521, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Helt, Holland. Returning from a patrol into enemy lines across the Maas River, all of Private First Class ARTHUR'S comrades were wounded by the explosion of German mines. Without hesitation Private First Class ARTHUR administered first aid to the more seriously wounded and then, with no regard for his own safety, he made his way across the dangerous field, braving intense machine gun fire, to establish security until the wounded were evacuated. Private First Class ARTHUR'S heroism reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN H. DIETZLER, 36247052, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 November 1944 to 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EDWARD B. GARWELL, 33455520, First Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 December 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

LEROY S. CLARK, 35411695, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN J. CORMIGAN, 17058674, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

JAMES G. CRAWFORD, 34445801, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

MELVIN P. CROCHETT, 36774689, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH P. DE LINC, 36174039, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 12 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

WALDO F. GILDS, 36679580 Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

FRANK DOMICH, 36062288, Sergeant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT W. ELLIOTT, 36355971, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

LEROY N. EICHINGER, 35505414, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAYMOND S. BINDJHI, 32609968, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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ABRAHAM BROWNSTEIN, 32610045, Corporal, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 24 October 1944 to 30 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

HAROLD L. W. ELLIOT, 39334866, Private First Class, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

JAMES O. HILTON, 01324334, First Lieutenant, IF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 12 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

RALPH E. FEASBY, 35411325, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

DELMAR M. BOYER, 6931906, First Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

FREDRICK B. ALDRICH, 01284303, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

GEORGE J. BUBINAS, 36358373, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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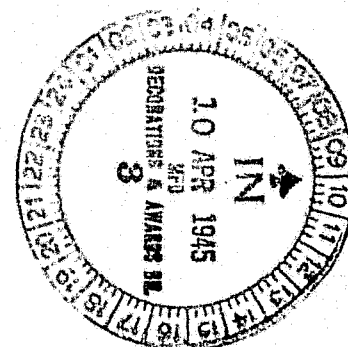
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

HARRY GODLEWSKI, 36572453, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When heavy fire from a machine gun on the right flank imperiled his company's attack on Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class GODLEWSKI, armed with an automatic rifle and several hand grenades, moved through the raking hostile fire toward the German weapon. Although wounded during his fearless advance, Private First Class GODLEWSKI continued to fire and to move. When his automatic rifle jammed he crawled within range of the Germans and hurled a grenade whose strike killed two. Rushing to the machine gun, he quickly manned it and turned it on a building occupied by the enemy. Private First Class GODLEWSKI'S single-handed action paved the way for his platoon to assault. His extreme gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

ARNOLD BREWER, 35464768, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When his squad had driven enemy troops from buildings in Saarlautern-Roden, Staff Sergeant BREWER, suspecting mines and booby-traps in the fleeing Germans' wake, reconnoitered the newly-won objective by himself. He found many anti-personnel mines and began neutralizing them so that his squad could occupy the position without danger. Inadvertently he detonated a mine which seriously wounded him. Despite this terrible mishap, Staff Sergeant BREWER, fully devoted to the welfare of his squad, refused to be evacuated until he had directed the movement of his comrades through the mined area. Staff Sergeant BREWER'S gallantry and fortitude are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN S. SKOWRONSKY, 01307927, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In the face of intense small arms and mortar fire First Lieutenant SKOWRONSKY six times crossed coverless ground to reconnoiter and supervise the placing of charges against a stoutly-defended enemy pillbox. First Lieutenant SKOWRONSKY'S fearless action instilled such bold confidence in his men that they assaulted the thitherto impregnable bunker and reduced it. The staunch leadership given by First Lieutenant SKOWRONSKY reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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MILTON MAISELL, 32202519, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Confronted by an enemy patrol which greatly outnumbered them, private First Class MAISELL and his two comrades opened fire so accurately and rapidly that the Germans fled inside a building determined to eliminate the patrol. Private First Class MAISELL moved to the rear of the building and called out in German for the occupants to surrender as they were surrounded by Americans. This daring ruse proved successful. In all, seventeen Germans surrendered to private First Class MAISELL and his two companions. His bold feat in overcoming the handicap of being heavily outnumbered reflects distinct credit on private First Class MAISELL and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of SA 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star medal is awarded to the following:

BERNARD P. FERRILL, 20217814, Sergeant (Then Private), CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Sergeant FERRILL, accompanied by two comrades, voluntarily probed for mines on a bridge at Saarlautern-Roden so that the bridge would be safe for the passage of tank destroyers. Although they were silhouetted for enemy observation by the light from a burning house Sergeant FERRILL and his comrades intrepidly remained at the bridge until they had completely performed their self-imposed duty. Sergeant FERRILL'S heroic achievement reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM A. SCHIFF, 36842283, Private First Class, CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private First Class SCHIFF, accompanied by two comrades, voluntarily probed for mines on a bridge at Saarlautern-Roden so that the bridge would be safe for the passage of tank destroyers. Although they were silhouetted for enemy observation by the light from a burning house private First Class SCHIFF and his comrades intrepidly remained at the bridge until they had completely performed their self-imposed duty. Private First Class SCHIFF'S heroic achievement reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LEROY T. LOGAN JR, 32797117, Private First Class, CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private First Class LOGAN, accompanied by two comrades, voluntarily probed for mines on a bridge at Saarlautern-Roden so that the bridge would be safe for the passage of tank destroyers. Although they were silhouetted for enemy observation by the light from a burning house Private First Class LOGAN and his comrades intrepidly remained at the bridge until they had completely performed their self-imposed duty. Private First Class LOGAN'S heroic achievement reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.



JOHN J. MARTIN JR, 0421261, Captain, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When a powerful enemy counter-attack centered on his company, at Saarlautern-Roden, Captain MARTIN led his men in vigorously fighting off the assaulting Germans. Employing radio, Captain MARTIN accurately directed artillery and mortar fire whose delivery battered elements of the attacking force. Under Captain MARTIN'S staunch and aggressive leadership the company killed or wounded one hundred and forty-five of the enemy, and took forty-five prisoners, while successfully defending the area. Captain MARTIN'S high personal courage and excellent skill in battle reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ANTHONY P. KAMINSKI, 36357455, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 6 March 1945, in France and Germany. As first gunner, squad leader and then section sergeant in an eighty-one millimeter mortar platoon Staff Sergeant KAMINSKI has repeatedly distinguished himself in action against the enemy. On one occasion, while serving as an observer, he remained at his post to direct devastating fire on hostile forces although German machine guns were aimed in on his position. Staff Sergeant KAMINSKI'S fearless conduct has been an inspiration to his comrades and exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

LOWELL L. SPRIEL, 0389759, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Merton, France. When infiltrating enemy troops threatened to isolate the command post from the main body of the battalion, Captain SPRIEL braved intense artillery, mortar and sniper fire to supervise the execution of orders which enabled the command post to be moved forward under cover of dark. Captain SPRIEL'S courageous performance of duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on Captain SPRIEL. Entered military service from Texas.

CHARLES F. SMIDER, 34393536, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. While voluntarily participating in the guidance of vehicles into Emsdorf, Private First Class SMIDER was struck in the leg and in the shoulder by shrapnel. In spite of his wound he remained on duty until the following morning, by which time the mission had been completed. Private First Class SMIDER'S unwavering devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

JOSEPH J. RUGGIER, 01295275, Captain, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In an attack on strong German positions at Uerdingen, Captain RUGGIER commanded a company most of whose officers and men had not participated in previous action. Exposing himself fearlessly to enemy fire in order to more closely direct his untried comrades, Captain RUGGIER so inspired them that the objective was forcibly and promptly taken. The gallant leadership given by Captain RUGGIER on this occasion reflects

distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FRANK YENOVETZ JR, 32567709, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Lisdorf and Eisdorf, Germany. Throughout the Metz campaign, and in the operations at Lisdorf and Eisdorf, Staff Sergeant YENOVETZ led his machine gun section with great resourcefulness and courage. His untiring devotion to duty contributed substantially to the success of rifle companies in the assault. Staff Sergeant YENOVETZ' heroic achievements in combat reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

THOMAS R. PICKRELL, 6966033, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Lisdorf and Eisdorf, Germany. Throughout the Metz campaign, and in the operations at Lisdorf and Eisdorf, Staff Sergeant PICKRELL led his machine gun section with great resourcefulness and courage. His untiring devotion to duty contributed substantially to the success of rifle companies in the assault. Staff Sergeant PICKRELL'S heroic achievements in combat reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

GARLISLE N. PLATTNER, 01301874, First Lieutenant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In the attack on Uerdingen, First Lieutenant PLATTNER boldly engaged a group of German snipers with his own accurate rifle fire, preventing them from impeding the advance. Then, when his platoon had moved up, First Lieutenant PLATTNER led a squad out to finally eliminate the snipers. In this action, First Lieutenant PLATTNER himself killed one German and captured four. The leadership which First Lieutenant PLATTNER gave on this occasion, typifying his fearless conduct in many battles, was an inspiration to his comrades, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JEWELL R. NALL, 35485622, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bastogne, France. In an eight hour vigil at a road intersection, where he guided weapons and supply vehicles of the Second Battalion to their respective companies, Sergeant NALL was exposed to frequent concentrations of hostile artillery and mortar fire. Despite the terrible shelling Sergeant NALL continued to perform his hazardous duty for six hours after he was to have been relieved. Sergeant NALL'S heroic perseverance, which greatly facilitated preparations for the next day's attack, reflects high credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

HARRY L. SANDERS, 38053695, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Morroy, France. With no regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant SANDERS voluntarily entered Fort Lorraine ahead of his comrades to determine whether it was occupied by enemy troops. As a result

of his intrepid action, higher headquarters were able to plan the disposition of their troops. Staff Sergeant SAMUEL's fearless devotion to duty and vigorous leadership reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

EDWARD J. SMITH, 36248199, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Lorry Les Metz, France. When two of his comrades were seriously wounded during an artillery barrage at Lorry Les Metz, Staff Sergeant SMITH, with complete disregard for his own safety, entered the barrage to guide an aid man to the casualties. Then, he assisted the aid man in evacuating the two wounded soldiers. Staff Sergeant SMITH's heroic deed reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HARRY B. WALTHER, 36248068, Sergeant, Q.C., \*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

BENJAMIN F. WISSELL, 01556049, First Lieutenant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

JOHN B. JOHNSON JR, 31208046, Technician Fifth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GEORGE D. MCKINNS JR, 32950803, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, 96th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JAMES A. BAGNEY, 36600213, Staff Sergeant, MD, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROY A. BERG, 01547536, First Lieutenant, M&C, Company A, \*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

MYLAN E. WALTER, 6993800, First Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

HERMAN RUBENSTEIN, 02048468, First Lieutenant, M&C, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 9 November 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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JOHN E. SHAFER, 0331785, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

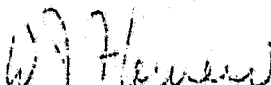
K. D. JOHNSTON, 02006480, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In the advance on Uerdingen, the point of Second Lieutenant JOHNSTON'S company received intense machine gun and rifle fire from the flank. Without hesitation, Second Lieutenant JOHNSTON, who was commanding the support, led his men around the area swept by enemy fire and assaulted the hostile position. Second Lieutenant JOHNSTON'S bold decision, made in the face of heavy fire, extricated the point from its precarious situation and enabled the entire company to surge forward in a successful attack. The staunch leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant JOHNSTON reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

SALVATORE S. CHERASO, 35216366, Private First class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. With great resourcefulness and stubborn valor Private First Class CHERASO and two comrades fought off repeated German assaults on a bunker occupied by soldiers who had been wounded in the terrible fighting before Fort Jeanne D'Arc. Besides denying the bunker to powerful enemy thrusts for four days, Private First Class CHERASO and his gallant comrades efficiently administered first aid to the rest of the battered garrison. The fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class CHERASO during this terrible test reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ROBERT E. HEAPS, 37151006, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Immeldange, France. When urgently needed supplies were dropped on ground close to enemy positions, Private First Class HEAPS, with no regard for his own safety, voluntarily moved through intense small arms fire and heavy artillery shelling to retrieve and carry them to his hard-pressed unit. Private First Class HEAPS made trip after trip across the coverless terrain, repeatedly risking his life, until all the supplies were recovered. Two days later Private First Class HEAPS was wounded while transporting water to his isolated comrades in an Immeldange house. Private First Class HEAPS' fearless conduct and bold devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

HERBERT H. SCHNEIDER, 36248931, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Sergeant SCHNEIDER was advancing under intense small arms fire from Fort Plapperville when he observed two snipers firing from behind a rock pile. With a burst from his machine gun he killed both the Germans and continued his intrepid advance on the fort. Reaching a ridge which presented cover from the violent fire emanating from the fort, Sergeant SCHNEIDER shouted in German that the garrison must surrender or be exterminated. After a moment, thirty-one Germans surrendered. Sergeant SCHNEIDER'S courage and resourcefulness reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

WILBUR E. EPRIGHT, 36235032, Staff Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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III, AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600.45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 3 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LIVERETT H. FRANKLIN, 36039061, Master Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 18 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Throughout a period of great combat stress, Master Sergeant FRANKLIN displayed high courage and determination in providing his organization with a constant supply of signal communications equipment. During the battle for Metz, he personally delivered the vital supplies to the battalions while under heavy enemy shelling. Master Sergeant FRANKLIN'S fearless determination and unflinching devotion to duty while contributing outstandingly to the maintenance of an efficient communications system within the \*\*\* Infantry Regiment under difficult combat conditions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ROBERT C. BURTON, 35055441, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Staff Sergeant BURTON displayed unerring resourcefulness and high devotion to duty while completing varied and difficult assignments throughout the Metz and Saarlautern offensives. His perseverance and determination in the face of enemy fire while serving first as squad leader and later as platoon guide during the fierce fighting in which Company G participated were inspiring to his comrades and aided materially in the successful completion of his organization's missions. Staff Sergeant BURTON'S heroic leadership and great personal courage reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD C. RINEHART, 36250399, Corporal, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS, 35485956, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN C. PERLS, 36357428, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM H. WHITAKER, 38301378, Technician Third Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

HARLEY J. SEWEN, 35391006, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

VINCENT J. PTACIN JR, 36257345, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD P. WRIGHT, 01295781, First Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES N. SUTTON, 01306636, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

DONALD A. HAUPT, 33464073, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 23 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RUDOLPH J. ROEZZE, 37286180, Technician Fourth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JULIUS COOPER, 32496105, Private First Class, QMC, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CLIFFORD F. SANDERSON, 36184990, Technical Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

NORMAN M. SPONHOLZ, 36248979, Sergeant, CMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOHN J. RAFFERTY, 33478894, Sergeant, CMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN C. O'TOOLE, 31260870, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CHARLES V. FERGUSON JR, 31181900, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Ithedo Island.

HERBERT F. FELLER, 36357276, Technical Sergeant, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

SINNEY E. FRIDGEN, 36507603, Staff Sergeant, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

MISSELL E. MYERS, 35065975, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

LYNN H. DRAPER, 15097615, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

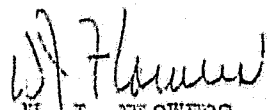
BERTHOLD SCHWETZ JR, 38031781, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

ROYAL W. WILSON, 34008096, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

ALLIE T. WLEKINSKI, 35362842, Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-75, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ARTHUR R. SCHNEIDER, 36603076, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulartern, Germany. Staff Sergeant SCHNEIDER and three of his squad were wounded and pinned to the ground by heavy machine gun fire. Ordering his comrades to remain motionless, Staff Sergeant SCHNEIDER moved painfully toward a building adjacent to the machine gun. Reaching the building, he opened fire on the crew and kept firing until all members were killed. Then he returned to his comrades and directed their removal to a place of safety. Staff Sergeant SCHNEIDER's heroic performance of duty under fire reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

NORMAN W. MALCOLM, 37423250, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Thionville, France. Under sniper, mortar and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant MALCOLM voluntarily crossed the Moselle River on the girders of a bridge, laying wire as he moved, after other methods of installing communications had failed. Although hit by enemy fire while on the bridge, Staff Sergeant MALCOLM persevered in his dangerous mission, unreeling wire over three-quarters of a mile of fire-swept terrain. The fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant MALCOLM reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

EDWARD J. MURPHY, 32759957, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Merten, France. After he had led his squad in a successful attack on enemy positions across a long, fire-raked field, Staff Sergeant MURPHY reported to his platoon command post and found that his platoon leader had been killed. Taking command, Staff Sergeant MURPHY vigorously reorganized the remnants of the battered platoon and led them fearlessly in storming a group of enemy-held buildings. The timely and courageous leadership provided by Staff Sergeant MURPHY reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

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ROGER A. HAGAN, 37287352, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Cavalry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France. After crossing the Moselle River with five LVTs to assist the First Infantry Division in Bertrange. Technical Sergeant HAGAN and his men encountered enemy mortar and machine gun fire before establishing contact with friendly elements. Technical Sergeant HAGAN immediately ordered the group to cover while he and a staff sergeant set out to discover a long-sought route into Bertrange. Although wounded by a grenade, Technical Sergeant HAGAN heroically completed his mission and successfully covered the withdrawal of one of the patrol who returned to guide the LVTs safely forward. Technical Sergeant HAGAN'S courageous and heroic leadership reflects great credit on him and is an inspiring example of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ARTHUR R. AMBLER, 37281166, Corporal, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Cavalry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, Germany. While in a fifty-seven millimeter gun position in a trench, he was struck by a mortar fire from a counter-attacking enemy tank. Corporal AMBLER was seriously wounded. Heroically refusing to permit members of his squad to withdraw from the area, Corporal AMBLER ordered the men to take cover from the mortar fire. After his squad had received cover, Corporal AMBLER stoically took his own wounds and remained where he had fallen until later evacuated after the mortar shelling subsided. Corporal AMBLER'S heroic self-sacrifice reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

WALTER E. KOKAL, ORC13718, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Artillery Battery, Cavalry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, Germany. First Lieutenant KOKAL, with one squad and a fifty-seven millimeter gun, crossed the Saar River on the night of 9 December 1944 in an attempt to capture the town defended near Esich, when guides failed to appear on the east bank of the river. First Lieutenant KOKAL personally set out to locate the command post of the company he was to support. Having almost constant shelling to cross the river, these men were enemy patrols operated. First Lieutenant KOKAL established contact with the company command post and returned to his men to guide them forward successfully to their positions. The aggressive, heroic leadership given by First Lieutenant KOKAL under heavy enemy fire reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

WILLIAM H. KREMER, 3602114, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company E, Cavalry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France, Germany. Serving during this three-month period of combat as a platoon guide and as a staff sergeant in Company E, Technical Sergeant KREMER displayed great courage and heroic leadership in the execution of his hazardous duties. Technical Sergeant KREMER heroically refused to regard for his own safety while operating wire lines under enemy mortar and small arms fire on several occasions was inspiring in his ability to maintain morale in his platoon at a consistently high level. Technical Sergeant KREMER'S gallant leadership and fearless devotion to duty throughout the operations of his organization in France and Germany reflect great credit on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD F. FIEBIGER, 37286983, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. Machine gunner, Private First Class FIEBIGER gave supporting fire to an advancing rifle company during heavy fighting in Emsdorf on 15 December 1944. Although he was subjected to intense artillery shelling and two direct hits were scored on his position, Private First Class FIEBIGER calmly continued firing, permitting the riflemen to continue their advance with a minimum of casualties. Private First Class FIEBIGER'S combat prowess reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

WALTER T. EPZEL JR, 14201011, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Atrop, Germany, with utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant EPZEL repeatedly exposed himself to German machine gun and rifle fire while directing the emplacement of his section's heavy machine guns in firing positions. Then he faultlessly directed fire on an enemy tank and on the crew of an eighty-eight millimeter gun, killing a total of five Germans in the two crews. Staff Sergeant EPZEL'S daring, aggressive leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

ADOLE W. ELLINGTON, 35332086, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Thionville, France. During an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Sergeant ELLINGTON unhesitatingly assumed command of his light machine gun section when the section sergeant was killed near Thionville on 12 November 1944. While leading one of his squads into position, Sergeant ELLINGTON himself was wounded by shrapnel. Courageously refusing to be evacuated, Sergeant ELLINGTON remained with his section until he succeeded in moving it to a position offering more protection from the thunderous barrage. Sergeant ELLINGTON'S fearless devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HENRY F. MASON, 35485741, Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Karlsruh, Germany. Placed in command of a light machine gun squad, Sergeant MASON maintained an outpost for twelve consecutive hours while under concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire. Although the men serving under him were relieved every four hours, Sergeant MASON voluntarily remained in his perilous location the entire time, materially assisting Company G in resisting the onslaught of a numerically superior enemy force. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant MASON under these trying conditions reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

SAMUEL JONES JR, 33547160, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eilsdorf, Germany. When the rear ammunition dump of the Second Battalion was struck by enemy artillery shelling, igniting white phosphorous shells and thermite grenades, Sergeant JONES and two comrades unhesitatingly entered the wrecked building to investigate. Finding the blazing shells and in-

condemned in imminent danger of setting off great quantities of high explosives, ammunition, and dynamite, the three men, disregarding the grave danger to themselves, kicked the burning shells and grenades into the streets, and extinguished them with sand. Sergeant JONES' heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

FLOID A. KANYON, 36775195, Private, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. To maintain necessary communications between company headquarters and platoon command post when his platoon was pinned down in Krefeld by intense machine gun and small arms fire, Private KANYON, a platoon runner, carried the vital messages while exposed to enemy observation and fire. Private KANYON's heroic actions enabled Company B, to outflank and drive the enemy to prepared defensive positions, thus sustaining the final drive to the Rhine River. His conspicuous devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Private KANYON and on the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

KENALD W. DAVIDSON, 37200274, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Serving as a stretcher bearer, Technician Fifth Grade DAVIDSON displayed great personal courage and determination while evacuating casualties from Fraulautern to the aid station. Unhesitatingly crossing an area under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade DAVIDSON made trip after trip from the aid station to the battle field at the risk of his own life to effect the prompt evacuation of wounded men to safety and medical treatment. The fearless devotion to duty given by Technician Fifth Grade DAVIDSON on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Kansas.

