

objective was taken, Private First Class ASPINA refused evacuation until his men were deployed and the other casualties given medical attention. The aggressive leadership and unwavering devotion to duty given by Private First Class ASPINA reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

CARL G. ULSAHER, 024815, Captain, I.F., Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. Against bitterly stubborn enemy resistance north of Rhynern, Captain ULSAHER led Company I's attack with such courage and vigor that his men, inspired by their leader's gallant example, closed relentlessly with the enemy and destroyed many of his troops. The battle success achieved by Company I on this occasion was greatly facilitated by the staunch leadership given by Captain ULSAHER. His intrepid actions are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Captain ULSAHER. Entered United States Military Academy from Texas.

ALBERT STRICKSTEIN, 37876729, Private First Class, I.F., Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Jussey, France. When heavy frontal machine gun fire pinned his platoon down, before Fort Bois La Dame, Private First Class STRICKSTEIN boldly advanced one hundred yards, under direct fire and observation, to engage the Germans by himself. Throwing grenades inside the fortification, Private First Class STRICKSTEIN killed six of the hostile garrison and knocked out two machine guns. The combat skill displayed by Private First Class STRICKSTEIN in his courageous, single-handed action reflects great credit on him and exemplifies 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 600-45, 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:

WILLIAM W. SHILLER, 37128984, Technician Fourth Grade, C.V., \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 30 January 1945, in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. Throughout the hazardous combat operations of the period 19 October 1944 to 30 January 1945 Technician Fourth Grade W. W. SHILLER performed his duty as radio operator with great skill and courage. Operating his radio under enemy artillery and small arms fire, during the worst inclemency of winter, Technician Fourth Grade W. W. SHILLER continually maintained communication between his troop headquarters and higher echelons. Technician Fourth Grade W. W. SHILLER'S steadfast devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM J. JASSO, 3660990, Technician Fourth Grade, C.V., \*\*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 30 January 1945, in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. Technician Fourth Grade J. JASSO contributed materially to the brilliant achievements of his unit in combat by performing his duty as radio operator with great skill and courage. Operating under enemy artillery and small arms fire, during the worst inclemency of winter, Technician Fourth Grade J. JASSO never faltered in maintaining communications between the line platoon and troop headquarters. The steadfast devotion to duty given by Technician Fourth Grade J. JASSO is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

PAUL R. FOGLEMAN, 3324480, Technician Fourth Grade, GAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 30 January 1945, in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. Technician Fourth Grade FOGLEMAN contributed materially to the brilliant achievements of his unit in combat by performing his duty as radio operator with great skill and courage. Operating under enemy artillery and small arms fire, Technician Fourth Grade FOGLEMAN never faltered in maintaining communications between the first platoon and troop headquarters. The steadfast devotion to duty given by Technician Fourth Grade FOGLEMAN is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

BRUCE A. PETERSON, 37421811, Technician Fourth Grade, GAV, \*\*\*Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 30 January 1945, in France and Germany. Technician Fourth Grade PETERSON contributed materially to the brilliant achievements of his unit in combat by performing his duty as radio operator with great skill and courage. Operating under enemy artillery and small arms fire, Technician Fourth Grade PETERSON never faltered in maintaining communications between the second platoon and troop headquarters. The steadfast devotion to duty given by Technician Fourth Grade PETERSON is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Iowa.

LAMAR W. JOHNSON, 39150935, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 3 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as mortar platoon sergeant during the period 9 November 1944 to 3 April 1945, Technical Sergeant JOHNSON performed his difficult, hazardous duties with high courage and conspicuous ability. On several occasions, Technical Sergeant JOHNSON assumed command of his platoon in the absence of the normal leader and invariably distinguished himself in this capacity by his calm, capable leadership. The valiant devotion to duty and staunch leadership given by Technical Sergeant JOHNSON throughout a period of great combat stress reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

JOHN J. PILECKI, 36357024, Corporal, 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 the vicinity of Uckange, France and Nechemerich, Germany. During an extended phase of combat, from 8 November 1944 to 6 March 1945, Corporal PILECKI displayed courageous, unwavering devotion to duty as first gunner of an eighty-one millimeter mortar squad, serving with superior skill throughout the Metz and Saarlautern offensives. On one occasion, disdaining concentrated enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Corporal PILECKI remained at his post in St. Barbara to deliver furious mortar fire, checking a hostile counter-attack in its first stage. His bold, devoted service throughout this long period of combat reflects great credit on Corporal PILECKI and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE E. DAVIDZIAN, 36248045, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 6 March 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 14 November 1944 to 6 March 1945, Corporal DAVIDZIAN served with

high courage and skill as first gunner of an eighty-one millimeter mortar squad. At St. Barbara, Germany, Corporal DAVIDZLIK delivered fierce, accurate fire on counter-attacking enemy troops, and, although his position was constantly exposed to sweeping machine gun fire and shrapnel, succeeded in routing the hostile forces. During the bitter Fraulautern battle, he braved a violent artillery barrage to check an enemy counter-attack by his timely mortar shelling. Corporal DAVIDZLIK'S heroic devotion to duty and outstanding combat skill reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JAMES E. LUCKIE, 38686839, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boulay, France. To secure additional litters to evacuate casualties from the battlefield, on the night of 25 November 1944, Private First Class LUCKIE and another soldier voluntarily accompanied a German medical soldier who professed to know the location of a captured pillbox containing a supply of litters. Approaching and entering the bunker indicated by their guide, the two men surprised fifteen Germans still occupying the pillbox. Although Private First Class LUCKIE and his comrade carried only one rifle, they fearlessly demanded the enemy troops to surrender. The entire garrison, stunned by the calm, poised manner of the two men, surrendered without resistance. His courageous actions on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class LUCKIE. Entered military service from Texas.