ROBERT I. COOLENS, 15303204, Private First Class, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN B. HEFFINGER, 35333201, Staff Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ROSL HIPPENSTEEL, 0328687, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

MERVIN HONTZ, 37213573, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, 37674839, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

GEORGE W. LEYSHON, 01165759, Captain, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

CLARENCE E. SCHUMAKER, 32578058, Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

HOWARD A. STROEDER, 36205227, First Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 October 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RALPH W. WELCHER, 35386570, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 1 December 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JAMES I. FINNELL, 37213239, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

STANLEY J. TOWN, 35048780, Corporal, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

NICHOLAS A. HUDZINSKI, 35333038, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

DAVID M. MAGNZA, 37083029, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

CHARLES O. JAMES, 39079319, Technical Sergeant, MD, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

JOSEPH F. ROOSHEE, W2124132, Chief Warrant Officer, AUS, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

LEONARD A. FUSCH, 16093415, Technical Sergeant, MD, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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JOSEPH P. BRADY, 01589024, Major, MC, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 2 December 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

NORMAN E. GUNDERSON, 36600931, First Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

KENNETH M. MARUM, 37020335, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JAMES F. MARQUIS, 0310615, Captain, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 19 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

STANLEY LAPACH, 32808264, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

EARL E. LEDNER, 36248116, Technical Sergeant, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

SAMFORD H. LEVI, 0540518, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL  
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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 601-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following:

ALTON L. FRISB, 35607634, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 10 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. When the soldier with whom he was walking lost his footing and slipped into a pool near Rheinhausen, Staff Sergeant FRISB, although he was unable to swim, plunged into the cold water without hesitation in a desperate attempt to rescue his comrade. At the risk of his own life Staff Sergeant FRISB persisted in his courageous endeavor until numbness forced him out of the water, he then organized a group of five men who continued to search for the missing man. Staff Sergeant FRISB'S heroism reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

DAVID G. CANNON, 02009588, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 10 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. On the night of 10 March 1945, Second Lieutenant CANNON repeatedly braved the cold water of a pool near Rheinhausen in a courageous search for a soldier who had slipped and fallen into the pool. Three times Second Lieutenant CANNON had to leave the water when his limbs became numb with cold but each time he dived again in a courageous, thorough search. Second Lieutenant CANNON'S heroism reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HAROLD J. HOFFMAN, 31412819, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 10 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. On the night of 10 March 1945 Private First Class HOFFMAN risked his life to plunge into the cold water of a pool near Rheinhausen and search thoroughly for the body of a soldier who had lost his footing and slipped into the pool. Not until the numbness of his limbs made further activity impossible did Private First Class HOFFMAN leave the water. Private First Class HOFFMAN'S heroism reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

WESLEY HODGE, 35781955, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 10 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. On the night of 10 March 1945 Private First Class HODGE risked his life to plunge into the cold water of a pool near Rheinhausen and search thoroughly for the body of a soldier who had lost his footing and slipped into the pool. Not until the numbness of his limbs made further

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activity impossible. Private First Class LONGE leaves the water. Private First Class LONGE's heroic reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF MERIT SPECIAL MERIT: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600429 as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, HQ. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

HAROLD G. ABERCROMBIE, 01312395, First Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 22 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Forward section leader, First Lieutenant ABERCROMBIE consistently braved enemy artillery and small arms fire to render close, effective support for advancing rifle companies during the Metz and Saarlautern campaigns. On one occasion, First Lieutenant ABERCROMBIE delivered a terrifying, deadly barrage which forced after only slight resistance the capitulation of a German position comprising a large barracks building in Saarlautern. The skilled leadership and devoted devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant ABERCROMBIE throughout his extended period of arduous combat reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

RAMON S. HEATLER, 33624724, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Voluntarily remaining to furnish covering fire, Staff Sergeant HEATLER maintained a single-handed defense of a block building against strong enemy pressure while his platoon withdrew to a more favorable position. Moving from window to window, firing his rifle and throwing grenades alternately, Staff Sergeant HEATLER defied the heavy concentration of machine gun and small arms fire until his comrades succeeded in establishing their defenses. Staff Sergeant HEATLER'S bold action, enabling his platoon to withdraw undetected from a precarious situation, reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

WILSON WITT, 35464124, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 and 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Staff Sergeant WITT, mortar squad leader, directed the installation of wire communications between advancing assault troops and the Second Battalion command post in the face of devastating enemy fire. Loading his wire detail over terrain on which the enemy was concentrating mortar and artillery shelling, Staff Sergeant WITT persevered heroically throughout the night at his dangerous post until more than one mile of wire was installed. Staff Sergeant WITT'S resourcefulness and great personal courage in establishing essential communications under difficult circumstances reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HAROLD E. ROHLMAN, 16177021, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bourbois Wood, France. During the attack on Bourbois Wood, Private First Class ROHLMAN advanced under intense enemy fire to intercept and concentrate shelling was constantly disrupting wire communications of Company H. For four hours, Private First Class



ROHLMAN remained in this hazardous location and repaired the lines as soon as shell fragments covered them, although the entire time he was in extreme danger. Private First Class ROHLMAN'S daring feat in maintaining unbroken communications at a critical stage of the attack inspired his comrades to even greater efforts, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

GEORGE E. FURWELL 64, 33258461, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bourlange, France. Braving continuous enemy artillery fire, Private First Class FURWELL crossed the Moselle River on 13 November 1944, to deliver desperately needed bayonets to the First Battalion, isolated in Bourlange by a powerful enemy tank and infantry counter-attack. Hoodless of the deadly mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class FURWELL cleverly slipped through enemy lines surrounding the town and succeeded in reaching the embattled friendly troops. The dogged determination and courage displayed by Private First Class FURWELL on this occasion reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE GARBER, 35486106, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarbrücken, Germany. Technical Sergeant GARBER'S staunch leadership and high personal courage were displayed on numerous occasions throughout Company B's participation in the Metz and Saarbrücken campaigns. Serving with distinction as platoon leader when the normal leader was wounded during the Moselle River crossing, Technical Sergeant GARBER organized a successful defense against a strong enemy counter-attack. Later, during fierce fighting in Fraulautern, he organized and maintained superior communications despite the fearful artillery shelling in addition to leading personally ration details over dangerously exposed terrain. His unflinching devotion to duty and courageous leadership reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant GARBER and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

LEONARD B. BOUNDS, 01297147, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 and 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Serving as communications officer for the First Battalion, First Lieutenant BOUNDS frequently exposed himself to enemy sniper fire to maintain communications between attacking elements and the battalion command post during the attack on Uerdingen. On many occasions First Lieutenant BOUNDS installed wire lines to the attacking rifle companies despite the difficulties of a highly mobile situation and the hazards of searching hostile small arms fire. First Lieutenant BOUNDS' courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

HENRY W. LEFZ, 01284907, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eisdorf, Germany. On 5 December 1944, First Lieutenant LEFZ led Company B in an offensive thrust across the Saar River. Although wounded early in the day, First Lieutenant LEFZ heroically continued directing the efforts of his men while the company was assaulting

successfully five enemy pillboxes. Only after assuring himself that the company was well organized for continuing the attack on the following morning, did First Lieutenant METZ seek medical attention. First Lieutenant METZ' resolute leadership and devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

DONALD L. TAYLOR, 35324819, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), F, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 December 1944 to 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Lindorf, Germany. On many occasions during this period Sergeant TAYLOR risked his life to keep the Second Battalion adequately supplied with ammunition. Sergeant TAYLOR crossed the flooded Moselle River with the battalion ammunition train and, although harassed by a battery mortar and sniper fire, assisted in establishing a forward ammunition dump. At Lindorf, Sergeant TAYLOR's cool courage in the face of violent enemy artillery and mortar shelling inspired his comrades to carry on under almost insupportable difficulties. Sergeant TAYLOR'S heroic performance of duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

GERALD E. BURKHOLDER, 36986502, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Searlesham-Roden, Germany. During an attack on an enemy bunker, Private First Class BURKHOLDER carried messages and ammunition under heavy enemy fire to the attacking group. When a crew member was accidentally injured during the advance of a tank destroyer to support the assault, Private First Class BURKHOLDER immediately obtained medical aid for the man and assisted in his evacuation. Finally, Private First Class BURKHOLDER intelligently assisted in emplacing the heavy explosive charge which demolished the bunker and forced its garrison to surrender. His determined personal courage under fierce enemy fire reflects great credit on Private First Class BURKHOLDER and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM J. TINKLE, 0540545, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Searlesham-Roden, Germany. Advancing fearlessly at the head of his platoon, Second Lieutenant TINKLE led his men through withering fire toward an enemy pillbox in Searlesham-Roden. Then Second Lieutenant TINKLE moved forward under the continuing fire with a squad to cover engineer soldiers emplacing explosives around the fortification. Confronted with fierce hostile cross fire from a nearby pillbox, Second Lieutenant TINKLE and his men, by their accurate rifle fire, forced the garrison to cease fire and close gun apertures, causing the engineers to detonate four beehive charges. The stunned Germans holding the fortress surrendered immediately. Second Lieutenant TINKLE'S aggressive, resourceful leadership reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

MILTON JOSEPH, 12206391, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lindorf, Germany. When one of his comrades was seriously wounded by an exploding mine during the withdrawal of a reconnaissance patrol, Private First Class JOSEPH voluntarily remained behind which another man to administer first aid. Disregarding completely the

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fierce artillery shelling, Private First Class JOSEPH and his associate dressed the casualty's wounds and then carried him over fire-swept ground to a point from which evacuation was effected. Private First Class JOSEPH'S heroic, selfless action reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

LUTHER AGNES, 34009335, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ludorf, Germany. Assuming command of the ammunition and pioneer platoon when his platoon leader was wounded in Ludorf fighting, Technical Sergeant AGNES supplied the Second Battalion's rifle companies with ammunition and supplies during critical combat operations. Organizing emergency parties, Technical Sergeant AGNES led his men nightly through intense enemy fire to the Saar River, directed the ferrying of supplies across the river and then guided the party back to the forward ammunition dump in Ludorf. The fearless and determined devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant AGNES throughout this trip, greatly contributed materially to the Second Battalion's combat success, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

PAUL A. SCHMITZER, C1265317, Captain, LF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Thionville, France. As C of the Third Battalion, Captain SCHMITZER led brilliantly two rifle companies and a heavy weapons company in a night crossing of the Moselle River by assault boat, the operation being successfully completed despite fierce enemy mortar activity and a shortage of assault boats. During the enterprise, Captain SCHMITZER personally directed the rescue of all occupants of a boat which capsized in the flooded river. Although Captain SCHMITZER was wounded by a bursting mortar shell on 13 November 1944, he heroically continued his efforts, refusing to be evacuated. His courageous, courageous leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Hawaii.

ANTHONY J. FRANCISZAK, 36501253, Staff Sergeant, CE, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROGER L. TUBBS, 37208301, Staff Sergeant, CE, Company B, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

ELAINE E. TWITCHELL, 19129216, Technician Fifth Grade, CE, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

ARTHUR E. RONDE, 36225329, Staff Sergeant, CE, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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MUNZIO RAIMONDI, 3660087, Staff Sergeant, CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WARREN F. JUNG, 36247496, Staff Sergeant, CE, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WEGEL D. LANT, 36062248, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WRIGHT E. HUNTINGTON, F3108601, CWO, USA, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 16 March 1945. Entered the military service from California.

MATTHEW J. FUCHSMANN, 36060791, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

EMERY CHRISTY, 22165160, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SUPREME H. COMPTON, 36063141, First Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDWARD E. BULLIVILLE, 35427452, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 November 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JOHN R. BELL, 0290600, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WILLIAM L. WELKE, 37202673, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM G. McCAULEY, 35725951, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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WILBUR P. LEONARD, 30026617, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

EARL L. SWINNEY, 37200844, Technician Third Grade, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

MALCOLM M. WINGFIELD, W2108608, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. FRANCE OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of 50 USC 3025, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hd. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Purple Star Medal previously awarded, a France Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

LEWIS C. ARCHAMBEAULT, 0122261, First Lieutenant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Point commander during the First Battalion's approach march toward the Rhine on 2 March 1945, First Lieutenant ARCHAMBEAULT and his group were subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire which pinned down the lead scouts. Fearlessly taking up a flank position, First Lieutenant ARCHAMBEAULT directed accurate fire on the resisting enemy installations. He then advanced under continuing small arms fire to the lead scouts and, after moving the men to a more favorable position, resolutely led his group forward once more. The firm leadership and heroic courage displayed by First Lieutenant ARCHAMBEAULT reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

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~~\* WILFRED A. GORTSON, 2917189, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sarrelautern, Germany. Driving his ammunition-laden truck across three miles of artillery-bounded road, Technician Fifth Grade GORTSON made repeated trips across the Saar River to the forward ammunition distribution point on 22 December 1944. Later, Technician Fifth Grade GORTSON was painfully wounded by shell fragments while loading his vehicle, but he completed his task and drove the truck to the distribution point before submitting to medical treatment. Technician Fifth Grade GORTSON'S fortitude and brave devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.~~

JOSEPH H. McLAUGHLIN, 12002222, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sarrelautern-Boden, Germany. While installing fire and booby traps around his outpost on the night of 20 January 1945, Private First Class McLAUGHLIN observed a heavily-armed patrol of four Germans infiltrating toward Third Battalion mortar positions. Aggressively rushing the patrol, and firing his rifle rapidly, Private First Class McLAUGHLIN so stunned the Germans that they surrendered without resistance. The bold initiative and resolute courage displayed by Private First Class McLAUGHLIN in single-handedly routing this threat to his comrades reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service.

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Entered military service from Delaware.

HAROLD DENNISON, 35391549, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 December 1944 to 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of Beiersheim, Germany. Throughout this period Staff Sergeant DENNISON led a group of regimental combat teams with such daring, resourceful leadership that superior results were invariably accomplished despite the combined difficulties of adverse weather and strong enemy resistance. On 21 December 1944, Staff Sergeant DENNISON led his men to Beiersheim and for twelve days successfully defended a strongpoint against numerous enemy onslaughts. Later, Staff Sergeant DENNISON and his scouts participated outstandingly in the assault on two hostile pillboxes. Occupying the captured bunkers for five days, the resolute group threw back several strong hostile counter-attacks on the fortifications. Staff Sergeant DENNISON'S stalwart leadership reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JAMES A. KANE, 13175242, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. During fierce Uerdingen fighting, a soldier in Company B, severely wounded, was lying in a street covered by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class KANE made his way through the heavy fire and, although carrying at the time a heavy radio, managed to bear the casualty to the safety of a nearby building. The courageous devotion to a wounded man shown by Private First Class KANE at the risk of his own life reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HERBERT F. ANDERSON, 38072436, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

LEONARD W. MORSCH, 36247429, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falck, France. When intense machine gun fire interrupted the deployment of his platoon, Technical Sergeant MORSCH raided the German position, in a railway underpass, hurling grenades which inflicted four casualties and put to rout the entire enemy outpost. His bold, single-handed action enabled Technical Sergeant MORSCH to maneuver his platoon into a vicious assault which drove an enemy platoon from the rear of a friendly company. The high order of personal courage and staunch leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant MORSCH reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LOYD E. EVERS, 34393037, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. To support riflemen in house to house fighting in Emsdorf, Staff Sergeant EVERS and his squad moved a fifty-seven millimeter gun by hand four hundred yards through intense hostile mortar and artillery shelling. Skillfully leading the group across railroad tracks covered with sweeping automatic weapons fire, Staff Sergeant EVERS successfully emplaced his gun in an advanced position and proceeded immediately to deliver highly effective supporting fire for the advancing riflemen. Staff Sergeant EVERS' staunch leadership and courageous devotion to duty reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

WILLIAM CHERNE, 37208819, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. Acting as platoon sergeant after his comrade was wounded by hostile mortar fire, Staff Sergeant CHERNE gave his platoon leader invaluable assistance when the group was ordered to withdraw across the Saar River from its Emsdorf positions. Guiding the platoon vehicles individually, Staff Sergeant CHERNE succeeded in moving the entire platoon across a large, open field raked by machine gun fire with minimum casualties. The calm heroism and resolute leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant CHERNE at this trying time reflect great credit on him and exem-

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plify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

JOHN H. EDWARDS, 0403545, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as S-1 and later as Executive Officer of the Third Battalion, Captain EDWARDS displayed high personal courage, initiative and professional ability in performing his duties throughout an arduous period of combat. Captain EDWARDS, by his resolute, decisive actions under trying conditions, facilitated materially the successful operations of the Third Battalion in offensive action against the enemy at Metz, France and in Saarlautern, Germany. His steadfast, unwavering devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Captain EDWARDS and on the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

DAVID M. VRAMESH, 37164014, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. On 17 December 1944, while leading his platoon in an attack on a group of Ensdorf houses, Staff Sergeant VRAMESH was painfully wounded by a ricocheting machine gun bullet. Refusing to seek medical aid, he intrepidly continued advancing with his men until the mission was completed. Then after supervising the evacuation of a seriously wounded man and carefully setting up a strong defensive system, Staff Sergeant VRAMESH reported to the Company K command post, where he received medical attention and was evacuated for hospitalization. Staff Sergeant VRAMESH'S steadfast, courageous devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

EARL N. LIVINGSTON, 37293013, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 29 January 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as an automatic rifleman, Private First Class LIVINGSTON performed his hazardous duties in a conspicuous, courageous, determined manner during the period from 19 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Private First Class LIVINGSTON'S superb ability and heroic devotion to duty under enemy fire, contributing invaluable support to his company throughout its participation in the Metz and Saarlautern offensives, reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

JOHN J. SONTAG, 37237762, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Lomerstroff, France. Advancing on Lomerstroff with Company E on 25 November 1944, Staff Sergeant SONTAG was painfully wounded in the fierce mortar and artillery fire blanketing the area. Disregarding his wound, he continued on, locating strategic firing positions for his sixty millimeter mortar section. Then proceeding to an observation post, Staff Sergeant SONTAG adjusted destructive fire on the enemy emplacements, allowing Company E to advance to its objective with slight casualties. Staff Sergeant SONTAG submitted to evacuation only when at the point of collapse from pain. The aggressive, devoted leadership given by Staff Sergeant SONTAG at great personal sacrifice reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.



WILLIAM F. ROCK, 35328515, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falck, France. When a German squad threatened the left flank of his fifty-seven millimeter gun position near Falck, Staff Sergeant ROCK quickly organized a group of four men and compelled the hostile force to withdraw in confusion. Later, while moving his squad forward to a new position, Staff Sergeant ROCK confronted another infiltrating enemy patrol. Aggressively combating the hostile thrust, Staff Sergeant ROCK killed one German and captured two before he was gravely wounded by rifle fire. Staff Sergeant ROCK'S gallant leadership and heroic devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ARTHUR G. LIEB, 36249605, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. With great resourcefulness and stubborn valor Sergeant LIEB and two comrades fought off repeated German assaults on a bunker occupied by soldiers who had been wounded in the terrible fighting before Fort Jeanne D'Arc. Besides denying the bunker to powerful enemy thrusts for four days, Sergeant LIEB and his gallant comrades efficiently administered first aid to the rest of the battered garrison. The fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant LIEB during this terrible test reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE E. MAYBERRY, 27360570, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Leaving the comparative safety of their basement position in a Fraulautern house being battered by a furious artillery barrage, Staff Sergeant MAYBERRY and three associates went to the aid of their platoon sergeant, lying severely wounded in a second floor room. Finding the wounded man covered with rubble, the four courageous men labored for twenty minutes under the constant shelling before succeeding in extricating him from the debris. Staff Sergeant MAYBERRY and his associates then carried the casualty to the basement where first aid was administered. Staff Sergeant MAYBERRY'S heroic, timely actions in saving the life of a comrade reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

JOHN V. FECK, 10137201, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Leaving the comparative safety of their basement position in a Fraulautern house being battered by a furious artillery barrage, Private First Class FECK and three comrades went to the aid of their platoon sergeant, lying severely wounded in a second floor room. Finding the wounded man covered with rubble, the four courageous men labored for twenty minutes under the constant shelling before succeeding in extricating him from the debris. Private First Class FECK and his associates then carried the casualty to the basement where first aid was administered. Private First Class FECK'S heroic timely actions in saving the life of a comrade reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

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HENRY T. WALL, 38675712, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Leaving the comparative safety of their basement position in a Fraulautern house being battered by a furious artillery barrage, Private First Class WALL and three comrades went to the aid of their platoon sergeant, lying severely wounded in a second floor room. Finding the wounded man covered with rubble, the four courageous men labored for twenty minutes under the constant shelling before succeeding in extricating him from the debris. Private First Class WALL and his associates then carried the casualty to the basement where first aid was administered. Private First Class WALL'S heroic, timely actions in saving the life of a comrade reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

ANGEL A. VELA, 38676013, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Leaving the comparative safety of their basement position in a Fraulautern house being battered by a furious artillery barrage, Private First Class VELA and three comrades went to the aid of their platoon sergeant, lying severely wounded in a second floor room. Finding the wounded man covered with rubble, the four courageous men labored for twenty minutes under the constant shelling before succeeding in extricating him from the debris. Private First Class VELA and his associates then carried the casualty to the basement where first aid was administered. Private First Class VELA'S heroic, timely actions in saving the life of a comrade reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

HARRY C. SMITH JR, 38076118, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rehlingen, Germany. Informed that the enemy was preparing to attempt a crossing of the Saar River near Rehlingen, Sergeant SMITH and another soldier, completely disregarding the heavy artillery fire left Company L's command post to repair wire lines to battalion headquarters. Fearlessly continuing on their mission until they had repaired the numerous breaks, Sergeant SMITH and his companion made possible the delivery of accurate artillery fire on the enemy assault boats and launching site, completely frustrating the river-crossing venture. Sergeant SMITH'S determined courage reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

WILLIAM L. SADLER, 36856671, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Rehlingen, Germany. Informed that the enemy was preparing to attempt a crossing of the Saar River near Rehlingen, Private First Class SADLER and another soldier, completely disregarding the heavy artillery fire, left Company L's command post to repair wire lines to battalion headquarters. Fearlessly continuing on their mission until they had repaired the numerous breaks, Private First Class SADLER and his companion made possible the delivery of accurate artillery fire on the enemy assault boats and launching site, completely frustrating the river-crossing venture. Private First Class SADLER'S determined courage reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CLARENCE E. KLINGENSMITH, 37322335, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Buzance, France. On 13 November 1944 Private First Class KLINGENSMITH crossed the Moselle River near Uckange to carry desperately needed ammunition to the First Battalion, surrounded by counter-attacking enemy infantry and armor. Although the approaches to the town were covered by incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class KLINGENSMITH courageously slipped through enemy lines to deliver six rounds of bazooka ammunition to the embattled troops. Private First Class KLINGENSMITH'S actions, heroic and meritorious, reflect distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

ROBERT D. LADSON, 35729525, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Falt, Holland. A member of the scout party for an assault patrol into enemy lines across the Meas River, Private First Class LADSON rendered effective first aid to comrades seriously wounded by exploding mines. Although wounded himself in the intense mortar and machine gun fire which followed the explosion of the mines, Private First Class LADSON unhesitatingly entered the mine field and under hazardous circumstances administered treatment to the patrol leader and several other men. His prompt, fearless action at the risk of his own life reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ROY L. GODFREY, 37285687, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 and 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Private First Class GODFREY was a member of the wire detail which on the night of 15 and 16 November 1944 installed communication lines between assault troops and the Second Battalion in the face of devastating enemy fire near Metz. Advancing over terrain covered by fierce concentrations of mortar and artillery shelling, Private First Class GODFREY persevered heroically throughout the night at his dangerous task until more than a mile of wire was laid. Private First Class GODFREY'S great personal courage and unswerving determination in assisting in the installation of essential communications under difficult circumstances reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN F. KLAGEB, 11009805, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 and 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Staff Sergeant KLAGEB was a member of the wire detail which on the night of 15 and 16 November 1944 installed communications lines between assault troops and the Second Battalion in the face of devastating enemy fire near Metz. Advancing over terrain covered by fierce concentrations of mortar and artillery shelling, Staff Sergeant KLAGEB persevered heroically throughout the night at his dangerous task until more than a mile of wire was laid. Staff Sergeant KLAGEB'S great personal courage and unswerving determination in assisting in the installation of essential communications under difficult circumstances reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ALBERT C. GOGUEN, 31454703, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JOHN M. BECKER, 01301764, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Hawaii.

LEWIS A. GOTTLIEB, 66600150, First Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE A. HOLLAND JR., 20901062, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

GEORGE C. JOHNSON, 34441277, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

MELVIN P. REINS, 36184243, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

AL W. SCHAUER, 36249596, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOHN T. SHAW, 36509752, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

MAX LITCO, 36247204, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JAMES H. BOREN, 37208119, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

A. C. BREMELING, 36600466, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ERVIN J. RIESENBERG, 37228462, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military  
service from Minnesota.

ROLAND C. GRANTER, 36061015, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military  
service from Illinois.

EDWARD D. SMELL, 35262242, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military  
service from Indiana.

BUILD CUSHAW, 34374924, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military  
service from Tennessee.

JAMES J. RYAN, 36371398, Staff Sergeant, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps  
Detachment, (Attached this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection  
with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945.  
Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES VAN FORT, 0322800, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artil-  
lery Battalion, (Special Headquarters 95th Infantry Division), for meritorious  
service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October  
1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

DON PELAGE, 36502301, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regi-  
ment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the  
enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from  
Illinois.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSTON, 36357525, Technician Third Grade, Med Det, Medical  
Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with mili-  
tary operations, from 14 November 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military  
service from Illinois.

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SECTION I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION IV - RESCISSION

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

LAWRENCE W. LAMBE, 36359453, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Acting as platoon leader during an assault on enemy positions in Saarlautern-Roden, Technical Sergeant LAMBE led his platoon across a field three hundred yards wide to capture the objective. Setting a rapid pace, he advanced at the head of the group and reached a point half-way across the open area before grazing, inter-locking machine gun fire and mortar shelling slowed his men's progress dangerously. Then shouting words of encouragement, Technical Sergeant LAMBE rallied the platoon at this critical point and the advance continued, overrunning the enemy positions. Technical Sergeant LAMBE was killed in action on 13 December 1944. His gallant leadership and superb heroism reflect lasting honor on Technical Sergeant LAMBE and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

LOUIS S. BESENYEI, 35655448, Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Fighting in Saarlautern-Roden, Sergeant BESENYEI'S platoon was subjected to sweeping fire from an enemy pillbox. Quickly leading his men toward a group of buildings nearby, Sergeant BESENYEI took up a position at an opening in the fence surrounding the houses and remained completely exposed to the merciless fire until he directed all his comrades to cover. Sergeant BESENYEI was killed in action on 12 December 1944. His gallant, timely action in risking his life to facilitate the movement of his platoon from a precarious situation reflects lasting honor on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

CHARLES B. EASTRIDGE, 37740149, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. During a counter-attack at Fraulautern, enemy troops emplaced a machine gun twenty-five yards from our bridgehead. To eliminate this close threat, Private First Class EASTRIDGE advanced toward the German position, exposing himself fearlessly to machine gun and bazooka fire. Moving boldly within range of the German machine gun, Private First Class EASTRIDGE fired

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rifle grenades which knocked out the enemy weapon. In this action Private First Class EASTRIDGE was wounded, but he returned to the battle to further display his exceptional courage by repairing a vital communication line under fire. Private First Class EASTRIDGE'S fortitude and devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

HAROLD A. GOETSCH, 36247489, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Driving his ammunition-laden truck across three miles of artillery-pounded road, Technician Fifth Grade GOETSCH made repeated trips across the Saar River to the forward ammunition distribution point on 22 December 1944. Later, Technician Fifth Grade GOETSCH was painfully wounded by shell fragments while loading his vehicle, but he completed his task and drove the truck to the distribution point before submitting to medical treatment. Technician Fifth Grade GOETSCH'S fortitude and brave devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HARVE C. ANDERSON JR., 22812256, Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In fierce action at Fraulautern, intense machine gun fire contained Sergeant ANDERSON'S squad in a captured pillbox. To locate the source of the enemy fire, Sergeant ANDERSON and another soldier left the pillbox and crawled across a fire-swept field until they came upon a second pillbox, in which the hostile machine gun was emplaced. Returning across the coverless terrain, Sergeant ANDERSON and his comrade reported the position of the German-held pillbox, thereby making possible its prompt reduction by artillery. The intrepid initiative displayed by Sergeant ANDERSON is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. BOYER, 37486220, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In fierce action at Fraulautern, intense machine gun fire contained Private First Class BOYER'S squad in a captured pillbox. To locate the source of the enemy fire, Private First Class BOYER and another soldier left the pillbox and crawled across a fire-swept field until they came upon a second pillbox, in which the hostile machine gun was emplaced. Returning across the coverless terrain, Private First Class BOYER and his comrade reported the position of the German-held pillbox, thereby making possible its prompt reduction by artillery. The intrepid initiative displayed by Private First Class BOYER is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from North Dakota.

HARRY M. DENISON, 34812617, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In the face of artillery and mortar fire directed by the garrison of a pillbox,

Private First Class DENSON, and five comrades, advanced fearlessly across a coverless field to reduce the German fortification. Reaching the blind side of the objective, Private First Class DENSON and his comrades placed a demolition charge in the doorway. Following the explosion, Private First Class DENSON'S group rushed into the pillbox and destroyed the communications with the enemy's supporting artillery. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class DENSON reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

ALFRED ASHMORE, 25079382, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frauleutern, Germany. In the face of artillery and mortar fire directed by the garrison of a pillbox, Private First Class ASHMORE, and five comrades, advanced fearlessly across a coverless field to reduce the German fortification. Reaching the blind side of the objective, Private First Class ASHMORE and his comrades placed a demolition charge in the doorway. Following the explosion, Private First Class ASHMORE'S group rushed into the pillbox and destroyed the communications with the enemy's supporting artillery. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class ASHMORE reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JOHN T. RILEY, 21078216, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frauleutern, Germany. In the face of artillery and mortar fire directed by the garrison of a pillbox, Private First Class RILEY, and five comrades, advanced fearlessly across a coverless field to reduce the German fortification. Reaching the blind side of the objective, Private First Class RILEY and his comrades placed a demolition charge in the doorway. Following the explosion, Private First Class RILEY'S group rushed into the pillbox and destroyed the communications with the enemy's supporting artillery. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class RILEY reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT D. HUNNIGH, 30160351, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frauleutern, Germany. In the face of artillery and mortar fire directed by the garrison of a pillbox, Private First Class HUNNIGH, and five comrades, advanced fearlessly across a coverless field to reduce the German fortification. Reaching the blind side of the objective, Private First Class HUNNIGH and his comrades placed a demolition charge in the doorway. Following the explosion, Private First Class HUNNIGH'S group rushed into the pillbox and destroyed the communications with the enemy's supporting artillery. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class HUNNIGH reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

GAYLAND J. MERRILL, 39902553, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frauleutern, Germany. Private First Class MERRILL and eight other soldiers were on guard at an outpost



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on the outskirts of Freulautern when a strong enemy force counter-attacked and succeeded in setting up a machine gun which threatened the entire group with destruction. Disdaining the futility of fire, Private First Class MERRILL heroically delivered automatic rifle fire on the machine gun position while directly exposed to enemy observation, silencing the weapon and forcing the hostile troops to withdraw. Private First Class MERRILL'S courageous, determined perseverance reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

FRANK L. SCHMIDT, 15303049, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When an enemy patrol seized a tunnel leading into the buildings occupied by a platoon of Company B in Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class SCHMIDT volunteered to attempt to clear out the hostile soldiers. Armed with his automatic rifle and hand grenades, Private First Class SCHMIDT raced to the entrance to the underground passage and threw two grenades inside. Then intrepidly entering after the grenades exploded, he captured two stunned Germans and eliminated the menace to his platoon's security. Private First Class SCHMIDT'S great personal courage and determination reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

CHARLES E. ARMSTRONG, 35551210, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. When a heavy enfilade of machine gun and rifle fire pinned to the ground the platoon which led his company's advance on the Rhine, Private First Class ARMSTRONG, company scout, exposed himself to the enemy in order to deliver base fire and to draw fire on himself. Private First Class ARMSTRONG'S heroic action enabled the platoon to maneuver onto the enemy's flank and fire effectively. The courage and skill displayed by Private First Class ARMSTRONG reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

IV. RESCISSION: So much of Section III, General Orders, Number 76, this Headquarters, dated 5 April 1945, as pertains to "HAROLD A. GOETSCH, 36247489, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment" is hereby rescinded.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

WILLIAM B. PAGE, 0342195, Captain, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. Spearheading the Third Battalion's advance on the Uerdingen bridge, Captain PAGE'S company encountered heavy artillery and intense machine gun fire from pillboxes guarding the western approach. Casualties were sustained as the enemy delivered terrible fire from positions entrenched in a railway embankment. In the critical situation, Captain PAGE went to the foremost element of his company where, fearlessly exposed to hostile fire, he reorganized his men and vigorously led them in an assault on the German strong point. In fierce fighting, Company K, inspired by Captain PAGE'S gallant leadership, overpowered savage resistance and seized the western terminal of the bridge. The bold, staunch leadership given by Captain PAGE reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

LEROY M. ZANGER, 37293483, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Throughout the combat operations in which his unit was engaged, from 18 October 1944 to 4 December 1944, Private First Class ZANGER performed his duty with heroic fearlessness and perseverance. At Hannibois Wood, Metz, Boulay, Guislingen and Kerprich Hemmerdorn, his bold conduct in offensive action inspired his comrades with high courage and confidence. Private First Class ZANGER died of wounds received in action, on 4 December 1944. His complete devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

OGLE N. BIGKNIFE JR, 18108233, Sergeant (Then Private), INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. In the attack on Saarlautern-Roden, assault-elements of Sergeant BIGKNIFE'S company were arrested by a sudden concentration of machine gun fire. After keen, careful observation Sergeant BIGKNIFE located the concealed hostile emplacement. Then, disdainng the withering fire, he crossed coverless ground to a friendly machine gun position where he assisted the gunner in silencing the German

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weapon. Sergeant BICKNITE died of wounds received in action, on 23 December 1944. The fortitude and initiative which he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and they reflect lasting honor on Sergeant BICKNITE. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

CHARLES D. STAFFORD, 33377360, Technician Fourth Grade (Then Technician Fifth Grade), FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Malo, France. During a fierce counter battery fire fight at St. Malo, the building occupied by members of Technician Fourth Grade STAFFORD'S platoon was wrecked by enemy shelling. With no regard for his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade STAFFORD evacuated two wounded, shocked comrades from the basement while the shelling continued and transported them to the rear. Technician Fourth Grade STAFFORD'S heroic deed reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

EARNEST F. BYARS, 18171689, Corporal, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 July 1944, in Normandy, France. Learning command of a three-inch towed gun when his commanding officer was wounded in a fierce fire fight with hostile tanks, Corporal BYARS took an exposed position and directed the firing with poised skill and high courage. Although wounded by enemy mortar fire and disabled by the muzzle blast of his own gun, Corporal BYARS inspired his crew to continue its effective action until the German armor was compelled to withdraw. His bold initiative under heavy fire reflects great credit on Corporal BYARS and on the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

RICHARD T. MICHAEL, 33227662, Sergeant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bas Koontz, Luxembourg. Gun commander, Sergeant MICHAEL and his platoon were on a direct fire mission on 3 November 1944 when violent hostile artillery shelling forced the group to withdraw. Sergeant MICHAEL intrepidly guided his vehicle, gun and crew through the continuous fire to safety and then returned over the hazardous route to assist in the evacuation of casualties suffered by another gun crew of the platoon. Sergeant MICHAEL'S calm courage and able leadership, displayed under the most trying conditions, reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

RUFFIN E. DUFFRE, 38375804, Corporal, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bas Koontz, Luxembourg. In the midst of a German artillery barrage, Corporal DUFFRE risked his life to evacuate eight wounded comrades from a gun position which had received a direct hit. Corporal DUFFRE'S fearless devotion to the lives of his comrades reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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CLIFTON C. PUTNAM, 01322622, First Lieutenant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Savant, France. When fifty German paratroopers, determined to avenge the devastation wreaked by First Lieutenant PUTNAM'S platoon on the preceding day, attacked at dawn, First Lieutenant PUTNAM calmly and vigorously led his men in routing the hostile force. Thirty-nine of the Germans were killed. The eleven who survived were captured. First Lieutenant PUTNAM'S brilliant direction of the defense of his platoon's position reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOSEPH R. STEINMETZ, 36770712, Private First Class, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bas Korkiz, France. When a gun crew that had been adjacent to his own was accurately shelled by enemy artillery, Private First Class STEINMETZ entered the heavy barrage and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. Although his own crew had been moved from the area, Private First Class STEINMETZ remained under the continuous shelling until all casualties were evacuated. His heroic conduct reflects great credit on Private First Class STEINMETZ and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WEGAR FIRESTONE, 38292300, Private First Class, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 August 1944, in Normandy, France. Private First Class FIRESTONE displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty when a half-track loaded with ammunition was left burning by the strike of enemy mortar shells. Ignoring the danger attending his action, Private First Class FIRESTONE extinguished the fire by himself, thereby saving personnel in the area from injury and saving the vehicle from destruction. Private First Class FIRESTONE'S intrepid feat reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

CLIFTON B. JACKSON, 33389976, Private First Class, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Savant, France. On 8 August 1944, Private First Class JACKSON'S platoon was attacked by powerful enemy forces which threatened to outflank the security outposts and overrun the three-inch gun positions near St. Savant. Private First Class JACKSON, a rifleman in a security section on the platoon's left flank, braved intense machine gun and mortar fire to maneuver himself into position where his skilled marksmanship assisted greatly in repelling the enemy attack. Private First Class FIRESTONE'S outstanding skill and high personal courage reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

JAMES J. CONIGLIO, 20254371, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Savant, France. While his platoon was supporting the infantry's attack near St. Savant on 8 August 1944, Staff Sergeant CONIGLIO exposed himself to heavy counter-battery shelling to direct and coordinate the fire of the guns under his command. Moving from one gun position to another with complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant CONIGLIO succeeded in destroying the enemy guns confronting his platoon. His aggressive, staunch leadership under enemy fire is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant CONIGLIO. Entered military service from New York.

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ROBERT D. HOWLETT, 01822144, First Lieutenant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Malo, France. After directing the emplacement of his platoon's guns, First Lieutenant HOWLETT selected an observation post in a building where he could closely coordinate the firing of his weapons with the infantry attack. Twice enemy coastal guns scored hits on the building, but First Lieutenant HOWLETT refused to move to a safer, less effective position. First Lieutenant HOWLETT'S skillful, fearless performance of duty contributed substantially to the success achieved in the action at St. Malo, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

CHARLES A. JOHNSTONE, 01821575, First Lieutenant, FA, Company C, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 August 1944 to 18 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Malo, France. Throughout the violent action against a strongly-emplaced enemy at St. Malo during the period 8 August 1944 to 18 August 1944, First Lieutenant JOHNSTONE distinguished himself by his bold, aggressive leadership. Inspiring the men serving under him to withstand heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, First Lieutenant JOHNSTONE and his platoon destroyed hostile fortifications around the city, enabling the infantry to advance and route the German garrison. His heroic, unwavering devotion to duty at a time of great combat stress exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on First Lieutenant JOHNSTONE. Entered military service from California.

JOSEPH A. IACANGELLO, 33198159, Corporal (Then Private First Class), FA, Company A, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 July 1944, in Normandy, France. Serving with a platoon supporting infantry operations in Normandy on 9 July 1944, Corporal IACANGELLO voluntarily collected ammunition to replenish the supply of an infantry rocket team. Then boldly making his way out into the intense mortar and small arms fire covering the area, Corporal IACANGELLO carried the vital ammunition across an open field to the infantrymen. Corporal IACANGELLO'S gallant, timely actions on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

EUGENE CHADWELL, 33213859, Technician Fourth Grade (Then Technician Fifth Grade), FA, Company C, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Malo, France. Technician Fourth Grade CHADWELL displayed heroic courage and devotion to duty when a half-track laden with shells and anti-tank mines caught fire when hit by enemy artillery fire on 10 August 1944 near St. Malo. Boldly leaving the cover of a foxhole, Technician Fourth Grade CHADWELL extinguished the blaze under the fierce artillery shelling, saving personnel in the area from injury and preventing the destruction of the vehicle. His intrepid conduct at the risk of his life reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

EMILE F. RAYMOND, 11009847, Technician Third Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT E. MIKELSEN, 17040156, Technician Fifth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

STEPHEN MAGILLI, 36060737, Sergeant, OMC, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH F. BAUER, 36060851, Sergeant, OMC, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

MILTON B. WHITE, 31208931, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

SAMUEL H. RALAPATE, 32583415, Corporal, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

ADOLPH A. KUPF, 36351752, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ARCHIE M. MC WILLAN, 34393298, Corporal, CMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

ARTHUR I. FAGERHOLT, 37287516, Sergeant, CMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

CURTIS J. WOJCIK, 36249721, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

VERNON L. SWANSON, 17078250, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

EARNEST L. CCOFER, 35716693, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

REID MC DONALD, 15338614, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 and 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

EARL F. WILSON, 38065579, Technical Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

PETER J. BOILMAN, 36353559, First Sergeant, CE, Company A, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ARTHUR J. HONOHAN, 30254402, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

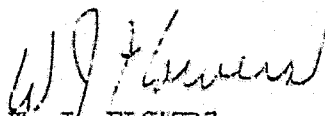
FRANK H. CADEZ, 01295170, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LEON MORIN, W2108609, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL  
SECTION III - AMENDMENT

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

MARSHALL D. DRETFERY, 34131745, Sergeant, INF, (Armored), Company C, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 July 1944 to 8 February 1945, in France and Germany. Participating as a tank commander in every major action fought by his company during the period 13 July 1944 to 8 February 1945, Sergeant DRETFERY completed his assigned missions with notable success. When the seventy-five millimeter gun on his tank jammed after he led the attack into Grosshau, Germany on 28 November 1944, Sergeant DRETFERY fearlessly attempted to repair the gun under heavy mortar and small arms fire. Failing, he continued with only a machine gun functioning. On 5 December 1944, Sergeant DRETFERY made three heroic trips over terrain completely exposed to enemy observation and fire, evacuating the casualties suffered while attacking Vossenack, Germany. Sergeant DRETFERY'S staunch leadership and unflinching courage reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

PAUL J. AMANN, 36078069, Staff Sergeant, INF, (Armored), Company C, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 July 1944 to 1 March 1945, in France and Germany. Displaying keen judgment and aggressive leadership as a tank commander during the St. Malo, Erast and Hurtgen actions, Staff Sergeant AMANN continued to act with outstanding courage and forcefulness after becoming platoon sergeant. At Wolfgantzen, France, on 4 February 1945, Staff Sergeant AMANN observed the enemy moving in to attack. In the absence of his platoon leader, he immediately launched a counter-attack so fiercely effective that the hostile force, completely disorganized by Staff Sergeant AMANN'S devastating fire, was forced to flee. His courageous, determined initiative and vigorous leadership exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant AMANN. Entered military service from Illinois.

LEO I. BLACK, 31427134, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. On the night of 28 November 1944 while fighting in St. Barbara was desperate and his platoon's situation extremely critical, Private First Class BLACK was on guard in a house surrounded by enemy troops. Bravely remaining at his perilous post throughout the night, Private First Class BLACK repeatedly dispersed enemy formations threatening the building by hurling grenades into their midst. Private First Class BLACK'S intrepid, devoted actions in holding off numerically superior hostile forces until the situation was relieved reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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LEO J. LESNIAK, 31411123, Corporal, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Courageously and diligently assisting in the maintenance of superior communications, Corporal LESNIAK contributed materially to the success of Company A. guarding the approaches to the vital Saarlautern bridge during the period from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Corporal LESNIAK in addition to repairing wire lines disrupted under the continuous artillery barrages rounding the bridge-head, made numerous, hazardous trips to company outposts to deliver messages and orders. His courageous, eager devotion to duty under enemy fire reflects distinct credit on Corporal LESNIAK and on the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

JAMES L. KING JR, 39695428, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Private First Class KING acted with great personal courage while assisting his platoon repulse a serious enemy infiltration in Fraulautern on the night of 19 January 1945. Setting up his automatic rifle thirty yards from an enemy machine gun nest whose steady, withering fire defended the advanced enemy position, Private First Class KING neutralized the hostile weapon, permitting the platoon to move forward and wipe out the hostile elements. Private First Class KING'S heroic deed reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

MICHAEL J. JANSKY, 36356446, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 14 March 1945, in France and Germany. During a period of intense combat activity, Technician Fifth Grade JANSKY exposed himself to enemy fire constantly while serving as a driver for Company B. On one occasion near St Barbara, Germany, he moved a fifty-seven millimeter gun into position by hand since intense hostile fire denied use of a towing vehicle. Then noticing a seriously wounded comrade lying in the road, Technician Fifth Grade JANSKY quickly administered first aid and drove the wounded man to an aid station through continuous tank and machine gun fire. Technician Fifth Grade JANSKY'S fearless, heroic actions in delivering supplies and ammunition to his company at great personal risk reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

KENNETH L. FOX, 36247314, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Leading a ration detail to supply soldiers holding an outpost of Company C, Sergeant FOX directed the group over dangerous, fire-swept terrain with calm, superior judgment and courage. Undaunted by heavy concentrations of enemy fire, Sergeant FOX led his men safely through mazes of barbed wire to deliver the rations to the outpost and return to Company C's command post without a casualty. His gallant leadership and cool courage in completing this difficult, hazardous mission exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Sergeant FOX. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MERLE J. MOYER, 39336982, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. For three hours Private First Class MOYER repaired wire lines to artillery liaison officers when communications were disrupted by severe enemy shelling.

Braving violent artillery and mortar fire throughout the entire time and forced on several occasions to inch his way through shallow ditches in order to service the lines, Private First Class MOYER doggedly continued his efforts until communications were restored. Private First Class MOYER'S resourceful, heroic devotion to duty in maintaining essential communications at the risk of his life reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

MICHAEL HAYDEN, 32920914, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarautern, Germany. For three hours Private First Class HAYDEN repaired wire lines to auxiliary liaison officers when communications were disrupted by severe enemy shelling. Braving violent artillery and mortar fire throughout the entire time and forced on several occasions to inch his way through shallow ditches in order to service the lines, Private First Class HAYDEN doggedly continued his efforts until communications were restored. Private First Class HAYDEN'S resourceful, heroic devotion to duty in maintaining essential communications at the risk of his life reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES O. DUNLAP, 35215848, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Under fierce enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade DUNLAP, radio operator with a forward observer team, remained fearlessly at his post while maintaining constant communications with gun positions. His untiring efforts and superb performance of duty under intense hostile fire enabled the forward observer party to deliver effective artillery support at all times, reflecting high credit on Technician Fifth Grade DUNLAP and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN A. PAZLAR, 37206521, Corporal, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945 while Battery A participated in momentous combat operations in France and Germany, Corporal PAZLAR displayed high courage and perseverance in the performance of his duties as wire corporal. On several occasions Corporal PAZLAR under enemy artillery fire installed and repaired wire lines which were essential for the delivery of timely shelling on enemy concentrations and emplacements. His outstanding technical skill and courageous actions, contributing greatly to the high standard of wire communications maintained by Battery A, reflect distinct credit on Corporal PAZLAR and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

ALEX J. SASS, 36507806, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Technician Fourth Grade SASS assisted in moving two heavily-laden trucks into Saarlautern under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring the barrage, Technician Fourth Grade SASS helped unload the vital cargo at the forward distribution point while fierce fighting still raged in nearby buildings. Technician Fourth Grade SASS' determined, courageous actions in making available adequate ammunition supplies to troops holding the Saarlautern bridgehead reflect

great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOSEPH E. ALBRECHT, 36227331, Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. To supply ammunition to the First Battalion, fighting to hold the Saarlautern bridgehead, Sergeant ALBRECHT assisted in moving two heavily-laden trucks into Saarlautern under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring the barrage, Sergeant ALBRECHT helped unload the vital cargo at the forward distribution point while fierce fighting still raged in nearby buildings. Sergeant ALBRECHT'S determined, courageous actions in making available adequate ammunition supplies to troops holding the Saarlautern bridgehead reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RICHARD E. LINDEN, 34600086, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 4 December 1944, Staff Sergeant LINDEN boldly led a combat patrol through Saarlautern to clear the main supply route to front line troops holding the eastern sector of the city. Deploying his men on both sides of the street, Staff Sergeant LINDEN made a thorough, fearless search of all buildings along the route, capturing four snipers in a single building in the heart of the city. Staff Sergeant LINDEN'S staunch, aggressive leadership in accomplishing a vital mission for his company reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

BERNARD J. MONCHARSH, 12113875, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When heavy small arms fire centered on Company B's command post in Saarlautern-Roden, Sergeant MONCHARSH was at his post, maintaining radio communications with battalion headquarters. Steadfastly remaining despite the great personal hazards, Sergeant MONCHARSH was wounded when a hostile tank fired into his first-floor position. Despite his grievous wounds, Sergeant MONCHARSH strove valiantly to repair the damaged radio before he was evacuated to the battalion aid station. His heroic actions at an extremely difficult time exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Sergeant MONCHARSH. Entered military service from New York.

WAYNE B. LARSEN, 39900762, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. A member of the Second Battalion wire section, Sergeant LARSEN assisted valiantly in installing and maintaining wire communications within the battalion during the battle for the Saarlautern bridge and in the bitter fighting which followed. Called on time after time to lay telephone lines to forward elements, Sergeant LARSEN courageously went out into the almost constant mortar and artillery barrages pounding the battalion sector and accomplished his missions in an invariably superior manner. The persevering, heroic devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant LARSEN under trying circumstances reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

JACK R. GARRISON, 33533084, Sergeant, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment, (Attached this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

CHARLES L. HOLDEN, 39021564, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

HOWARD C. GOWLES, 15124761, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty, this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HARRY KNOX, 33244484, Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ELMER MOSSER, 36062242, Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WENDRILL K. COLES, 37421029, Technical Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

REUBEN T. PEARSON, 39285218, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

CUF L. BURNER, 37506404, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FRANCIS E. SAFARIK, 36954833, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDMUND D. WHITE, 0300037, Major, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

MERRITT F. NELSON, 37292882, Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following:

DOMINICK J. KOZLOFSKI, 36201926, First Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

THEODORE F. GIANAS, 01176028, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Entered military service from Illinois.

ANTHONY D. METROCELLI, 32540129, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jeanne D'Arc, France. Entered military service from New York.

III. AMENDMENT: So much of General Orders, Number 60, this Headquarters, dated 17 March 1944, awarding a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, as reads, "Service Battery, 360th Field Artillery Battalion", is amended to read, "Service Battery and Medical Detachment, 360th Field Artillery Battalion".

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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SECTION I - AWARD, MISSING IN ACTION, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

I. AWARD MISSING IN ACTION, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

DONALD E. PARIS, 15105809, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When Second Battalion elements were cut off during the assault on Metz, Staff Sergeant PARIS and ten men, holding a bunker near Leipzig Farm, served as forward outpost for the isolated forces. Suffering a foot wound, Staff Sergeant PARIS nevertheless remained for five days, vigilantly alert to any hostile move. On 19 November 1944, Staff Sergeant PARIS crawled two hundred and fifty yards to report to the battalion commander, occupying a second bunker. Still refusing medical evacuation, Staff Sergeant PARIS was last seen intrepidly returning to his comrades in their forward position. His steadfast, courageous devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on Staff Sergeant PARIS and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

CARL H. HANSON, 37294868, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. While guarding a bunker occupied by his platoon on the morning of 4 December 1944, Staff Sergeant HANSON fearlessly repulsed a hostile machine gun squad. Covered by a dense fog, the enemy group advanced to within thirty yards of the bunker and opened point blank fire. Staff Sergeant HANSON stood calmly in the vicious enfilade and fired several accurately aimed rifle grenades, silencing the machine gun and killing five Germans. The survivors withdrew in hasty confusion, leaving their weapon. Staff Sergeant HANSON'S valiant action reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FRANZ J. ROSENSTERN, 36612405, Technician Third Grade, INF, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (Attached, this Headquarters), for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Schaffhausen, Germany. Technician Third Grade ROSENSTERN, assigned to the Second Battalion as an interrogator of German prisoners, displayed heroic, determined courage while assisting in controlling and evacuating eighty-three enemy prisoners brought to the battalion command post during an artillery barrage on 1 January 1945. Seeing that guards

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were having great difficulty with the frightened Germans, Technician Third Grade ROSENSTERN voluntarily exposed himself to the violent shelling to restore order. Although hit by shrapnel, he courageously returned after receiving first aid to complete the evacuation of the panic-stricken prisoners. Technician Third Grade ROSENSTERN'S heroic tenacity of purpose reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FRED A. STERN, 32617150, Technician Third Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ERVIN G. RENN, 31410747, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

HARRY E. HUTCHINS, 31240032, Private First Class, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Vermont.

JOHN A. WEBER, 36060611, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

EUGENE L. JONES, 37213113, Private First Class, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following Officer for wounds received in action in Germany on 6 April 1945.

JAMES G. CASTLE, 01019200, First Lieutenant, INF, 95th Counter-Intelligence Detachment, (Attached this Headquarters).

By command of Major General TWADDLE:

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

LAWRENCE FAIR JR, 35411289, Private, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Yutz, France. During the attack on Fort Yutz on 17 November 1944, Private FAIR was moving his light machine gun to a new position while under extremely heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. As he advanced, he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. Valiantly struggling forward despite his grievous wound, Private FAIR with supreme determination set up his weapon before expiring. His valorous, unswerving devotion to duty, inspiring to all his comrades at this critical time, reflects lasting honor on Private FAIR and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

MARK D. DOYLE, 36356490, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Yutz, France. Leading his platoon forward in the face of fierce enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, during bitter fighting near Fort Yutz, on 18 November 1944, Technical Sergeant DOYLE observed that the forward scout had been hit by a sniper's bullet and was lying completely exposed to the enemy's merciless fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technical Sergeant DOYLE fearlessly went to the aid of the fallen scout. Reaching the wounded man, Technical Sergeant DOYLE was bearing him back to safety when he himself was fatally hit by sniper fire. Technical Sergeant DOYLE'S superb gallantry and devotion to a wounded comrade reflects lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD J. HOSCHAR, 37449196, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Moving toward the Rhine River through the streets of Uerdingen, on 4 March 1945, Technical Sergeant HOSCHAR'S platoon was fired on heavily by a German machine gun, forcing the men to halt and seek cover. Fearlessly advancing although his rifle was hopelessly jammed, Technical Sergeant HOSCHAR approached the enemy gun position. Their courage shattered by his intrepid advance, the German gun crew hastily surrendered to Technical Sergeant HOSCHAR, and his platoon once more moved forward until it secured its objective at the river's edge. Technical Sergeant HOSCHAR was killed in action on 10 March 1945. The superb heroism displayed by Technical Sergeant HOSCHAR reflects lasting

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honor on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600 45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

CURVIE R. DOBY, 34433297, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Morten, France. Although wounded himself and handicapped by heavy casualties in his squad, Staff Sergeant DOBY continued to lead his comrades in a relentless assault against a brutally-defended German strongpoint. Under Staff Sergeant DOBY'S determined leadership, his squad stormed the enemy position and knocked out a machine gun. The gallant leadership given by Staff Sergeant DOBY reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

EDWARD M. BISHOP, 01206081, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Schaffhausen, Germany. In the face of concentrated enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, First Lieutenant BISHOP staunchly led his rifle company against strong German positions in Schaffhausen. The town was entered in darkness and it was largely through First Lieutenant BISHOP'S bold personal actions that contact was established and maintained between the assaulting platoons. The fearless and skillful leadership given by him on this occasion reflects great credit on First Lieutenant BISHOP and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

THURMON R. WYATT SR, 01309191, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Learning that his company commander had been wounded in the assault on Fort St Julian, First Lieutenant WYATT unhesitatingly took command while the battle was at its peak. Disdaining fierce enemy machine gun and sniper fire, he ascertained by daring personal reconnaissance the exact disposition of hostile forces. After a quick reorganization, First Lieutenant WYATT pressed the attack relentlessly until his company had taken its objective. His resolute, fearless leadership and high courage under enemy fire reflect great credit on First Lieutenant WYATT and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

SYLVESTER T. PASQUARETTE, 33682406, Technical Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. When heavy crossfire from enemy machine guns interrupted an attack on a German pillbox, Technical Sergeant PASQUARETTE promptly and vigorously reorganized the assaulting force and led it intrepidly to the objective. Seizing the stoutly-defended fortification, Technical Sergeant PASQUARETTE'S men killed two of the enemy and captured six. After the wounded had been evacuated, Technical Sergeant PASQUARETTE held the pillbox with great courage and tenacity when the enemy counter-attack came. The timely, bold leadership given by Technical Sergeant PASQUARETTE reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GLENN A. BROWN, 35316002, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdungen, Germany. In the attack on Verdungen by Company B, Staff Sergeant BROWN, a platoon guide, ran from building to building through a street swept by hostile machine gun fire while reorganizing two rifle squads to resist a heavily armed, numerically superior enemy force. Then braving enemy bazooka, mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant BROWN directed his men's efforts from a third-story window, personally destroying a horse-drawn eighty-eight millimeter gun and five Germans while the two squads were accounting for an enemy jeep and a large number of hostile soldiers. Staff Sergeant BROWN'S staunch leadership and brilliant skill in combat reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES E. O'SHAUGHNESSY, 37601313, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdungen, Germany. Advancing through a Verdungen street with his radio strapped on his back, Sergeant O'SHAUGHNESSY, Company B communications sergeant, was fired on by a twelve-man hostile squad. Fearlessly returning the enemy's fire, Sergeant O'SHAUGHNESSY'S first volley wounded the lead man of the squad. The remainder of seven Germans, intimidated by Sergeant O'SHAUGHNESSY'S forthright, courageous action, surrendered without further resistance and led him to their one hundred and five millimeter gun position, on which Sergeant O'SHAUGHNESSY immediately placed a guard to prevent its recapture. His bold, alert actions on this occasion reflect great credit on Sergeant O'SHAUGHNESSY and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

ROBERT W. INDACO, 01301320, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in France and Germany. During the fierce action which advanced his regiment from Metz, France to Emsdorf, Germany, First Lieutenant INDACO repeatedly distinguished himself by the skill and courage which he displayed under enemy fire. On one occasion, when friendly elements had been isolated in a tank by violent hostile action, First Lieutenant INDACO conducted a bold daylight reconnaissance to find suitable routes for withdrawal. After leading the withdrawal he returned to harry the strong enemy force with his platoon until troops were available for a counter-attack. First Lieutenant INDACO'S intrepid conduct throughout this period of combat reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

GEORGE S. SHILOBRIT, 36248530, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. On 14 December 1944, Private First Class SHILOBRIT voluntarily accompanied a patrol in an attempt to capture an enemy pillbox near Emsdorf. Although violent mortar and machine gun fire forced the remainder of the patrol to withdraw, Private First Class SHILOBRIT and two companions intrepidly rushed one hundred yards to the bunker. After detonating heavy explosives which demolished the pillbox, forcing its garrison of six Germans to surrender, Private First Class SHILOBRIT courageously remained on guard while his two comrades evacuated the prisoners and sought reinforcements. His fearless, aggressive actions reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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MARTIN LEVINE, 3370282A, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Merten, France. While moving on Merten across an open field covered by deadly machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class LEVINE'S platoon leader was killed and the platoon's advance was halted beside a stream. With heroic initiative, Private First Class LEVINE crossed the stream and, urging his comrades to follow, ran two hundred yards to the nearest buildings, firing his rifle rapidly as he advanced. Killing three Germans during his furious charge, Private First Class LEVINE entered the first house and captured four more enemy soldiers. His gallant action, which inspired his platoon to continue its attack, reflects great credit on Private First Class LEVINE and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE T. DUDA, 33394759, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. When his squad's advance was halted by a strong enemy force firing from a large, fortified building, Private First Class DUDA, firing his automatic rifle from the hip, led his comrades in a decisive, furious assault on the German strongpoint. After crossing twelve yards of fire-swept coverless ground Private First Class DUDA pressed the assault vigorously home, routing the enemy garrison and expediting the completion of his squad's mission. The spirited, aggressive leadership given by Private First Class DUDA at the risk of his own life reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

CLELL L. MILLER, 37340810, Corporal, Battery D, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 6 February 1945, in the vicinity of Givroulle, Belgium. During a blackout motor march, the truck in which Corporal MILLER and several other soldiers were riding crashed through the side of a bridge and plunged sixteen feet, coming to rest upside down in a rushing mountain stream. Although injured himself, Corporal MILLER remained in the icy water and, assisted by three men arriving immediately at the scene, succeeded in extricating four of his comrades from the wreckage. Gallantly refusing evacuation until the assistant driver's body was recovered, Corporal MILLER struggled for five hours at his self-imposed task in the freezing water until he managed to free the drowned soldier's body. His selfless, determined heroism reflects great credit on Corporal MILLER and on the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM B. BUTH, 36247930, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrance, France. Throughout fierce enemy attacks on our positions at Bertrance, Private First Class BUTH remained at his machine gun, firing accurately at the oncoming armor and infantry. His courageous perseverance in the face of the enemy's heavy fire power

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was largely instrumental in the decisive repulse. The devotion to duty and high order of personal courage shown by Private First Class RUTH reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WAVRELY S. GREEN JR, 01321225, First Lieutenant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Flapperville, France. In the attack on Fort Flapperville, First Lieutenant GREEN established contact with the first platoon when it had become separated from the main body of his company. With no regard for his own safety, First Lieutenant GREEN advanced three-quarters of a mile into hostile territory, leading a small group of medical soldiers to the beleaguered platoon. Then, after supervising the evacuation of five wounded men, he led the platoon through enemy lines to his company. First Lieutenant GREEN'S gallant, inspiring leadership reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

SIDNEY ABRAMS, 32820588, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When furiously attacked by four enemy soldiers who fired machine pistols and rifles, Technician Fifth Grade ABRAMS, although wounded by the first burst of hostile fire, returned the enemy's fire accurately and killed the officer leading the assault. The surviving Germans fled to a nearby wood where mortar fire destroyed them. Technician Fifth Grade ABRAMS' cool, courageous action is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM C. LANGE, 32975586, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When furiously attacked by four enemy soldiers who fired machine pistols and rifles, Private First Class LANGE opened fire accurately, wounding one of the Germans and forcing the remainder to flee into a nearby wooded area where they were destroyed by mortar shelling. Private First Class LANGE'S cool, courageous action is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER D. ROBINSON, 39005349, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spunk, Germany. When his patrol was confronted by an untried footbridge across a stream in enemy territory, Staff Sergeant ROBINSON volunteered to try the bridge. Without mechanical means for detecting mines that might be attached to the structure, Staff Sergeant ROBINSON proceeded alone across the bridge. He then returned to lead his patrol across for the successful accomplishment of their mission. Staff Sergeant ROBINSON'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

THOMAS J. TRAINHAM, 38697711, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Ger-  
many. While guarding a building which his squad had captured, Private First Class  
TRAINHAM, looking through a gap torn in previous action, observed an enemy soldier  
in the adjoining building aiming his barooka. With no regard for his own safety,  
Private First Class TRAINHAM faced his heavily-armed adversary and fired. His  
cool, accurate shot wounded the German, thereby saving his comrades from almost  
certain destruction. Private First Class TRAINHAM'S intrepid act is in keeping  
with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him.  
Entered military service from Texas.

LESTER B. THURBER, 36061423, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. Under  
deliberate sniper fire, Private First Class THURBER dauntlessly covered the advance  
of another soldier toward a tower near Krefeld which was infested with enemy  
snipers. Firing into openings in the tall structure, Private First Class THURBER  
pinned down the enemy until his comrade in this daring action was able to completely  
eliminate resistance inside the tower. The courage and initiative boldly dis-  
played by Private First Class THURBER reflect great credit on him and exemplify  
high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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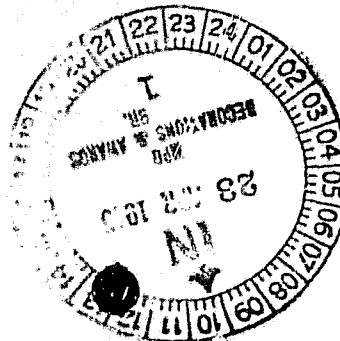
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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

RICHARD M. SWIFT, 37293443, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. Under dangerous sniper fire, Staff Sergeant SWIFT ran across fifty yards of open ground to reach the base of a tall, sniper-infested tower near Krefeld. Encountering two Germans at the door, Staff Sergeant SWIFT killed them with rifle fire and then proceeded fearlessly to the top of the tower where he wounded the two snipers who remained. Staff Sergeant SWIFT'S intrepid, gallant actions in eliminating a dangerous enemy strongpoint reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM F. EBERLE, 01323812, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. To secure the Second Battalion's left flank during an attack on enemy fortified positions near Fort Jeanne D'Arc, First Lieutenant EBERLE skilfully maneuvered his platoon around the final protective line fire of hostile machine guns toward the German stronghold on Leipzig Farm. Then moving his men between two belts of parallel fire over heavily mined ground, First Lieutenant EBERLE at daybreak led the platoon in a sweeping assault on the Leipzig Farm positions, overrunning the heavily fortified area quickly. His bold, aggressive leadership and inspiring devotion to duty reflect high credit on First Lieutenant EBERLE and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JOSEPH TRACZYK JR, 16093084, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Gunner in a machine gun squad advancing with Company B on 15 November 1944, Technician Fifth Grade TRACZYK displayed heroic courage and aggressiveness when his squad came suddenly upon five German artillery pieces emplaced in a lightly-wooded area near Metz. Firing his machine gun from the hip, Technician Fifth Grade TRACZYK dauntlessly entered every dugout and cleared them with fierce bursts of fire, killing five enemy soldiers and capturing ten more. Technician Fifth Grade TRACZYK'S relentless courage and superb combat skill on this occasion exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

KENNETH A. BOSTOCK, 32632820, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Borus, Germany. Voluntarily acting as ammunition bearer

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for a machine gun squad during Company C's attack on Berus, Technician Fifth Grade BOSTOCK was crossing a large, open area with the squad when a gunner was hit by shrapnel. Technician Fifth Grade BOSTOCK without hesitation picked up his comrade's weapon and delivered a deadly stream of fire into the enemy positions, killing five Germans and facilitating his company's advance toward Berus. His great personal courage and superior combat skill under heavy fire reflect distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade BOSTOCK and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER J. RUSAK, 33627239, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Berus, Germany. On 2 December 1944, Staff Sergeant RUSAK's platoon was pinned down by a fearful enemy artillery barrage while attacking two farmhouses near Berus. Making his way back through fierce shelling and direct twenty-millimeter cannon fire to supporting tanks, Staff Sergeant RUSAK directed telling fire on the harassing enemy positions. He then rejoined his platoon and led it in a successful advance which overran the objective and resulted in the capture of thirty prisoners. The fearless leadership and unrelenting devotion to duty given by Staff Sergeant RUSAK on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOSEPH R. PICKETT, 01285115, Captain, INF, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, (Special Duty, this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 February 1945 to 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOSEPH R. PEPE, 32206762, Technician Third Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

HAROLD W. SEVERNS, 19058883, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD, 37212952, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

VICTOR C. MISSLER, 01167822, Captain, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

PETER B. HINES, 11092331, Private First Class, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

LAWRENCE E. WILLIAMS, 36061134, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT L. FETTON JR, 0307349, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN L. NEWCOMB, 33379238, Corporal, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

EARL A. JESSEE, 01167919, First Lieutenant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROBERT M. HALL, 0497291, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

J. T. CRISWELL, 0326932, Major, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FRANKLIN J. MARIK, 35316144, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

WARREN G. SOMERS, 37213348, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

GEORGE PETERUS, 35216306, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

EDWARD M. EXLER, 32843707, Private First Class, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

BYRON E. FULLERTON, 35485924, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.



JACK D. SWAFFORD, 01180741, First Lieutenant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

HENRY I. GILBERT, 39150750, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

ISAAC A. ROYER, 36186620, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

ROBERT E. RUSH, 0397751, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.


LEONCE J. BADEAUX, 01167727, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

ELDER WICK, 37287395, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 January 1945 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

GEORGE W. BENNETT, 39088713, Private First Class, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 January 1945 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

ROBERT J. ALTHOFF, 36061151, First Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD A. BALDWIN, 35332898, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

ROBERT N. TRAPHILL, 0323283, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 7 December 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

RAYMOND CASEY, 20902415, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

ALBERT E. FOLK, 37212788, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

ROLLAND N. GIBSON, 37212696, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

CLYDE E. ADKINS JR, 35486005, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JAMES W. DICK, 39077409, First Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 January 1945 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

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GEORGE H. HOMAN, 36359239, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 19 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

BRUCE C. SMITH JR, 37422337, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 19 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

JEROLD V. STUCKY, 36061977, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 19 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

THE L. LEMRISSE, 35356911, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

HOWARD G. SLOECKER, 01054410, First Lieutenant, CAC, Battery D, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 12 December 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND KRIEZE, 36770153, Technician Fifth Grade, CAC, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

HOMER F. STEPHENS, 01048605, First Lieutenant, CAC, Battery D, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

TRAVIS W. PLETON, 01048529, Captain, CAC, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Inq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

CLARENCE BOREBEARD, W2114389, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

LAMARCE L. LA VEN, 16093216, Staff Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LOWELL HILL, 35439886, Staff Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

HORACE H. JARVIS, W2129191, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, USA, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT P. MC DONOUGH, 01285095, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

LEO N. KOMMI, 36248893, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 September 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EDWARD R. WARNEKE, 36357025, Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

HENRY A. HARKINS, 36249391, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOHN H. OTTERSTAD, 37283505, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company J, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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WILLIAM H. FLOOD, 36357116, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN B. HELLESKI, 36509485, Private First Class, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

HAROLD D. DETTENE, 36356992, Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CLARENCE M. MOORE, JR., 36600565, Technician Third Grade, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN T. MOHR, 37164281, Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

THOMAS J. COSTELLO, 36359295, Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN P. DE MARCHI, 36600434, Sergeant, MD, Company D, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

DONALD T. PAUL, 01285110, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 14 November 1944. Entered military service from New York.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LYLE S. BOLENDER, 01319918, First Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Leader of a heavy machine gun platoon, First Lieutenant BOLENDER displayed heroic courage and leadership during the momentous drive along the Moselle River from Uckange to Metz. Trapped in Imeldange with a small force after a powerful enemy counter-attack, First Lieutenant BOLENDER exposed himself to fierce enemy machine gun and small arms fire in directing neutralizing artillery fire which disorganized completely the hostile effort. Later, First Lieutenant BOLENDER'S platoon furnished effective counter-fire against Fort St. Julien, permitting attacking elements to continue their advance into Metz. His gallant, aggressive leadership during this difficult period reflects distinct credit on First Lieutenant BOLENDER and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM H. BURTON, 35486061, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. After voluntarily carrying supplies at great personal risk to his isolated company during the Moselle River crossing, Private First Class BURTON on 17 November 1944 again volunteered to perform hazardous service when many of his comrades were wounded in a terrific explosion near Metz. Running a gauntlet of machine gun and small arms fire, he made numerous trips while evacuating casualties from the dangerous forward area until he was painfully wounded by a sniper's bullet. Private First Class BURTON'S fearless devotion to his comrades reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

HARRY DIEBERT, 39075944, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Woippy, France. During Company B'S attack on enemy positions near Woippy, Technical Sergeant DIEBERT led his weapons platoon up a long slope in the face of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. First to reach the crest of the hill, Technical Sergeant DIEBERT then directed fierce mortar and machine gun fire in close, effective support of his company'S attack. His staunch leadership and inspiring devotion to duty under enemy fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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RUSSELL J. CLOUGH, 31234317, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 6 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. Following closely behind attacking elements during the advance to the Rhine, Technician Fifth Grade Clough installed and maintained wire communications despite searching enemy artillery and small arms fire. Throughout three days of constant advance, Technician Fifth Grade CLOUGH'S unswerving, courageous devotion to duty insured superior communications between battalion headquarters and the company command posts, reflecting great credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JULIUS F. CHEBUHAR, 37658374, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. His platoon forced to cover by a numerically superior enemy, Private First Class CHEBUHAR intrepidly went into an Urdingen street being swept by machine gun and rifle fire. Observing a German ammunition truck towing an anti-tank gun, he opened fire with his automatic rifle and succeeded in killing the two occupants of the truck. Then taking shelter in a doorway, he turned his powerful weapon on the enemy positions holding up his platoon's advance, killing three more German soldiers and forcing the survivors to flee. The superior combat skill and high personal courage shown by Private First Class CHEBUHAR on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

PETER BULT JR, 37449877, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Ensdorf, Germany. In the offensives against Metz and Ensdorf, Private First Class BULT displayed great courage and determination while serving as member of a wire team attached to the assault forces of the Third Battalion during this long period of bitter fighting. Private First Class BULT with complete disregard for his own safety succeeded in maintaining vitally essential communications between attacking companies and the battalion command post throughout a period of great combat stress, on many occasions braving heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire to accomplish his mission. His courageous, determined devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Private First Class BULT and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

WILSON H. BELL, 36287317, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. When his platoon was seriously hindered by bazooka and small arms fire from an enemy position entrenched in a salient downtown, Private First Class BELL stood in a third-story window of a nearby house and fired steadily on the hostile strongpoint. Although three bazooka shells exploded dangerously close to Private First Class BELL, he courageously continued his effective rifle fire, killing four Germans and knocking out a machine gun and command car. Private First Class BELL'S gallant actions in relieving the pressure on his comrades, enabling them to continue their advance, reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HARPIS C. BAAB, 37294401, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 15 March 1945, in France and Germany. Communications chief of the First Battalion during five months of combat operations, Staff Sergeant BAAB displayed resolute, determined courage in maintaining superior communications within his organization during the Metz and Saar/Lautern offensives. Despite adverse weather and frequent enemy shelling, Staff Sergeant BAAB, by his high technical skill and fearless efforts, insured unbroken communications between the attacking elements and the battalion command post. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant BAAB exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHESTER J. BEKLER, 11044376, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Neuforfweiler, Germany. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private First Class BEKLER administered first aid to the many casualties suffered by Company A when subjected to fearful enemy artillery and mortar fire near Neuforfweiler on 2 December 1944. Private First Class BEKLER, although directly exposed to the heavy concentrations of shelling, treated his wounded comrades with calm, heroic skill and assisted in their evacuation when the tactical situation permitted. The fearless, determined devotion to duty given by Private First Class BEKLER at the risk of his life reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

GEORGE D. BOOKIE, 36680360, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Liedorf, Germany. Private First Class BOOKIE, accompanied by another soldier, voluntarily braved intense hostile mortar and small arms fire on numerous occasions to repair the wire communications between various elements of Company A. Unhesitatingly venturing into the interlocking fire of enemy pillboxes which still remained unoccupied in the area, Private First Class BOOKIE succeeded in maintaining the essential communications with the bunkers held by his company during this critical time. His intrepid, devoted actions exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class BOOKIE. Entered military service from Louisiana.

DAVID H. SHOFTAN, 35720547, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. When the retreating assault group of a combat patrol, which had crossed the swollen Maas River to take prisoners, detonated several enemy mines, Private First Class SHOFTAN promptly began administering first aid in spite of intense enemy fire. Then making several trips through the heavily mined area although he himself was wounded, Private First Class SHOFTAN carried and guided the other casualties to waiting boats, in which evacuation to their own lines was effected. The courage and determined devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class SHOFTAN on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

DAVIS E. HARDY, 33516511, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In fierce fighting at Uerdingen:



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Sergeant HARDY accurately directed machine gun fire at the flash of enemy weapons. Then, when a strong hostile counter-attack developed, Sergeant HARDY staunchly led his squad in repelling the enemy force, killing two Germans himself. Sergeant HARDY was wounded during the action but refused evacuation until his company had reached its objective. The unwavering devotion to duty and outstanding combat skill shown by Sergeant HARDY reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

DALE F. SHEFFTZ, 6263558, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Knowing only the direction of his company's attack, Staff Sergeant SHEFFTZ and two comrades, each carrying two boxes of machine gun ammunition, set out on foot to locate Company A, without wire communications due to fierce enemy shelling since taking its objective. Successfully reaching the command post after almost two hours' search of the fire-swept area, the three men returned with a carrying detail to the battalion supply point. Staff Sergeant SHEFFTZ and his comrades then with courageous determination accompanied the carrying party, laden with sorely needed ammunition and rations, back across the dangerous route to the company forward positions. His heroic, devoted action reflects distinct credit on Staff Sergeant SHEFFTZ and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

DORMAN E. WRIGHT, 35362257, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Knowing only the direction of his company's attack, Technician Fifth Grade WRIGHT and two comrades, each carrying two boxes of machine gun ammunition, set out on foot to locate Company A, without wire communications due to fierce enemy shelling since taking its objective. Successfully reaching the command post after almost two hours' search of the fire-swept area, the three men returned with a carrying detail to the battalion supply point. Technician Fifth Grade WRIGHT and his comrades then with courageous determination accompanied the carrying party, laden with sorely needed ammunition and rations, back across the dangerous route to the company forward positions. His heroic, devoted action reflects distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade WRIGHT and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JACK C. ANDERSON, 33216698, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Knowing only the direction of his company's attack, Private First Class ANDERSON and two comrades, each carrying two boxes of machine gun ammunition, set out on foot to locate Company A, without wire communications due to fierce enemy shelling since taking its objective. Successfully reaching the command post after almost two hours' search of the fire-swept area, the three men returned with a carrying detail to the battalion supply point. Private First Class ANDERSON and his comrades then with courageous determination accompanied the carrying party, laden with sorely needed ammunition and rations, back across the dangerous route to the company forward positions. His heroic, devoted action reflects distinct credit on Private First Class ANDERSON and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

HOWARD L. SHIFMAN, 34439563, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Carrying essential radio batteries to two beleaguered rifle

companies isolated in two forts near Metz, Sergeant SHIPMAN was confronted with deadly fire from a fiercely resisting enemy force. Fearlessly refusing to turn back although pinned down three times by intense machine gun and sniper fire, Sergeant SHIPMAN continued his self-imposed mission until he delivered the batteries to the isolated forces. His fearless deed, which permitted unbroken communications with regimental headquarters at a time when information for artillery and infantry support was vital, exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Sergeant SHIPMAN. Entered military service from North Carolina.

WONG P. SHELL, 32628303, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdun, Germany. Ammunition handler for a Company M machine gun squad, Private First Class SHELL heroically retrieved a tripod for his squad when the soldier carrying it was wounded by enemy action. Running across one hundred and twenty-five yards of open ground near the Adolph Hitler bridge in Verdun, Private First Class SHELL defied the heavy enemy sniper, machine gun and anti-tank fire covering the area to recover the tripod and rejoin his comrades. His courageous, eager devotion to duty under enemy fire reflects distinct credit on Private First Class SHELL and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

RICHARD L. SMITH, 01296597, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 29 February 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Leader of a machine gun platoon in Company H, First Lieutenant SMITH performed his duties with conspicuous heroism and ability throughout the offensives against the enemy at Metz, France and in Saarlautern, Germany. By his staunch leadership and great personal courage, First Lieutenant SMITH furnished invariably effective heavy machine gun supporting fire to assault elements during this long period of combat. His resolute, determined devotion to duty exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on First Lieutenant SMITH. Entered military service from Alabama.

ORPHA C. SWEET, 36061012, Private, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 30 December 1944 while Private SWEET and a companion were driving several riflemen and a large quantity of ammunition on a road near Saarlautern exposed to enemy artillery action, the motor of their truck burst into violent flame. Immediately ordering the passengers to dismount and seek cover, Private SWEET and his associate resolutely began fighting the blaze with their fire extinguishers. Heroically continuing while the flames crept ever nearer to the ammunition, the two men succeeded after fifteen minutes of furious effort in extinguishing the fire. Private SWEET'S steadfast, courageous efforts on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES F. STALOCH, 37286560, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 December 1944 to 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Throughout this period of bitter fighting, Private First Class STALOCH delivered supplies to the forward elements of Company I, intrepidly driving his truck through the almost constant mortar and artillery fire pounding all available roads. On one occasion, Private First Class STALOCH proceeded down a road

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under observed artillery fire and under the direct observation of hostile troops emplaced in pillboxes on a nearby hill to bring ammunition to a platoon whose supply was almost depleted. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by Private First Class STALOCH in performing his duty under difficult, hazardous conditions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

LLOYD C. CHARBONNEAU, 37154555, Technician Fifth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

WALTER J. SCHELLER, 32197747, Sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

JESSIE F. SLATE, 38035213, Sergeant, QMC, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN C. COOK, 27208576, Corporal, QMC, \*\*\*\* Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

WILLIAM C. KOENIG, 37293227, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

FRANK E. WAIDE, 36357169, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

HUBERT J. JENKINS JR, O445126, Second Lieutenant, CAV, Troop C, \*\*\*Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 March 1945 in the vicinity of Worme, Germany, moving his armored car at full speed toward an enemy covering detachment pinning down a small reconnaissance patrol near Lippe Canal bridge, Second Lieutenant JENKINS stood upright in the turret spraying the hostile positions with machine gun fire. Although the Germans detonated explosives, demolishing the bridge, when Second Lieutenant JENKINS was only two hundred yards away, he fearlessly moved to its very abutments and forced the surrender of the ten enemy soldiers comprising the detachment. The intrepid gallantry displayed by Second Lieutenant JENKINS on this occasion exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

ZENO P. TOKARZYK, 36250366, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for hero's achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In the attack on Uerdingen, the advance of Technical Sergeant TOKARZYK'S platoon was delayed by accurate fire from two German snipers who had been by-passed by forward elements. After drawing fire from the enemy pair, Technical Sergeant TOKARZYK boldly opened fire, killing one of the Germans and wounding the other. Technical Sergeant TOKARZYK'S fearless accomplishment eliminated a fire menace to his platoon's advance and was largely responsible for the successful prosecution of the attack. On 9 April 1945, Technical Sergeant TOKARZYK was killed in action, in Germany. His prowess and courage in battle have brought lasting honor on him and have typified the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

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JOHN E. KULICK, 36231980, Staff Sergeant, CAV, Troop E, \*\*\*\*Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 July 1944 to 20 March 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. As platoon sergeant with Troop E, Staff Sergeant KULICK displayed staunch leadership and inspiring devotion to duty throughout almost nine months of combat. At Chateauf and Ploughastel, France, he calmly led his assault guns into direct firing positions and disorganized completely strongly-entrenched enemy forces with his devastating fire. When his platoon leader became a casualty near Dinan, France, Staff Sergeant KULICK assumed command and for the next three months led his platoon with distinction. Staff Sergeant KULICK'S valiant leadership and zealous devotion to duty during the bitter fighting of this extended period reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ALBERT J. ERICKSON, 01031830, First Lieutenant, CAV, Troop B, \*\*\*\*Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Issun, Germany. While establishing a roadblock near Issun to protect forces entering the town, First Lieutenant ERICKSON and his platoon heard the rumble of approaching armor and prepared to defend their position. Although First Lieutenant ERICKSON recognized the now-visible tanks as friendly and held his fire, enemy sniper fire in the vicinity confused the tank crew, who opened fire on the platoon positions with their seventy-five millimeter guns. Courageously exposing himself to both the tank and enemy sniper fire, First Lieutenant ERICKSON succeeded in identifying his endangered forces and the fierce tank fire immediately ceased. First Lieutenant ERICKSON'S heroism on this occasion reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

RICHARD G. MC SWAIN, 01031903, First Lieutenant, CAV, Troop A, \*\*\*\*Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 August 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. On numerous missions First Lieutenant MC SWAIN displayed great skill and leadership in capturing or neutralizing enemy positions, personnel and equipment. Leading patrols deep into enemy terrain, he secured important tactical information which resulted in the destruction of powerful hostile positions. In Germany, First Lieutenant MC SWAIN effectively organized defensive positions and later contributed greatly to the smashing of German resistance when his troop spearheaded a costly drive toward the Rhine river. His superb leadership and resolute devotion to duty exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on First Lieutenant MC SWAIN. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

NELS P. MUEKELSEN, 37293404, Private First Class, MD, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When a severe explosion inflicted heavy casualties on an infantry battalion advancing on Metz, Private First Class MUEKELSEN drove his ambulance far beyond the battalion aid station to evacuate many wounded soldiers while mortar and artillery fire still fell. Private First Class MUEKELSEN'S fearless performance of duty under enemy shelling resulted in the saving of lives which would have been lost otherwise. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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DEAN M. LARSON, 37287002, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), MD, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When a severe explosion inflicted heavy casualties on an infantry battalion advancing on Metz, Technician Fifth Grade LARSON drove his ambulance far beyond the battalion aid station to evacuate many wounded soldiers while mortar and artillery fire still fell. Technician Fifth Grade LARSON'S fearless performance of duty (under enemy shelling resulted in the saving of lives which would have been lost otherwise.) His courage and initiative reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Minnesota.

AMROSE L. KELLER, 32250868, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 15 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Lindorf, Germany. During the battles for Metz and Saarlautern Technician Fifth Grade KELLER continuously served as a litter bearer with rifle companies in the attack. He repeatedly and unhesitatingly subjected himself to intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire in completely performing his duty. Several times (Technician Fifth Grade KELLER evacuated casualties across the Moselle and Saar River in assault boats) making possible the prompt administration of medical treatment to the wounded. His courage and skill under fire are in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect great credit on Technician Fifth Grade KELLER. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLIFFORD E. FUELSTON, 37287063, Private First Class, MD, Company B, \*\*\*\*Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 15 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Lindorf, Germany. During the battles for Metz and Saarlautern Private First Class FUELSTON continuously served as a litter bearer with rifle companies in the attack. He repeatedly and unhesitatingly subjected himself to intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire in completely performing his duty. Several times Private First Class FUELSTON evacuated casualties across the Moselle and Saar River in assault boats, making possible the prompt administration of medical treatment to the wounded. His courage and skill under fire are in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect great credit on Private First Class FUELSTON. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHARLES R. EAMES JR, 62100523, First Lieutenant, CE, Company A, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. Under the direct fire and observation of the enemy, First Lieutenant EAMES selected a site for the infantry's assault crossing of the Moselle River at Uckange. He then directed his platoon in successfully crossing the first assault wave of infantry under heavy shelling and small arms fire. With the vital mission of protecting the right flank of the growing bridgehead, First Lieutenant EAMES' platoon received intense mortar fire, but under his staunch leadership the mission was unwaveringly accomplished. The high battle skill and devotion to duty shown by First Lieutenant EAMES reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

PAUL E. GUINFA, 16098491, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 January 1945 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Redon, Germany. In order to maintain needed communications between

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infantry and artillery Private First Class GUINEA repeatedly risked his life in patrolling and repairing liaison wire lines at Saarlautern-Roden. On one occasion, prior to a limited-objective attack, Private First Class GUINEA performed his hazardous duty in the midst of an enemy artillery barrage. Private First Class GUINEA'S action throughout this period contributed substantially to the success achieved in combat, reflecting great credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE SAMMET JR, 0398765, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lindern, Germany. When heavy artillery shelling approached a congested road intersection at Lindern, Captain SAMMET vigorously directed the dispersal of vehicles immobilized by thick fog. Captain SAMMET'S timely initiative and tactical judgment resulted in the removal of all personnel and vehicles from the intersection without casualty or damage. The leadership given by Captain SAMMET on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

RALPH W. ALTMAN, 39463811, Private First Class, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Many times during the period 20 October 1944 to 20 March 1945 Private First Class ALTMAN exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to repair wire severed by shelling. The courageous devotion to duty given by Private First Class ALTMAN and his skillful performance under fire have greatly facilitated Battery A'S operations reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class ALTMAN and on the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

FRANCIS T. MC GUIRE, 33399205, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falk, France. When Private First Class MC GUIRE was forced to take cover by enemy machine gun fire on his jeep, he discerned hostile troops replacing machine guns to fire on the supply route of his battalion. Braving the machine gun fire, Private First Class MC GUIRE returned to his jeep, obtained a telephone and skillfully connected it to a wire linking the forward and rear command posts of his battalion. He was then able to inform his battalion of the German ambush. Private First Class MC GUIRE'S keen and courageous act, which forestalled the success of a clever and possibly disastrous enemy plan, reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

WALTER E. WEBB, 20466266, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 January 1945, in the vicinity of Spurk, Germany. At the doorway of a house in enemy-held Spurk, Sergeant WEBB, whose patrol was seeking the capture of German soldiers for military intelligence, was challenged by a hostile sentry. Sergeant WEBB boldly replied, ordering the German to surrender. Overcome by Sergeant WEBB'S assertive insistence, the enemy sentry gave himself up. The courage and initiative displayed on this occasion by Sergeant WEBB reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

LESTER W. WOLF, 36259696, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sersdorf, Germany. When his ration carrying party was severely shelled by the enemy Staff Sergeant WOLF displayed extreme courage and calm in leading his party members to their destination. Then he returned to the shell hit area and administered first aid to the wounded. Staff Sergeant WOLF'S untiring good results in the saving of two lives, reflecting great credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

AMOS H. WILSON, 37211923, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in the vicinity of Scharleusen, Germany and Sabon, Belgium. In the bitter fighting at Scharleusen and Saar amund-Roden, Technical Sergeant WILSON led his platoon with scrupulous valor and skill. His vigorous devotion to duty and calm exercise of command under fire contributed substantially to the achievements of his company in combat. Technical Sergeant WILSON'S heroic perseverance throughout a long and arduous period of combat is in keeping with high traditions of the military service, and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAY A. MARMON, 37208526, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

EDMUND Y. GUNSTERRNS, 36600007, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

HENRY G. SAAM JR, 36600774, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

IV. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

JOHN G. WHEELLOCK III, 025572, Major, CAV, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Werne, Germany. Accompanying a reconnaissance platoon advancing to the Leppe River, Major WHEELLOCK and advance elements observed a bridge near Werne to be undamaged. Ordering the platoon leader to bring up his troops to seize and hold the structure, Major WHEELLOCK and one enlisted man made a dismounted reconnaissance of the bridge site across three hundred yards of open ground. After flanking occupied enemy positions near the bridge, he and his companion were pinned down by intense mortar and machine gun fire, but the two men fearlessly continued reconnaissance by fire, revealing to the advancing platoon the disposition of the enemy covering force. Major WHEELLOCK'S heroic, determined actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois. - 5 -



LEWIS J. PARKS, 35438348, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdun, Germany. During an early morning attack on enemy positions in Verdun, Company L received intense small arms fire from the enemy's resisting hostile forces and many casualties were suffered. Sergeant PARKS, communications sergeant of Company L, unhesitatingly began assisting medical aid men in the evacuation of his wounded comrades to a point where first aid could be administered. Moving onto the fire-swept field time after time with no regard for his own safety, Sergeant PARKS continued removing the casualties to cover until Company L secured its stock. The courageous devotion to his wounded comrades shown by Sergeant PARKS exemplifies high tradition of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Kentucky.

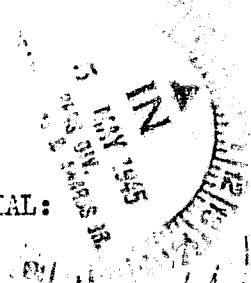
DON C. FAITH, 06690, Brigadier General, USA, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

MARK MC CLURE, 014935, Brigadier General, USA, Headquarters 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered United States Military Academy from Indiana.

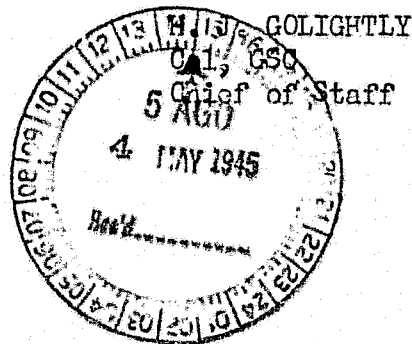
HARVEY J. GOLIGHTLY, 010804, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

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

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

OLIVER D. GILLESPIE, 36509546, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Merten, France. Leading his squad, Staff Sergeant GILLESPIE reached the outskirts of Merten despite direct artillery and heavy small arms fire. When the squad attempted to assault a heavily fortified barn, such intense fire was met that Staff Sergeant GILLESPIE immediately took action to secure cover for his men. Skirting the hostile position alone and coming up to the rear, he surprised the enemy in the act of displacing twenty-two Germans, believing themselves to be surrounded, surrendered to Staff Sergeant GILLESPIE. His bold leadership and great personal courage, enabling his comrades to occupy the company objective with minimum casualties, reflect distinct credit on Staff Sergeant GILLESPIE and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

ROBERT B. BELAIR, 35332630, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld - Urdingen, Germany. Observing two men hit by enemy mortar shelling lying exposed to heavy small arms fire during the fight to clear Krefeld-Urdingen, Sergeant BELAIR determinedly crawled into the hail of bullets and dragged the casualties to the comparative safety of a nearby ditch. Ascertaining that one of the men was dead, Sergeant BELAIR then carried the wounded man through fierce mortar, machine gun and rifle fire to a basement where he administered first aid and summoned litter bearers. Sergeant BELAIR'S courageous, devoted service at great personal risk reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOSEPH N. VALENTE, 31252300, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France. While waiting with his squad in a captured German trench until the arrival of supporting troops, after crossing the Moselle River, Private First Class VALENTE observed a patrol approaching and fearlessly rose from his position to identify the group. Fired on and wounded by the now-identified hostile patrol, Private First Class VALENTE dauntlessly returned the enemy fire with his automatic rifle, killing a German officer and two soldiers. Through his great courage and

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determination, the situation was relieved and the squad position secured, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class VILINTE and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

BURNETT T. PETERSON, 35741425, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France, and Saurlautern, Germany. Private First Class PETERSON rendered heroic service to his squad as automatic rifleman during the assaults against Metz and Saurlautern. At Foreau Farm, Woippy, Metz and Fraulautern, his fearless deeds and high combat skill inspired his comrades constantly and aided materially in the accomplishment of Company F's missions. The courage and perseverance shown by Private First Class PETERSON in the face of enemy fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JACK L. MC INTYRE, 38033946, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 26 February 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. As a member of the regimental maintenance section, Technician Fourth Grade Mc INTYRE contributed materially to the battle efficiency of front line units by his tireless success in repairing and maintaining organizational vehicles. On numerous occasions he assisted in the prompt evacuation of damaged vehicles under enemy fire. Technician Fourth Grade McINTYRE'S courageous and consistent devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

MARTIN J. RYAN JR, 36507858, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saurlautern, Germany. Staff sergeant RYAN displayed outstanding resourcefulness and courage in the performance of his duties while Company F participated in the Metz and Saurlautern offensives. In an assault on German-held buildings in Metz, Staff Sergeant RYAN led his squad in the capture of twenty enemy soldiers. Later, at Fraulautern, after a stoutly-fortified position had been seized from hostile troops, Staff Sergeant RYAN instigated a grim and aggressive action which denied recapture to a determined German counter-attack. His firm leadership and confident devotion to duty reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant RYAN and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

CLARENCE J. MARCH, 37113135, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. As a member of the regimental maintenance section, Technician Fourth Grade MARCH contributed materially to the battle efficiency of front line units by his tireless success in repairing and maintaining organizational vehicles. On numerous occasions he assisted in the prompt evacuation of damaged vehicles under enemy fire. Technician Fourth Grade MARCH'S courageous and consistent devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

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PATRICK J. McMAHON, 36684914, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. Voluntarily accompanying a combat patrol in an assault on a heavily-fortified pillbox in Emsdorf, Staff Sergeant McMAHON retrieved a wounded comrade's bazooka and fired round after round at the fortification's gun emplacements, intimidating accurate counter-action. Protected by Staff Sergeant McMAHON'S bold barrage, riflemen and engineer soldiers replaced charges whose detonation reduced the pillbox. The fearless devotion to duty displayed under fire by Staff Sergeant McMAHON reflects distinct credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN SCHIFFER, 32562019, Private First Class, INF, Antitank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 November 1944 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. In preparation for an attack on strong enemy positions at Semecourt, Private First Class SCHIFFER operated his mine detector in clearing the route of advance. Artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire failed to deter Private First Class SCHIFFER from the accomplishment of his vital mission. Although wounded by shrapnel, he continued to perform his hazardous duty after the attack had begun, operating directly behind the advancing riflemen. Private First Class SCHIFFER'S intrepid service, which greatly facilitated close tank support of the assaulting infantry, reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ELMER SCHLEICHER, 37286384, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. On the night of 19 December 1944, Staff Sergeant SCHLEICHER was a member of a group crossing the Saar River with explosives to be used in demolishing several enemy pillboxes. When the carrying party was subjected to an intense artillery barrage, the leader asked for volunteers to complete the dangerous undertaking. Volunteering immediately, Staff Sergeant SCHLEICHER continued his task under the fearsome barrage until all of the explosives were placed in the bunkers. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by him on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant SCHLEICHER. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILBERT S. SHEA, 01301893, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Fraulautern, Germany. Assuming command of his heavy weapons company when two senior officers were wounded, First Lieutenant SHEA led his men with courage and distinction until wounded by a sniper's bullet while directing mortar fire during the attack on Fort St. Julian. Rejoining his company after hospitalization, he again took command of the company and directed its efforts in a successful counter-attack by the Second Battalion. Later, at Fraulautern, First Lieutenant SHEA organized a defensive position with such skill that an enemy counter-attack in battalion strength was frustrated. His aggressive leadership and resolute devotion to duty reflect distinct credit on First Lieutenant SHEA and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ALLEN F. DOLVIER, 36357372, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France and Germany.

Staff Sergeant DOUVIER maintained a steady flow of supplies moving to the front line troops of his company throughout the period 10 November 1944 to 10 March 1945. While carrying supplies by hand to troops at Ensdorf, Staff Sergeant DOUVIER was injured by shrapnel but refused evacuation until he delivered all necessary supplies to his comrades across the Saar River. Returning to his company after a short period of hospitalization, Staff Sergeant DOUVIER continued to perform his difficult duties with outstanding initiative and resourcefulness. Staff Sergeant DOUVIER'S heroic, unwavering devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES F. GEPPI, 20340032, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Ensdorf, Germany. In the offensives against Metz and Ensdorf, Technician Fifth Grade GEPPI displayed great courage and determination while serving as member of a wire team attached to the assault forces of the Third Battalion during this long period of bitter fighting. Technician Fifth Grade GEPPI with complete disregard for his own safety succeeded in maintaining vitally essential communications between attacking companies and the battalion command post throughout a period of great combat stress on many occasions braving heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire to accomplish his mission. His courageous, determined devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade GEPPI and on the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

WALTER M. LONG, 16108323, Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Fraulautern, Germany. While his company was participating in operations against the enemy at Metz, France and Fraulautern, Germany, Sergeant LONG displayed heroic determination in the performance of his duties as communications sergeant. On one occasion, Sergeant LONG intrepidly installed wire communications from Company M's command post to a forward machine gun platoon, undeterred by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire from completing his dangerous task. The inspiring devotion and courage displayed by Sergeant LONG while maintaining superior communications for his organization reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

PAUL W. GOTJEN, 33924863, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. During an early morning attack on enemy positions in Uerdingen, Company L received intense small arms fire from the stubbornly resisting hostile forces and many casualties were suffered. Private First Class GOTJEN, unhesitatingly began assisting medical aid men in the evacuation of his wounded comrades to a point where first aid could be administered. Moving onto the fire-swept field time after time with no regard for his own safety, Private First Class GOTJEN continued removing the casualties to cover until Company L resumed its attack. The courageous devotion to his wounded comrades shown by Private First Class GOTJEN exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JULION LOWRY, 34390050, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlaubern, Germany. When direct enemy observation and the menace of artillery fire prohibited the use of prime movers for toving the guns of an anti-tank platoon to new positions in Saarlaubern, Private First Class LOWRY volunteered to tow the guns to their emplacements with his jeep. Making a total of three trips across the completely exposed route, Private First Class LOWRY, by his expert, courageous actions, succeeded in transferring the weapons without arousing the attention of the enemy. His valliant initiative on this occasion exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class LOWRY. Entered military service from Alabama.

CAPL ESKRIDGE, 36359168, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Leader of a heavy machine gun section, Staff Sergeant ESKRIDGE remained in an exposed position in a Uerdingen factory on 4 March 1945, braving almost constant machine gun and bazooka fire to observe enemy positions one hundred yards away. Staff Sergeant Eskridge assisted the forward observer in directing effective artillery fire and also pointed out enemy bazooka positions to supporting tanks, preventing their exposure to the menacing weapons. During his four-hour vigil, Staff Sergeant ESKRIDGE in addition killed one German, wounded another and destroyed a machine gun with his accurate fire. Staff Sergeant ESKRIDGE'S fearless actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

HOMER T. SANBURY, 34388811, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When the leading platoon of Company B was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire near Uerdingen, Private First Class SANBURY began firing furiously with his automatic rifle to permit the platoon to maneuver. After expending his own ammunition, he took a wounded comrade's weapon and continued his covering fire, enabling Company B to advance to its objective. The outstanding combat skill and heroic devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class SANBURY on this occasion reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. entered military service from South Carolina.

SPYMONR KAUFMAN, 36356176, Corporal, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

BERNIS F. MC OLAIN, 37414717, Staff Sergeant, CAC, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

AUGUSTUS M. FLOOD, 34093528, Staff Sergeant, CAC, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

RUSSELL G. LIVINGSTON, 39542359, Technical Sergeant, CAC, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

HOWARD L. CULVER, 35362332, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN A. RAQUET, 16098496, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

DEANE L. PARTER, 35333074, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

WYATT EDWARDS, 34369580, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

EDWARD HARBELL, 34822197, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

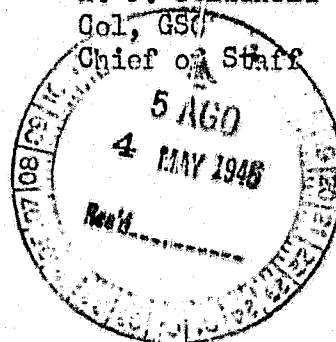
LAWRENCE L. FERRYMAN, 37293428, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

HIRAM F. PLUMMER III, 33890182, Private, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Defying a terrible mortar barrage, Private PLUMMER continued to guard a forward observation post in a building at Fraulautern when his squad sought cover in the basement. Four direct hits on the building failed to drive Private PLUMMER from his dangerous position, and he remained on duty, boldly guarding the forward observer, until another barrage caused his death. Private PLUMMER'S heroic perseverance in the face of overwhelming dangers reflects lasting honor on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOHN J. JOHNSON JR, 01061153, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Defying a terrible mortar barrage, Second Lieutenant JOHNSON continued to perform his duty as forward observer in a building at Fraulautern after ordering three assistants to take cover. One rifleman remained with Second Lieutenant JOHNSON and the two men remained at their dangerous post even when the enemy registered four direct hits on the building. Shortly, during another barrage, Second Lieutenant JOHNSON was wounded. His heroic devotion to duty in the face of great danger reflects distinct credit on Second Lieutenant JOHNSON and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

FRANCIS J. CUNNINGHAM, 37547146, Staff Sergeant, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 March 1945, in Germany. In order to administer first aid to wire crewmen wounded by the burst of an enemy artillery shell, Staff Sergeant CUNNINGHAM moved from cover into heavy fire. After administering first aid, he participated in the evacuation of his wounded comrades from the hostile barrage. On this and other occasions during the hard-fought operations of the period 20 October 1944 to 20 March 1945 Staff Sergeant CUNNINGHAM clearly distinguished himself in action. His courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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CLEO D. SULLIVAN, 37501496, Sergeant, CAC, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Wallerfangen, Germany. From 8 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, Sergeant SULLIVAN directed the efforts of his forty-millimeter gun section with calm courage and great skill. Often under direct enemy fire during the action near Wallerfangen, Sergeant SULLIVAN, by his heroic actions, insured the smooth operation of his section during bitter fighting and completed his assignments with notable success throughout this period. The staunch, inspiring leadership given by Sergeant SULLIVAN in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

ANTHONY M. FRABBIELE, 34077178, First Sergeant, CAC, Battery D, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 28 February 1945, in France and Germany. Displaying great courage and initiative throughout this long period of combat, First Sergeant FRABBIELE performed his varied, difficult duties with such skill and efficiency as to contribute outstandingly to the accomplishment of Battery D's missions. Braving almost constant enemy artillery fire and, on occasion, strafing by enemy aircraft, First Sergeant FRABBIELE made his way to all gun positions of the battery during periods of heavy action, inspiring the men by his fortitude and determination. His heroic devotion to duty exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on First Sergeant FRABBIELE. Entered military service from Louisiana.

WALTER F. COBB, 37416292, Sergeant, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 March 1945, in Germany. Under heavy artillery and mortar fire Sergeant COBB moved his gun section across the Saar River to substantially improve the anti-aircraft defense of the newly-won Saarlautern bridgehead. Later, in order to obtain a larger field of fire, Sergeant COBB moved his weapon to the top of a bunker, although this position was under fire from German artillery. The courageous leadership given by Sergeant COBB reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

LESLIE W. MORELAND, 35362401, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 March 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. The staunch leadership and resolute devotion to duty consistently exhibited by Staff Sergeant MORELAND many times expedited the achievements of his squad in combat. On one occasion, when an enemy platoon prepared to counter-attack his squad, Staff Sergeant MORELAND directed artillery and mortar fire with such telling effect that the menacing German troops were routed. Staff Sergeant MORELAND'S courageous prowess in battle reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ROBERT W. THORMAN, 35362793, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Serving as transportation sergeant in

the actions at Metz and at Saarlautern, Staff Sergeant THORMAN repeatedly distinguished himself under fire by the resolute manner in which he performed his duty. Many times he drove forward under artillery, mortar and small arms fire to accomplish the evacuation of prisoners of war from front line units. Staff Sergeant THORMAN'S intrepid devotion to duty throughout this period is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHNNIE L. TAYLOR, 34969051, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When a direct hit by a German artillery shell shattered the building in which Private First Class TAYLOR'S observation post was located, Private First Class TAYLOR, although severely shaken by the blast, proceeded to extricate an injured comrade who had been pinned down by fallen timbers. After rescuing his companion from the wreckage, Private First Class TAYLOR returned to his post. His courageous devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on Private First Class TAYLOR and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

NORMAN W. SCHROEDER, 36452219, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 6 March 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern and Kerfeld, Germany. Serving as radio operator for Company L during an extended period of combat operations, Private First Class SCHROEDER assisted valiantly in the maintenance of communications within the Third Battalion when constant enemy artillery and mortar barrages made wire communications impossible. Called upon to operate his radio under heavy enemy fire and handicapped by adverse weather, Private First Class SCHROEDER aided materially in the offensive operations undertaken by his company. The high skill and resolute devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class SCHROEDER reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CURTIS E. PARKER, 0409762, First Lieutenant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 March 1945 to 7 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Acting as commander of Company M during the sweeping advance to the Rhine River, First Lieutenant PARKER maneuvered his men and employed his weapons with such skill and sound knowledge of tactics that highly effective, close support was constantly available to attacking rifle companies. Taking many prisoners and finally reaching the Rhine as a climax to the six-day drive, First Lieutenant PARKER displayed exceptional resourcefulness and courage in leading his company successfully to its objective. His superb leadership and devotion to duty exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on First Lieutenant PARKER. Entered military service from Texas.

WILLIAM A. MC CAMPBELL JR, 0528730, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. To clear an intersection for use by friendly units, First Lieutenant MC CAMPBELL and three soldiers moved out into the hazardous area to eliminate the machine gun and sniper fire harassing the crossing. Aggressively searching out the machine gun emplacement, First

Lieutenant MC CAMPBELL and his men quickly silenced the weapon, killing the crew. Then the four-man patrol boldly searching adjacent buildings for snipers, killed those who chose to fight and captured the others, clearing the essential intersection within an hour. His intrepid leadership and fearless actions reflect great credit on First Lieutenant MC CAMPBELL and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

ALEX ZILAFFO, 16072473, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. To clear an intersection for use by friendly units, Technical Sergeant ZILAFFO, an officer, and two other soldiers moved out into the hazardous area to eliminate the machine gun and sniper fire which harassed the crossing. Aggressively searching out the machine gun emplacement, Technical Sergeant ZILAFFO and his comrades quickly destroyed the hostile weapon and killed its crew. Then, the four-man patrol boldly invaded adjacent buildings to kill or capture all snipers in the area. Within an hour of beginning their dangerous mission, Technical Sergeant ZILAFFO and his intrepid companions had cleared the vital intersection. Technical Sergeant ZILAFFO'S great determination and courage reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDWARD L. LEARY, 31431642, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. To clear an intersection for use by friendly units, Staff Sergeant LEARY, an officer, and two other soldiers moved out into the hazardous area to eliminate machine gun and sniper fire which harassed the crossing. Aggressively searching out the machine gun emplacement, Staff Sergeant LEARY and his comrades quickly destroyed the hostile weapon and killed its crew. Then, the four-man patrol boldly invaded adjacent buildings to kill or capture all snipers in the area. Within an hour of beginning their dangerous mission, Staff Sergeant LEARY and his intrepid companions had cleared the vital intersection. Staff Sergeant LEARY'S great determination and courage reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

LEMOND H. HINER, 38024102, First Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Assigned command of a rifle platoon after the platoon's normal leaders had been lost in action, First Sergeant HINER distinguished himself by his vigorous, skillful and courageous manner in which he led his men in battle. First Sergeant HINER'S combat-tested ability to assume responsibility not normally his own, and to inspire his comrades with confidence in his leadership, reflects great credit on himself and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

ALBERT E. MOSES, 0531423, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 28 February 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Throughout the combat in which his mortar platoon was engaged, from 15 November 1944 to 28 February 1945, First Lieutenant MOSES led his men with distinct skill and courage in administering destruction to the enemy forces which confronted them.

First Lieutenant MOSES' consistently vigorous performance of duty during this long and arduous fighting is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Mississippi.

FRANK J. NOVASHINSKI, 31208517, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When enemy troops opened fire on him from houses in Uerdingen, Private First Class NOVASHINSKI boldly engaged them in a furious fire-fight. Firing accurately and rapidly Private First Class NOVASHINSKI drove the Germans from their quarters, completely overcoming their superior numbers and enabling his squad to promptly reach its objective. The courage and manliness displayed by Private First Class NOVASHINSKI in this perilous encounter reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

KENNETH W. LONG, 37213181, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 January 1945 to 1 February 1945, in the vicinity of Wadrasen and Fraulautern, Germany. When he observed a German mortar firing into our positions at Fraulautern, Staff Sergeant LONG moved his forward observation post to a vantage point which offered clear scrutiny of the enemy. Here, in spite of intense hostile machine gun and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant LONG skillfully adjusted artillery fire onto the German mortar, destroying it and its crew. The proficiency displayed by Staff Sergeant LONG on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Kansas.

EDWARD F. PUREBUR, 35316162, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Battery C, \*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 7 March 1945, in France and Germany. As chief of wire section for Battery C, Technician Fourth Grade PUREBUR performed his duties with courageous distinction throughout this momentous period of combat operations in France and Germany. Maintaining superior wire communications under extremely difficult battle conditions, Technician Fourth Grade PUREBUR also voluntarily served twice as member of a forward observer party and was slightly wounded by enemy fire during the accomplishment of one of these missions. Technician Fourth Grade PUREBUR'S resourcefulness and determination in maintaining battery wire communications contributed greatly to the battle efficiency of his battery, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

MORRIS D. HOLCOMB, 38007965, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 16 February 1945, in the vicinity of Beeck, Germany. Battery medical aid man, Private First Class HOLCOMB displayed heroic devotion to duty on 16 February 1945 when enemy artillery shelled the gun positions of his battery, wounding two men. Disdaining the continuing shell fire, Private First Class HOLCOMB courageously administered first aid to the casualties while exposed to the exploding shells and then brought the two men to safety. His great personal courage and undaunted devotion to his wounded comrades exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class HOLCOMB. Entered military service from Colorado.

JOHN H. NELSON, 39465082, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 February 1945, in the vicinity of Beeck, Germany. Battery medical aid man, Private First Class NELSON displayed heroic devotion to duty on 16 February 1945 when enemy artillery shelled the gun position of his battery, wounding two men. Disdaining the continuing shell fire, Private First Class NELSON courageously administered first aid to the casualties while exposed to the exploding shells and then brought the two men to safety. His great personal courage and undaunted devotion to his wounded comrades exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class NELSON. Entered military service from Washington.

EARL M. RICHARDSON, 01295273, First Lieutenant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CHARLES R. GIENGER, 36600168, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES H. REEVES, 36359632, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

LEO A. KNOX, 36059973, Technician Fifth Grade, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD M. LEVIES, 12208907, Private First Class, Sig C, \*\*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

WILLIAM B. SUGG, 34837463, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of the Erit Canal, Germany. When another soldier lost his footing on wire which spanned the Erit Canal, and fell into the water, Private First Class SUGG dived to his rescue. Two men had already swum toward the fallen man, who was dragged down by the weight of his clothing and equipment, only to be swept out of reach by the swift current. Private First Class SUGG'S daring attempt, made even after he saw the failure of his two companions' gallant effort, resulted in the saving of the drowning man's life. His conduct on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class SUGG. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

PERCY L. MC CLENAHAN, 37293283, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. In the face of heavy enemy fire Private First Class MC CLENAHAN successfully led carrying-parties across the Saar River to deliver supplies to hard-pressed troops in Emsdorf. Private First Class MC CLENAHAN'S purposeful leadership was largely responsible for the prompt accomplishment of this dangerous, nightly mission and his conduct reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

WALTER S. LANDOWSKI, 56741561, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 6 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. Closely following riflemen in the attack, Private First Class LANDOWSKI laid telephone wire which provided urgent communication facilities during the advance on Krefeld-Nerdingen and on Rheinhausen. In spite of enemy artillery and small arms fire Private First Class LANDOWSKI skillfully and calmly performed his duty, contributing greatly to the success achieved in these operations. Private First Class LANDOWSKI'S devoted,

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courageous service reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES F. KELLEY, 34904090, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 and 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. In preparation for an attack on strong enemy positions at Semecourt, Private First Class KELLEY operated his mine detector in clearing the route of advance. Artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire failed to deter Private First Class KELLEY from the accomplishment of his vital mission. When the attack had jumped off, Private First Class KELLEY continued to perform his hazardous duty, operating directly behind the advancing riflemen. Private First Class KELLEY'S intrinsic service reflects distinct credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

HOWARD C. HOOVER, 35316079, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falk, France. When German small arms and machine gun fire forced him from his jeep, Private First Class HOOVER worked his way across two hundred yards of fire-raked ground to repair a wire line cut by the enemy. Private First Class HOOVER'S courageous, timely act made it possible for his regimental headquarters to be informed of the strong hostile position, thereby circumventing disaster for friendly troops on this route. The cool, bold initiative shown by Private First Class HOOVER reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

EMIL W. LEF, 01289278, First Lieutenant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 7 December 1944 to 1 March 1945, in Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant LEF served with high courage and distinction as commanding officer of Company M and heavy weapons officer of the Third Battalion during three months of combat operations. His forceful leadership and unfailing resourcefulness in providing timely, well-planned support to attacking rifle companies facilitated markedly the successful operations of his battalion throughout this period. First Lieutenant LEF'S heroic and determined devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

DONALD A. KINGADE, 12167006, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. On 5 December 1944, after courageously leading his squad in a well-planned successful assault on an enemy pillbox in Ensdorf, Staff Sergeant KINGADE without hesitation organized a patrol of five men to storm another pillbox in the vicinity, still in enemy hands. Boldly advancing on the hostile strongpoint, Staff Sergeant KINGADE and his comrades quickly forced its garrison of nine to surrender. Staff Sergeant KINGADE then carefully organized a stout defense against counter-attack and arranged for the speedy evacuation of the German prisoners. The resolute leadership and fearless devotion to duty given by Staff Sergeant KINGADE reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JAMES W. HALL, 36063085, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Berus, Germany. Boldly setting up his mortar in an open field, Sergeant HALL was supporting Company C's attack on two heavily-fortified farmhouses near Berus, on 2 December, 1944, when shell fragments ripped through the tube of his weapon, rendering it useless. Intrepidly reorganizing his squad, Sergeant HALL then led the small group forward to join the assault as riflemen, their added firepower being of marked assistance to their understrength company as it swept forward to overrun and capture its objective. The courageous initiative and determined devotion to duty shown by Sergeant HALL on this occasion reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT P. MATHEWS, 35425811, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Emsdorf, Germany. During the offensive operations against Metz and Emsdorf, Technician Fifth Grade MATHEWS repeatedly exposed himself to German artillery and machine gun fire in order to maintain urgent lines of communication between companies in the attack and the battalion command post. Technician Fifth Grade MATHEWS' fearless and skillful performance of duty contributed substantially to the success achieved in these momentous operations, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ARTHUR A. MALETZ, 16108312, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Falk, France. When his combat patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class MALETZ, firing his rifle, intentionally exposed himself to the German troops. This bold maneuver drew the attention of the hostile soldiers onto Private First Class MALETZ while other members of his patrol worked their way to the enemy's rear. Surrounded by Private First Class MALETZ' comrades, five Germans surrendered and the patrol accomplished its mission. Private First Class MALETZ' fearless action reflects great credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

DONALD F. GROSINSKE, 36816689, Sergeant (Then Corporal), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 and 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Berus, Germany. Wounded on 2 December 1944, while leading his squad to its objective, Sergeant GROSINSKE stoically refused evacuation and again the following day fearlessly directed his men's efforts during the attack on Lisdorf. Inspiring his group by his aggressive, cool leadership in the fierce house to house fight, Sergeant GROSINSKE succumbed to medical treatment only after the torn was taken. His unswerving devotion to duty and gallant conduct exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Sergeant GROSINSKE. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOSEPH M. QUINN, 01298590, Captain, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. Organizing carrying parties to supply forward elements of the Second Battalion fighting in Emsdorf, Captain QUINN personally supervised under enemy



artillery, mortar and rifle fire the operations of his men, who operated on a twenty-hour daily schedule throughout the period from 4 December 1944 to 22 December 1944. Constantly maintaining constant liaison with engineer and tank destroyed units, whose support was vitally necessary during this critical time, Captain QUINN was notably successful in maintaining a continuous flow of all types of ammunition, supplies and equipment to front line troops. His determined, courageous efforts in insuring the success of the Second Battalion's operations reflect great credit on Captain QUINN and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

PAUL C. KOENIGS, 37448551, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In the attack on Uerdingen, Technical Sergeant KOENIGS' platoon leader was killed as the platoon entered the bitterly-defended town. Without hesitation, Technical Sergeant KOENIGS took command and led his men with confident vigor in pressing home the assault. Under his aggressive leadership the platoon closed with the enemy and dislodged and destroyed him. The staunch assurance promptly given by Technical Sergeant KOENIGS in a critical phase of combat is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Iowa.

MARLOWE D. MELVIN, 0343443, Captain, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the combat operations of the period 19 October 1944 to 10 March 1945 Captain MELVIN consistently employed his anti-tank weapons in such a manner as to greatly facilitate the advance of rifle companies. The skillful leadership and high order of personal courage displayed by Captain MELVIN is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

MELVIN ZIMMERS, 32900263, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. After leading his squad two hundred yards across an open field under searching sniper fire, Sergeant ZIMMERS and his men immediately began clearing a Krefeld factory building. When enemy forces began firing bazookas, rifle grenades and machine guns into the factory from their entrenchments nearby, Sergeant ZIMMERS unhesitatingly returned the hostile fire with rifle and anti-tank grenades. Sergeant ZIMMERS' bold action in eliminating an enemy machine gun nest and bazooka team enabled his squad to occupy second-floor positions from which the remaining resistance was quickly broken. His fearless deeds reflect great credit on Sergeant ZIMMERS and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

HAROLD H. MEISNER, 01285265, Captain, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. As heavy weapons company commander, Captain MEISNER distinguished himself by his intrepid leadership throughout the heavy Saarlautern fighting during the period 1 December 1944 to 27 January 1945. His courageous supervision of his men's efforts and highly-skilled employment of available weapons insured immediate, close mortar and machine gun support for the rifle companies of the Third Battalion.

Captain MEISNER'S heroic devotion to duty contributed materially to the combat success of his battalion, reflecting great credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York,

EDWARD A. MC INTIRE, O417549, Captain, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 6 March 1945, in France and Germany. During the period from 19 October 1944 to 6 March 1945, Captain MC INTIRE displayed heroic qualities of leadership and courage in directing the efforts of Cannon Company throughout the offensive operations of his regiment in France and Germany. Skillfully controlling the stockpiles of his weapons at all times, Captain MC INTIRE was instrumental not only in the destruction of vast quantities of enemy weapons and personnel but also in providing invaluable support for Infantry assaults. Captain MC INTIRE'S unflinching, resolute and fearless devotion to duty in contributing greatly to the combat success of his regiment reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MICHAEL J. PACENTE, 36356707, Staff Sergeant (Then Technician Fifth Grade), INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Acting supply sergeant when his company launched its initial attack on Freulautern, Staff Sergeant PACENTE made daily trips over roads pounded by fierce artillery and mortar fire to deliver supplies to Company I. Staff Sergeant PACENTE, throughout this long and arduous period of combat, was not deterred by enemy action or adverse weather conditions from maintaining a steady stream of rations and ammunitions to the front line troops of his company. His steadfast performance of duty and great personal courage reflect distinct credit on Staff Sergeant PACENTE and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MELVIN DOLGOFF, 37265805, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When Company B became isolated from the First Battalion in the fierce fighting in Uerdingen, on 4 March 1945, Private First Class DOLGOFF and another soldier braved intense machine gun and sniper fire to secure supplies for their embattled comrades. Upon reaching the battalion supply point, Private First Class DOLGOFF secured sorely needed radio batteries and, leading a group laden with supplies and ammunition, made his way back across the dangerous route to Company B. His determined heroism in risking his life to supply his company reflects great credit on Private First Class DOLGOFF and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

BARON H. CORNETT, O1285201, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 4 March 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 19 October 1944 to 4 March 1945, First Lieutenant CORNETT performed his hazardous, difficult duties as communications platoon leader with unflinching courage and initiative. On 3 December 1944, after crossing the Saar River with his wire section, First Lieutenant CORNETT unhesitatingly braved a fearful artillery barrage pounding the bridgehead to direct the section's efforts in repairing wire communications disrupted by the intense enemy snelling. First Lieutenant CORNETT'S heroic actions in insuring superior communications for the First Battalion throughout a long period of bitter fighting

exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from West Virginia.

III. AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

LYNN E. THAYER, 01180743, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 2 January 1945 to 26 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

IV. AWARD OF THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

WILLIAM J. WELTON, 01177443, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 10 January 1945 to 26 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

V. AWARD OF FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

NANCE G. FERRELL, 0555443, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 6 January 1945 to 26 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

WILLIAM B. FOWLKES, 01326495, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Berge, Germany. In the advance on str. German positions at Berge, Second Lieutenant FOWLKES' platoon encountered intense machine gun, bazooka and small arms fire from a stoutly-fortified house. Deploying a squad to each flank, Second Lieutenant FOWLKES led a third squad to the front. When a steady stream of machine gun fire from the house pinned down his squad, Second Lieutenant FOWLKES sprang forward and, followed by one man, braved the furious fire to reach the house. Then, in fierce fighting at close quarters, he knocked out the machine gun and forced the surrender of twelve enemy soldiers, completely reducing the position. Second Lieutenant FOWLKES' fearless, skillful actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Kentucky.

VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

FREDERICK G. JOHN, 0555169, First Lieutenant, AUS, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (Attached this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 7 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WAYNE D. MORGAN, 0758039, First Lieutenant, AC, Headquarters XIX Tactical Air Command (Proy), (Attached, this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

DONALD W. MYERS, 36061128, Staff Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

PAUL J. KEITH, 0534801, Captain, AUS, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 23 January 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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LEO H. WILLIAMS, 36353476, Sergeant, GMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

SANFORD FOX, 22687501, Private, GMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

CORDELL R. BULLARD, 14002210, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Advancing in his radio liaison jeep along with attacking elements, Private First Class BULLARD fearlessly drove across an open field under sweeping machine gun and small arms fire to permit a liaison officer to direct the firing of a smoke concentration. After the troops continued their attack over the fire-raked area under the screening smoke, Private First Class BULLARD assisted medical personnel in evacuating several casualties, unhesitatingly driving his jeep through the continuous enemy fire to an aid station. His heroic performance of duty under fire reflects great credit on Private First Class BULLARD and on the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

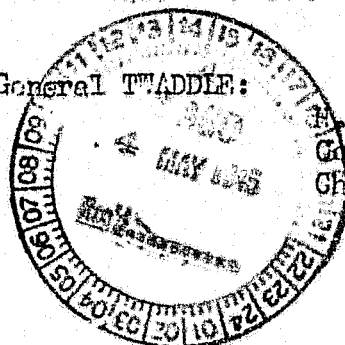
IV. AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

HARRY J. ASHCROE, 9397064, Major, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF PROMTE STAR MEDAL

I AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hd. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

JOSEPH L. ANZINI, 01285171, Captain, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In an attack on strong German positions in West Hamm, Captain ANZINI distinguished himself by the vigor and courage with which he led his company. Enemy artillery pounded the railroad depot, from which the attack moved out; snipers harassed the advance, and panzerfaust fire met the attack from point-blank range, but Captain ANZINI, sometimes moving ahead of the leading elements of his company, gave his men such confidence that the objective was reached promptly. The staunch, fearless leadership displayed by Captain ANZINI reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

LAWRENCE W. SMITH, 36509603, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Woippy, France. On a road near Woippy, Staff Sergeant SMITH detected a camouflaged fox hole, one hundred yards to the right front of his marching platoon. Delivering rifle fire on the fox hole, Staff Sergeant SMITH flushed a large covey of German soldiers. Staff Sergeant SMITH led forward two machine gunners, and assisted them in routing the enemy force in a violent fire-fight. As a result of Staff Sergeant SMITH'S alertness, four Germans were killed and fifteen taken prisoner. The daring which he displayed in this action reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant SMITH and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

ALFRED P. KERCHMAR, 0414364, Captain, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During the period 20 October 1944 to 15 November 1944, Captain KERCHMAR repeatedly distinguished himself in action against bitterly-resisting enemy troops. Commanding a heavy weapons company in the drive on Metz, he emplaced his weapons so skillfully that the assaults of riflemen were greatly facilitated. In the attack on Fort D'Allange, Captain KERCHMAR continued to fight after he had been wounded in the foot during a heavy enemy mortar barrage. The courageous leadership consistently given by Captain KERCHMAR reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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ELMER J. OBERLEITNER, 36251275, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Flaverville, France. While leading a patrol in reconnaissance for a route of advance on Fort Flaverville, Staff Sergeant OBERLEITNER came upon a bunker occupied by twenty enemy troops. Stunning the Germans with a quickly hurled grenade, Staff Sergeant OBERLEITNER forced the entire garrison to surrender. Later that day, Staff Sergeant OBERLEITNER further distinguished himself by participating in the evacuation of wounded soldiers under fierce mortar fire. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant OBERLEITNER and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ROBERT A. KELLER, 36248612, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When his squad encountered intense machine gun and rifle fire from a large stone house in the route of advance, Private First Class KELLER circled, while his comrades fled to the front, and entered the house from the rear. Private First Class KELLER killed two of the enemy machine gunners with rifle fire and drove three others into the cellar. Determined to completely eliminate his adversaries, Private First Class KELLER moved intrepidly to the dark basement and hauled a grenade into it. The three Germans surrendered. The courage and audacity displayed by Private First Class KELLER reflect great credit on him and testify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 2 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

SEVERIN J. SEVERSON, 32609865, Corporal, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Corporal SEVERSON displayed heroic, determined devotion to duty while serving with Battery A's forward observer party in Fraulautern on 14 December 1944. Forced by accurate enemy mortar and sniper fire to leave his advance observation post seven times in an hour, Corporal SEVERSON dauntlessly returned to complete registration and direct devastating artillery fire on the stubbornly-resisting enemy strongpoints. Corporal SEVERSON'S during actions at the risk of his life exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

LURA B. FERGUSON, 37373748, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 6 March 1945, in the vicinity of Rheinhausen, Germany. Following closely behind attacking elements during the advance to the Rhine, Technician Fifth Grade FERGUSON installed and maintained wire communications despite searching enemy artillery and small arms fire. Throughout three days of constant advance, Technician Fifth Grade FERGUSON'S unwavering, courageous devotion to duty insured superior communications between battalion headquarters and the company command posts, reflecting great credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

WILLIAM F. SEITZ, 36652720, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 October 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Tinsdorf, Germany. In the offensives against Metz and Tinsdorf, Private First Class SEITZ displayed great courage and determination while serving as member of a wire team attached to the assault forces of the Third Battalion. Private First Class SEITZ with complete disregard for his own safety succeeded in maintaining vitally essential communications between attacking companies and the battalion command post throughout a period of great combat stress, on many occasions braving heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire to accomplish his mission. His courage and determined devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Private First Class SEITZ and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER F. MAYHEW JR, 01298413, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Beginning one hour after the First Battalion attacked Hamm from its bridgehead, on 4 April 1945, and continuing for three days until the city was entirely reduced, First Lieutenant MAYHEW maintained a steady flow of supplies to the battalion by means of carrying parties. Making numerous trips across the railroad bridge into the city with his men, First Lieutenant MAYHEW courageously disregarded artillery and sniper fire covering the area to supervise closely the distribution of ammunition and rations to the front line troops. His calm, determined leadership in fulfilling a difficult mission exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on First Lieutenant MAYHEW. Entered military service from Kentucky.

HAROLD G. KLOKA, 36556006, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. Painfully wounded by exploding mines set off during the return of an assault patrol to the Meas River, Private First Class KLOKA resolutely aided in the evacuation of his wounded comrades and three German prisoners to waiting boats under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Then, fearlessly leaping into the icy river, he assisted another wounded soldier push the heavily loaded boats away from the shore. His courageous, devoted actions at the risk of his life reflect great credit on Private First Class KLOKA and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

MICHAEL R. MOTTOLA, 36699447, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. Private First Class MOTTOLA, accompanied by one other soldier, unhappily braved mortar and interlocking machine gun fire on numerous occasions to repair the wire communications between pillboxes occupied by his company east of Lisdorf. Courageously volunteering to perform this hazardous task, Private First Class MOTTOLA succeeded in maintaining the vital communications within Company A throughout fourteen days of fierce fighting on the Saar River bridgehead. Private First Class MOTTOLA'S heroic actions during this critical time reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.



ELMER J. NEWINGTON, 01298578, First Lieutenant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 January 1945, in the vicinity of Wadgassen, Germany. Given the mission of leading a patrol into enemy lines to capture a prisoner for interrogation, First Lieutenant NEWINGTON went out alone on reconnaissance to plot a safe route through the intervening, heavily mined area. Then, leading his group through the mine field without casualty, First Lieutenant NEWINGTON and the patrol, entering an enemy-held house, captured its lone occupant and swiftly returned to Company A's command post. First Lieutenant NEWINGTON'S aggressive, skilful leadership on this occasion reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

DANIEL H. TAYLOR, 01320668, First Lieutenant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. First Lieutenant TAYLOR displayed high qualities of courage and leadership in reorganizing remnants of Company A after its complete dispersal by vicious tank destroyer and machine gun fire on 6 December 1944. Crossing the Saar River and knowing only the approximate location of the company carrier that day, First Lieutenant TAYLOR boldly searched the area until he succeeded in locating twenty-three of his men holding out in pillboxes. He then led the group back across the river and resolutely began reorganization. First Lieutenant TAYLOR'S heroic, unswerving devotion to duty under hazardous circumstances typifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDMUND F. RICKARD, 31303600, Private, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Halt, Holland. When the assault patrol of which Private RICKARD was a member set off mines while returning to the Maas River several comrades were wounded by the exploding mines and by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Although wounded himself, Private RICKARD was holdly proceeding to destroy a hostile machine gun with hand grenades when informed that the patrol's boats were loaded and waiting to return across the river. Throughout the crossing Private RICKARD vigilantly guarded three German prisoners taken by the patrol, despite his great pain. His fearless, devoted conduct reflects distinct credit on Private RICKARD and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FRANCIS J. KOPCHENSKI, 35835275, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. When his platoon, spearheading the attack on Krefeld, was pinned down by frontal and flanking machine gun fire, Private First Class KOPCHENSKI courageously made his way over open terrain toward a deeply-entrenched machine gun nest. Although subjected to searching sniper fire, he continued on until within range and, with one accurately aimed round, destroyed the machine gun, killing two Germans and wounding a third. His intrepid feat greatly facilitated the advance of his company into the city, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class KOPCHENSKI and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

LOUIS F. TRADETTO, 33675768, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. After

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capturing a large Uerdingen factory on 4 March 1945, Private First Class TRADETTO'S company was subjected to punishing fire from hostile troops entrenched in a railroad embankment in front of the building. Maneuvering from window to window exposed to continuous bazooka and rifle fire, Private First Class TRADETTO cleared a hostile machine gun nest and killed or wounded several German soldiers with his accurate automatic rifle fire. His valiant, determined actions in assisting in the elimination of a stubborn enemy force reflect great credit on Private First Class TRADETTO and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR R. MC ROBERTS, 37612067, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Remaining at an open window under intense bazooka and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade MC ROBERTS incredibly delivered automatic rifle fire on an enemy machine gun emplacement in Uerdingen. Although he was completely exposed to the observation and fire of the enemy, entrenched forty yards away along a railroad, Technician Fifth Grade MC ROBERTS continued his heroic efforts until the machine gun nest was completely destroyed, enabling his squad to evacuate its menaced position and occupy a better point of vantage. Technician Fifth Grade MC ROBERTS' fearless deed exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Missouri.

WILLIAM T. MC CORMACK, 34922274, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. First scout, Private First Class MC CORMACK was leading a squad across a Uerdingen street to bring fire on an enemy bunker when a furious burst of enemy machine gun fire raked the street, killing one man and wounding four more. Calmly crawling to a position a short distance from his platoon, he requested the aid of a tank destroyer to eliminate the machine gun. Upon its arrival, Private First Class MC CORMACK guided the armor forward and called fire order to its commander. His accurate information led to the complete destruction of the hostile weapon and its crew, and the prompt evacuation of his wounded comrades. Private First Class MC CORMACK'S bold actions, enabling his platoon to advance, reflect great credit on him and on military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

VICTOR T. JEFFERSON, 35472879, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Private First Class JEFFERSON, lead scout of Company B during the final drive to the Rhine, was advancing aggressively through Krefeld when he was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Although wounded in the leg, he returned the hostile fire and, maneuvering skillfully to flank a machine gun position, killed one of the crew and forced the survivors to flee. Refusing to be evacuated for the next two days, Private First Class JEFFERSON continued to lead Company B in its advance, seeking medical attention only after the objective was successfully reached. His intrepid actions and outstanding combat skill reflect great credit on Private First Class JEFFERSON and on the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

SIDNEY KOONSKY, 36356074, Corporal, QMC, \*\*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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/ BERNARD E. MICHAEL, 35361029, Corporal, QMC, \*\*\*Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

/ EDWARD E. BLYTH, 36359660, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

/ JAMES C. SWEETS, 35132023, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

/ JOSEPH KLACAN, 16093475, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

/ FRANCIS V. LIDDELL, 37422923, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

FRANK D. TACH, 36356894, Sergeant, OMT, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

MICHAEL C. JETERS, 36356396, Technician Fourth Grade, OMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

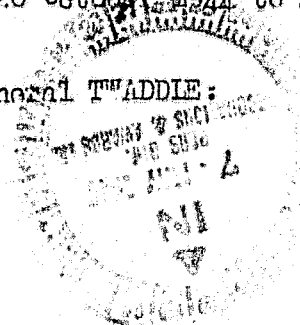
GEORGE E. IRAY, 21373604, Private First Class, OMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

By command of Major General THOMAS W. MADDIE:

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

EVERETT L. COFFEY, 01331269, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost Tannen, Germany. In an attack on a strongly defended enemy position near Ost Tannen, on 5 April 1945, Second Lieutenant COFFEY was wounded by a grenade early in the operation, while eliminating an outpost. Refusing first aid or evacuation, he continued to lead his platoon ruthlessly forward toward its objective, in spite of withering small arms fire, until wounded again, this time severely. His men, inspired by their leader's great courage, swept on to overrun and capture the furiously defended strongpoint. Second Lieutenant COFFEY'S superb leadership and gallant devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

CHARLES L. HUGHES, 34923471, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. When his platoon was fired on by a German machine gun, Private First Class HUGHES approached, behind a hedge, to within a few yards of the weapon and destroyed it with one well-aimed grenade. Then, as Company B pressed its advance, severe machine gun and rifle fire was encountered. Private First Class HUGHES voluntarily crawled along an embankment to discover a strongly-entrenched enemy force, two hundred yards away. After reporting to his platoon leader, he returned to his point of vantage to direct such devastating artillery fire on the enemy positions that Company B was able to push on to its objective. His valiant, determined conduct reflects great credit on Private First Class HUGHES and on the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

ROBERT D. COX, 0540517, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Lisdorf, Germany. In his bold search for information on enemy activities, Second Lieutenant COX continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire while performing his duties as Third Battalion S-2 during the Metz and Saarlautern campaigns. Second Lieutenant COX rendered invaluable aid to his battalion during these moment-

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ous operations by his fearless efforts to seek out and verify, at great personal risk, information concerning hostile deployment and movement. He was wounded on 5 December 1944 while establishing an observation post at Lisdorf in a violent mortar barrage. Second Lieutenant COX'S complete devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

LASARO V. ALVARADO, 39226621, Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France and Germany. Communications chief of Cannon Company, Sergeant ALVARADO distinguished himself by his courageous, devoted performance of his difficult duties during this extended period of combat. Exposing himself on numerous occasions to severe hostile fire, Sergeant ALVARADO with utter disregard for his own safety installed and maintained superior wire communications between gun battery and forward observer posts. The courage and determined devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant ALVARADO in enabling his company to deliver effective cannon fire at all times exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on him. Entered military service from California.

JOHN F. SZYMWEISKI JR, 36507794, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. During the attack on Rhynern, Technician Fifth Grade SZYMWEISKI heroically evacuated the casualties suffered by his own machine gun platoon and by a rifle platoon whose medical aid man was wounded in the fierce fire-fight. Quickly removing eight wounded men to cover, Technician Fifth Grade SZYMWEISKI operated a one-man aid station under heavy mortar shelling and direct fire from a high velocity gun. When the tactical situation permitted, he then directed the evacuation of the casualties by litter haul and medical jeep. Technician Fifth Grade SZYMWEISKI'S valiant conduct reflects great credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Michigan.

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\*ELMER W. NOGLE, 64433, Staff Sergeant, (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 10 December 1944, Staff Sergeant NOGLE led a six-man night patrol in an attempt to destroy an enemy machine gun nest near Saarlautern. Ordering his men to remain in a nearby trench, Staff Sergeant NOGLE and one comrade crawled to the door of the house and battered it down with a satchel charge. Momentarily stunned by the explosion, Staff Sergeant NOGLE quickly recovered and hurled grenades into the building, entering to find several dead enemy soldiers. After destroying three machine guns, Staff Sergeant NOGLE then led the patrol swiftly back to Company B. Staff Sergeant NOGLE'S staunch leadership and intrepid actions reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

CLEO V. ASBURY, 35650028, Private, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When Company B became isolated from the First Battalion, in the fierce fighting in Uerdingen, on 4 March 1945, Private ASBURY and another soldier braved intense machine gun and sniper fire to secure supplies for their embattled comrades. Upon reaching the battalion supply point, Private ASBURY secured sorely needed radio batteries and, leading a group

laden with supplies and ammunition, made his way back across the dangerous route to Company B. His determined heroism in risking his life to supply his company reflects great credit on Private ASBURY and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

MYRON G. SMITH, 37046932, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. During a fierce fight in Uerdingen factory, a German half-track opened anti-tank, machine gun and bazooka fire on Private First Class SMITH'S squad, threatening it with annihilation. Unhesitatingly running to a position where he was exposed to direct fire, Private First Class SMITH quickly launched two anti-tank grenades at the machine armor, killing two of its crew and forcing the half-track to withdraw. His heroic feat, inspiring his squad to hold its position despite furious enemy fire throughout the action, exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class SMITH. Entered military service from Iowa.

PAUL H. KAPPEL, 6863515, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company P, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 December 1944 to 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern and Uerdingen, Germany. Throughout this long period of combat, Technical Sergeant KAPPEL'S service as platoon sergeant and acting platoon leader was distinguished by high personal courage and intrepid, courageous leadership. Armed with a bazooka, he advanced with leading elements of Company B, spearheading the First Battalion's drives on Saarlautern and Uerdingen. Technical Sergeant KAPPEL'S aggressive, rapid fire constantly forced the crews of enemy tanks encountered during these operations to withdraw before setting up and firing on the main body of his company. His staunch leadership and valiant efforts reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant KAPPEL and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

ALBERT J. COUSSA, 31446563, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. Wounded during Company B's attack on Krefeld on 3 March 1945, Private First Class COUSSA was receiving first aid when he observed a comrade lying wounded and exposed to German machine gun and sniper fire. Without regard for his own safety, Private First Class COUSSA ran out of the building into the vicious hail of bullets to the side of the wounded man and carried him back to safety and medical attention. Then, after receiving first aid himself, Private First Class COUSSA set out to rejoin his squad. The courage and devotion to a wounded comrade displayed by Private First Class COUSSA, at the risk of his life, reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

ROBERT R. DE WET, 36832939, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 December 1944 to 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Serving as communications sergeant of Company B throughout an extended period of combat, Sergeant DE WET maintained a superior communications system within his company despite adverse weather conditions and the hazards of enemy fire. Sergeant DE WET, with complete disregard for his own safety, braved hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire on many occasions to repair wire lines disrupted during the bitter Saarlautern fighting, contributing substantially to the successes achieved

by his company. His heroic devotion to duty under difficult circumstances reflects great credit on Sergeant WIT and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HENRY C. GOLDIRON, 35164478, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When a comrade was wounded while observing from a platform on the third floor of a Uerdingen building, Staff Sergeant GOLDIRON courageously exposed himself to bazooka and machine gun fire in going to aid the casualty. Hastily improvising a litter, Staff Sergeant GOLDIRON, assisted by another soldier, carried the wounded man to a safe place where first aid was administered. Then, Staff Sergeant GOLDIRON intrepidly returned to the platform and killed two German bazooka men with his accurate rifle fire. His valiant actions on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant GOLDIRON. Entered military service from Kentucky.

TRINIDAD Z. CARRILLO, 38365387, Technician Fifth Grade, CAC, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. When a direct shell hit wrecked his jeep and wounded his battery commander, on 6 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade CARRILLO hastily secured another vehicle and drove the wounded officer through severe artillery fire to an aid station. Throughout the time from 6 December 1944 to 10 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade CARRILLO displayed dogged tenacity of purpose in performing his duties, driving through the murderous artillery fire pounding the Saar bridgehead area to deliver messages, rations and ammunition to the gun sections of Battery C. His valiant actions and eager devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit on Technician Fifth Grade CARRILLO and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

BETHEL G. MC NETT, 38015424, Staff Sergeant, INF, (Armored), Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 July 1944 to 8 February 1945, in France and Germany. Displaying keen judgment and aggressive leadership, Staff Sergeant MC NETT served with distinction as a platoon sergeant during the momentous operations in which his company participated during this long, arduous period of combat. In the Hurtgen Forest campaign, he assumed command on 3 December 1944, when the platoon leader was executed, and led the platoon in a superior manner for three days. In the assault on Colmar, France on 1 February 1945, Staff Sergeant MC NETT directed his section in destroying several machine gun nests and in eliminating many pockets of resistance, giving maximum support in breaking the enemy's defensive line. Staff Sergeant MC NETT'S intrepid, determined devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

ORLAND M. PARKE, 01285107, First Lieutenant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. On the night of 4 March 1945, First Lieutenant PARKE, executive officer of Company L, quickly organized the company headquarters and mortar section to furnish flank protection for tanks advancing to support his company's attack in Uerdingen. While moving forward with the tanks, under heavy small arms fire, First Lieutenant PARKE was hit by a rifle bullet but resolutely persisted at his task until Company L secured its initial objective. His heroic leadership and high personal courage reflect distinct credit

on First Lieutenant PARKE and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

THOMAS PROGGATT, 33792339, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. When his platoon leader was evacuated for hospitalization, Technical Sergeant PROGGATT assumed command and led his platoon with great distinction during twenty days of combat. Demonstrating a high degree of resourcefulness and personal courage throughout this period, Technical Sergeant PROGGATT skillfully directed his men's efforts in furnishing unfailingly close, timely support to the attacking rifle platoons of Company G. His staunch leadership and fearless devotion to duty under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant PROGGATT. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

TONY W. ROLAND, 37373516, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Private First Class ROLAND displayed heroic tenacity of purpose while serving as battalion motor messenger during a phase of bitter fighting in Saarlautern, from 8 December 1944 to 16 December 1944. Making many trips under enemy artillery fire through debris-littered streets, in which hostile snipers were still active, Private First Class ROLAND delivered messages and critical supplies to the forward command posts with utter disregard for his own safety. His courageous, determined service during this difficult period materially aided communication within the Second Battalion, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class ROLAND and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

IRLAND P. WEST, 35485792, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

CECIL RICKER, 38130919, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

PETER G. DONLON, 37295667, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ELMER E. TERWILDOW, 36245514, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MERTIN L. THOMAS, 34374945, Staff Sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.



KARL E. SNYDER, 37287665, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

ALEXANDER CHIPPS, 16638780, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE T. COLEMAN JR, 33651033, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarter 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

LEONARD F. KOCH, 36600429, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. Unhesitatingly crossing an open field three hundred yards wide, Technical Sergeant KOCH braved sweeping enemy fire to bring up machine gun sections to support his platoon, seriously hindered in its drive through Krefeld by a strong hostile force. Inspired by his fearless example, the men, carrying three machine guns, followed Technical Sergeant KOCH back across the fire-raked field and set up their guns in firing position. Then, supported by the powerful fire of these weapons, Technical Sergeant KOCH and his platoon, driving forward toward the Rhine, drove the enemy troops from their positions. His bold, courageous actions reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant KOCH and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General TWADDIE:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

FREDERICK M. STARK JR., 13128528, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Weidingen, Germany. To deny two railroad underpasses to enemy armor, which sought to encircle the First Battalion, Private First Class STARK crawled with his bazooka along a ridge to unoccupied enemy emplacements. After a two and one half hour vigil, in which the enemy threw mortar shells and machine gun fire onto the ridge, Private First Class STARK watched the Germans wheel an anti-tank gun into position. With his bazooka, he disabled the weapon and wounded two members of the crew. A German tank rumbled into the wider of the underpasses. Private First Class STARK hit the tread, damaging it so that the tank was immobilized. The desperate crew turned the turret gun on Private First Class STARK and fired four wild rounds. Employing his bazooka again, Private First Class STARK knocked out the enemy weapon. The disabled tank blocked the underpass to further enemy movement and the Germans, evidently discouraged by Private First Class STARK's accuracy, made no attempt to use the other underpass. The single-handed daring, fortitude and battle skill displayed by Private First Class STARK reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MURVIN L. WEISGARTER, 35388596, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Weidingen, Germany. Sensing a counter-attack when his outpost was heavily shelled, Sergeant WEISGARTER crawled to ground overlooking a railroad underpass and awaited the approach of hostile troops. Suddenly, two columns of Germans appeared. When the first column had marched by, Sergeant WEISGARTER opened fire with his automatic rifle. He hit seven of the twelve in the column. The second column hugged the ground. Sergeant WEISGARTER lifted it with two hand grenades and then killed eight Germans with his automatic rifle. The cool courage and brilliant marksmanship displayed by Sergeant WEISGARTER reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

LEO A. HUSSELL, 37294757, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Esdorf, Germany. When all but two of his twelve men were in contact in the pitch dark before a stout German pillbox near Esdorf, Technical Sergeant HUSSELL decided to complete his mission without them. His two comrades

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Fired on the concrete-and-steel emplacement. RUSSELL made his way forward. He hit the target and hurled it into the fortification. Then the sergeant, Technical Sergeant RUSSELL, undrained, stepped into the pillbox doorway and, with a single lunge, hurling his flashlight on himself, he indicated to the garrison that he would hurl another grenade if they did not surrender. For the entire garrison, except for two killed by the grenade, the valor, resource, and ability and courage displayed by Technical Sergeant RUSSELL are a great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 24, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 2 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM C. WESSER, 72114383, Chief Warrant Officer, USA, \*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

MARVIN L. WREY, 37422876, Technician Fifth Grade, Sig C, \*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

JOSEPH V. KELLY, 31181723, Staff Sergeant, Sig C, \*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

HENRY ZOLTAK, 36246831, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

NORTON GOODMAN, 32797929, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

GERALD H. MORELOCK, 37213446, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

FRANK W. FERRIE, 33009541, First Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

GEORGE A. ANDERMAN, 36184820, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

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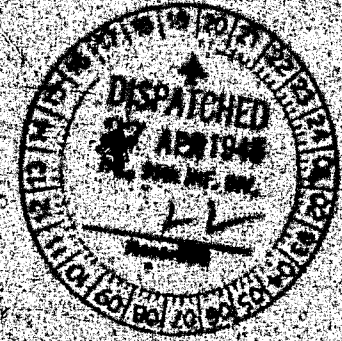
...in connection with military operations against the enemy,  
...in the vicinity of Titz, Germany, when the jeep behind which  
...Sergeant PEGHIA walked, inspecting wire, detonated a German mine, the  
...was broken and incanted, and he was thrown from the demolished  
...to the ground where he lay, bleeding profusely. Without hesitation,  
...Sergeant PEGHIA ran through the mined area to him. Technical Sergeant  
...a tourniquet from his own belt and applied it to the driver's  
...after hailing a truck, Technical Sergeant PEGHIA carried his comrade  
...the mined field, to it. When the truck encountered an  
...Sergeant PEGHIA transferred the casualty. Because  
...Sergeant PEGHIA's prompt, calm and courageous actions, the wounded  
...hospital within an hour of the occurrence of the accident, and his  
...Sergeant PEGHIA's solidly conduct on this occasion  
...great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the bronze star medal is awarded to the following:

LLOYD A. RUSSELL, 37294757, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Esdorf, Germany. On the night of 14 December 1944, Technical Sergeant RUSSELL led an eight man patrol to trenches guarding a pillbox in the Siegfried Line. In a fierce, brief engagement, Technical Sergeant RUSSELL and his men disposed of the occupants of the trenches, and proceeded to the concrete fortification itself. Satchel charges were placed, when they failed to detonate, Technical sergeant RUSSELL, accompanied by another soldier, invaded the pillbox, hurling grenades. An enfilade of enemy fire met them in the narrow corridor. Technical Sergeant RUSSELL and his comrade fought gallantly against a superior number of Germans until they were severely wounded. Then, despite a fractured leg and other wounds, Technical Sergeant RUSSELL led his patrol in good order to their own lines. The leadership and fortitude so clearly displayed by Technical sergeant RUSSELL are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and they reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Minnesota.

HENRY A. MORRISON, 16108259, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

JACK E. HILL, 20823373, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

LELAND G. LUENBERGER, 36509622, Technician Fifth Grade, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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KONRAD G. BRADLEY, 39039990, Sergeant, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment, (Attached to Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

11. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By Direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

GRAEVILLE E. TRISOMI, 0357769, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 November 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN E. GIBLIN, 0303529, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 November 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

By command of Major General TWADDELL:

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 300-43, as amended, and Memorandum No. 24, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following:

HUBERT J. J. HOELER, 20636834, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Felsberg, Germany. When intense fire from enemy positions on high ground to the front delayed the advance of Company I, near Felsberg, Private First Class HOELER crawled to the left flank of the German strongpoint. Completing his stealthy maneuver unnoticed, Private First Class HOELER and another soldier, who had made his way to the rear of the hostile position, opened fire. They killed five surprised Germans, and rounded up twenty who surrendered. This bold action, in which Private First Class HOELER participated so courageously, freed Company I from the grip of enemy fire and enabled the advance to proceed. Private First Class HOELER was killed in action, on 2 December 1944, in Germany. His fortitude and daring have brought lasting honor to him, and have typified the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM G. FUCHS, 35485804, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When his platoon was ordered to cross a Moselle River bridge, over which enemy troops were fleeing, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, Private First Class FUCHS started across, in spite of machine gun and twenty millimeter fire which enfiladed the column. Four of Private First Class FUCHS' comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find demolition wires the Germans set off prepared charges, destroying the bridge. Private First Class FUCHS was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

LESLIE U. BUCHANAN, 38533087, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When his platoon was ordered to cross a Moselle River bridge, over which enemy troops were fleeing, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, Private First Class BUCHANAN started across, in spite of machine gun and twenty millimeter fire which enfiladed the column. Four of Private First Class BUCHANAN'S comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find demolition wires the Germans set off prepared charges, destroying the bridge. Private First Class BUCHANAN was instantly killed. His completely courageous

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devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

BERNARD GREENBERG, 32964930, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Private First Class GREENBERG'S platoon dismounted from tanks to eliminate enemy positions which impeded the advance toward the Adolf Hitler Bridge, at Uerdingen. A German machine gun, emplaced at the bridge approach, three hundred yards away, began firing. Private First Class GREENBERG, determined to silence it, started across a flat, open field, firing as he moved. A burst from the machine gun knocked him down. He recovered and moved forward again. As the enemy's raking fire followed him, Private First Class GREENBERG hit his target and the machine gun became silent. Fire from a nearby enemy machine gun killed him. The courageous devotion to duty which enabled Private First Class GREENBERG to accomplish this dangerous, self-imposed mission is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on Private First Class GREENBERG. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

HARLEY WOLLOMAN, 35437958, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lunenburg, Germany. Private First Class WOLLOMAN, riding on the second tank of a column, observed a panzerfaust team open fire on the lead tank from a position alongside the highway. Boldly leaping from the moving vehicle, Private First Class WOLLOMAN engaged the German force by himself, firing his automatic rifle with deadly accuracy. Before the panzerfaust squad could halt his furious attack, Private First Class WOLLOMAN killed or wounded all members, permitting the column to move on unscathed. The gallant, timely initiative taken by Private First Class WOLLOMAN, and the courage with which he closed with hostile troops who outnumbered him, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JOHN J. TOLAND, 01315391, First Lieutenant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In a fierce three-day action before Metz, First Lieutenant TOLAND constantly led his men with bold and vigorous determination, which materially expedited the decisive defeat inflicted on the enemy there. On one occasion, when his platoon encountered intense machine gun fire, First Lieutenant TOLAND, accompanied by an automatic rifleman, advanced into a street swept by hostile fire and knocked out the machine gun. Another time, First Lieutenant TOLAND destroyed a strong mortar machine gun emplacement in the wooded area near Fort Gembetta. The staunch leadership which he gave, skillfully guiding his men to hostile strongpoints and then leading them in the destruction of the occupants, reflects great credit on First Lieutenant TOLAND and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM L. KOPP, 35916277, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Staff Sergeant KOPP'S platoon was attempting to destroy a hostile observation post in a deep, heavily wooded area near Gravelotte, on 14 November 1944, when intense flanking machine gun

fire and mortar shelling forced the group to retire to a less exposed location. Aware that some of his comrades remained in the draw, Staff Sergeant KOPP led two volunteers into the hazardous area under continuing violent fire to locate the men. Finding seven men, one of whom was wounded, Staff Sergeant KOPP and his two associates guided the isolated soldiers out of the draw to safety. His conspicuous gallantry on this occasion exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant KOPP. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN J. SHALLBY, 39358999, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. Light machine gunner, Sergeant SHALLBY was advancing with his company in an attack near Gravelotte when his squad leader was wounded in the severe artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Picking up his comrade's machine gun, Sergeant SHALLBY opened fire from a shell crater on a hostile gun emplacement nearby, but the weapon, fouled by mud, jammed. Sergeant SHALLBY calmly cleaned the gun despite his perilous position and then, taking up a better vantage point, engaged the enemy, killing five and silencing the hostile machine gun. Although wounded by rifle fire, he reorganized his squad and rendered effective support to Company C's successful assault. Sergeant SHALLBY'S superbly heroic conduct reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT L. RIZICK, 15362285, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. During the advance through Krefeld, on 3 March 1945, Staff Sergeant RIZICK'S company was pinned down by intense frontal and flanking machine gun fire. A member of the point, Staff Sergeant RIZICK observed one of the gun emplacements directly to the front, one hundred yards distant. Completely ignoring the great personal danger, he rushed forward under the heavy fire, destroying the hostile weapon. His great courage and brilliant combat action enabled Company B to continue its advance toward the Rhine, reflecting great credit on Staff Sergeant RIZICK and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

W. B. ALEXANDER, 34936346, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Haaren, Germany. When his company was halted on the bank of the Lippe Canal, near Haaren, by intense enemy small arms fire, Private First Class ALEXANDER fearlessly accompanied his squad leader in an attempt to cross a railroad bridge and eliminate the hostile resistance. Moving out into the hail of bullets, Private First Class ALEXANDER was hit, but he continued to advance, delivering covering fire for his companion. Failing to stop his determined progress with rifle fire, the enemy fired a panzerfaust at Private First Class ALEXANDER and he was killed instantly by a direct hit. His supreme courage and complete devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect lasting honor on Private First Class ALEXANDER. Entered military service from Tennessee.

THOMAS G. ISBELLMAN, 36336051, Private, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Scharlauern-Roden, Germany. In an attack on strong enemy positions at Scharlauern-Roden, Private ISBELLMAN, an aid man, boldly accompanied a machine gun platoon across an open field which was swept by German small arms fire and pounded by German artillery. In order to administer to the wounded, Private First Class ISBELLMAN went where the firing was the most intense. He was killed while aiding a wounded comrade. His complete devotion to duty, at the whole risk of his own life, reflects lasting honor on Private First Class ISBELLMAN and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, I.C., Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star medal is awarded to the following:

FREDRICK J. CODY, 35362351, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Flapperville, France. Leading a machine gun squad in the attack on Fort Flapperville, Sergeant CODY met fierce, heavy machine gun and rifle fire from inside the fort. With quick, sound judgment, he changed the direction of the attack, taking advantage of a ridge which afforded cover from the intense enemy fire. Then, he unplaced his machine gun on a rock pile, sixty yards from the fort, and opened fire. In a bitter engagement, Sergeant CODY's machine gun silenced the German weapons. Sergeant CODY was wounded, but not until his courageous and skillful leadership had decisively turned the tide of battle. Sergeant CODY's exemplary conduct under fire reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

MORRIS F. GALLAGHER, 33842645, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When a German tank attacked the defensive position of his squad, Sergeant GALLAGHER ordered his men to maintain small arms fire on the approaching tank while he obtained a bazooka. Then, he took up an exposed position and discharged his weapon at the powerful enemy vehicle. In this position, Sergeant GALLAGHER was hit, but he continued to fire on the tank, protecting the withdrawal of his comrades to a building. The fortitude displayed by Sergeant GALLAGHER in the face of terrible enemy fire reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

WALLACE K. DU LAC, 36861713, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Unten-Felsberg, Germany. When counter-battery fire struck the building in which Cannon Company's command post was located, two wiremen, at the corner of the building, were struck by flying fragments of the enemy shells. With no regard for his own safety, Private First Class DU LAC, accompanied by two other medical soldiers, rushed into the midst of the barrage and intrepidly administered first aid to the casualties. His resolute performance of duty under fire reflects distinct credit on Private First Class DU LAC and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLARD G. CAMP, 34171499, Private First Class, I.D, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Unter-Felsberg, Germany. When counter-battery fire struck the building in which Cannon Company's command post was located, two wiremen, at the corner of the building, were struck by flying fragments of the enemy shells. With no regard for his own safety, Private First Class CAMP, accompanied by two other medical soldiers, rushed into the midst of the barrage and intrepidly administered first aid to the casualties. His resolute performance of duty under fire reflects distinct credit on Private First Class CAMP and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from North Carolina.

GEORGE H. DUNSON, 20901376, Private First Class, I.D, Medical Detachment \*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Unter-Felsberg, Germany. When counter-battery fire struck the building in which Cannon Company's command post was located, two wiremen, at the corner of the building, were struck by flying fragments of the enemy shells. With no regard for his own safety, Private First Class DUNSON, accompanied by two other medical soldiers, rushed into the midst of the barrage and intrepidly administered first aid to the casualties. His resolute performance of duty under fire reflects distinct credit on Private First Class DUNSON and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from California.

RICHARD W. LAMERIE, 36976573, Private First Class, I.F, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Seizing a sub-machine gun, Private First Class LAMERIE fired rapidly on a German tank which was attacking his squad's position, near Urdingen. Private First Class LAMERIE continued his stubborn fight until his position was demolished and himself and several others wounded. Then, still under fire from the enemy, he moved out to inform his platoon leader of the situation, and to obtain medical assistance for his wounded comrades. The heroic devotion to duty given by Private First Class LAMERIE is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

LEONARD J. WILMER, 37260937, Private First Class, I.F, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, and Ermlautern, Germany. When a German squad approached to within ten feet of the building occupied by Private First Class WILMER and his comrades, Private First Class WILMER fearlessly exposed himself at a window and fired down on the Germans with his machine gun, killing the entire squad. Later, at Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class WILMER made his way across a street covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire to elicit the surrender of twenty Germans who were ensconced in the basement of a building. The prowess displayed by Private First Class WILMER on these occasions reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

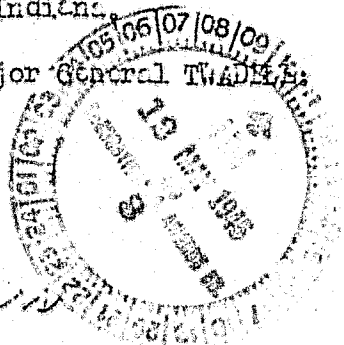
CONRAD E. KOEPLER JR, 025500, Captain, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. In the advance on Krefeld, the Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, sustained severe casualties when heavy enemy artillery fire was encountered. Under the continuing barrage, Captain KOEPLER moved out to obtain medical aid for the wounded, persevering in his voluntary search until he was able to find aid

men, whom he guided to where the casualties lay. Captain KOEPPER'S gallantry, in risking his life for the sake of his wounded comrades, reflects great credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered United States Military Academy from Georgia.

WILTON L. GRAMM, 61013209, First Lieutenant, INF, (Armored), Headquarters Company, 488th Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unna, Germany. Under fire from anti-air weapons and flak guns, First Lieutenant GRAMM dismounted from his tank and proceeded to a vantage point where he skillfully directed fire which neutralized strong enemy positions. First Lieutenant GRAMM'S fearless action removed the advance of tanks, and reflects great credit on him. His complete devotion to duty, in the face of heavy enemy fire, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

LINUS L. LECHNER, 35710513, Private First Class INF, Company A, 488th Military Police Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Tinsdorf, Germany. In the offensives against Metz and Tinsdorf, Private First Class LECHNER displayed great courage and determination while serving as member of a wire team attached to the assault forces of the Third Battalion. Private First Class LECHNER with complete disregard for his own safety succeeded in maintaining vitally essential communications between attacking companies and the Battalion command post throughout a period of great combat stress, on many occasions braving heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire to accomplish his mission. His courageous, determined devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Private First Class LECHNER and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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SECTION I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

JAMES E. BASS, 34327183, Technician Fifth Grade, M.D, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. During hard fighting in Uerdingen, two men of Company A were wounded by enemy fire and lay in the street. When he saw them, Technician Fifth Grade BASS immediately dashed out into a hail of bullets and succeeded in carrying one of the casualties to cover. Then, he returned for the second wounded soldier. Technician Fifth Grade BASS dragged him to the doorway of a house, at which point a German sniper shot Technician Fifth Grade BASS, killing him instantly. The gallant, full devotion to the lives of his comrades given by Technician Fifth Grade BASS is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II. Award of Silver Star: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

HOWARD BROWN, 35502693, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 and 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bertrange, France. On the night of 13 November 1944, Private First Class BROWN braved continuous enemy artillery fire in order to cross the Moselle River from Uckange and carry urgently-needed bazooka ammunition to his hard-pressed comrades in Bertrange. After reaching his destination, Private First Class BROWN remained on duty for many hours, helping to fight off strong hostile counter-attacks. His calm, courageous conduct in extremely hazardous circumstances reflects great credit on Private First Class BROWN and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

FLORENTINO ESPINA JR, 39285232, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Esdorf, Germany. Voluntarily serving as squad leader in an assault on a heavily fortified Esdorf building, Private First Class ESPINA heroically led his men in two fruitless attacks against the bitterly resisting enemy strongpoint. With courageous persistence, he returned at the head of his squad to press the assault once again, this time being severely wounded by automatic weapons fire. Gallantly continuing his efforts until the

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