PLEROY R. LAMPLEY, 38698737, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boulay, France. To secure additional litters to evacuate casualties from the battlefield, on the night of 25 November 1944, Private First Class LAMPLEY and another soldier voluntarily accompanied a German medical soldier who professed to know the location of a captured pillbox containing a supply of litters. Approaching and entering the bunker indicated by their guide, the two men surprised fifteen Germans still occupying the pillbox. Although Private First Class LAMPLEY and his comrade carried only one rifle, they fearlessly demanded the enemy troops to surrender. The entire garrison, stunned by the calm, poised manner of the two men, surrendered without resistance. His courageous actions on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class LAMPLEY. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

WILLIAM W. BEATTIE, 36249855, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lippertsho, Germany. After emplacing his fifty-seven millimeter gun section at a road junction, Staff Sergeant BEATTIE observed a troop carrier disappear behind a house six hundred yards away. He quickly fired several rounds at the house and twenty Germans rushed out of the building. When they attempted to flee in the troop carrier, Staff Sergeant BEATTIE directed fire on the vehicle, destroying it and killing ten enemy soldiers. Later, seeking to eliminate a group of Germans firing on an important road junction, Staff Sergeant BEATTIE and his squad delivered accurate machine gun and small arms fire on the group, killing four and silencing the harassing fire. Staff Sergeant BEATTIE'S staunch, resourceful leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ALBERT W. BALLARD, 34388711, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class) IIF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saselatern, Germany. Throughout the drive from Metz to the Saar River, Staff Sergeant Ballard distinguished himself in courage and in devotion to duty. Braving heavy small arms and artillery fire, he frequently repaired broken wire lines and personally carried messages in order to maintain communications within his unit. Many times he voluntarily participated in dangerous reconnaissance patrols. Staff Sergeant Ballard's unwavering perseverance and personal courage reflect distinct credit on him and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

EUGENE L. COLLEY, 35071469, Sergeant, IIF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. When Company B's advance in Hamm was obstructed by fierce machine gun, bazooka and sniper fire, Sergeant COLLEY, accompanied by two volunteers, led by an officer, infiltrated down the street, from house to house, toward the German strong points. In spite of furious enemy resistance, Sergeant COLLEY and his comrades, firing accurately and rapidly, moved forward relentlessly, knocking out a machine gun nest, destroying three bazooka teams, and killing six snipers. The brilliant battle skill and cold fortitude displayed by Sergeant COLLEY reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HAROLD L. AYER, 37556255, Private First Class, IIF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. When Company B's advance in Hamm was obstructed by fierce machine gun, bazooka and sniper fire, Private First Class AYER, accompanied by two volunteers, led by an officer, infiltrated down the street, from house to house, toward the German strong points. In spite of furious enemy resistance, Private First Class AYER and his comrades, firing accurately and rapidly, moved forward relentlessly, knocking out a machine gun nest, destroying three bazooka teams, and killing six snipers. The brilliant battle skill and cold fortitude displayed by Private First Class AYER reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOSEPH CUCIEMBA, 4211775, Private First Class, IIF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. When Company B's advance in Hamm was obstructed by fierce machine gun, bazooka and sniper fire, Private First Class CUCIEMBA, accompanied by two volunteers, led by an officer, infiltrated down the street, from house to house, toward the German strong points. In spite of furious enemy resistance, Private First Class CUCIEMBA and his comrades, firing accurately and rapidly, moved forward relentlessly, knocking out a machine gun nest, destroying three bazooka teams, and killing six snipers. The brilliant battle skill and cold fortitude displayed by Private First Class CUCIEMBA reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WILLIAM F. BUCHT, 37373332, Private First Class, IIF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saselatern, Germany. In the

drives on Metz and Marsden, Private First Class BLOTT contributed greatly to the successes won by the attacking rifle companies of the Third Battalion by keeping open vitally necessary communications lines under numerous enemy fire. Unflinching in his devotion to duty, Private First Class BLOTT displayed traits of courage which reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

ROBERT S. HARRIS, 0472165, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as regimental liaison officer throughout a long and arduous period of combat, First Lieutenant HARRIS was never deterred by enemy fire, or by dangerous conditions of weather and terrain, from completely performing his important duty. First Lieutenant HARRIS'S resolute service materially facilitated the operations of his regiment. His zealous, resourceful actions reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GRANTON G. BURSIDE, 3829704, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 5 April 1945, in Germany. By performing his duty as communications sergeant with exemplary devotion and outstanding skill, Sergeant BURSIDE contributed substantially to the success achieved by Company L in battle. Supervising the installation and maintenance of communication lines, Sergeant BURSIDE many times exposed himself to hostile fire in order to completely accomplish his dangerous missions. Sergeant BURSIDE'S intrepid conduct throughout this long period of combat reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

JOHN A. JOHNSON, 55505415, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Company M, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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I. AWARD, FOSTER CARE, 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 posthumously to:

THOMAS MCLELLANE, 36853250, Private First Class, INF, Company L, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Herdingen, Germany. In order to relieve a hard-pressed rifle squad from powerful enemy fire, Private First Class MCLELLANE voluntarily accompanied his squad leader in a daring two-man diversionary attack. Private First Class MCLELLANE advanced down a street, killing two Germans who were armed with machine pistols, and drew vicious fire on himself. Protected by Private First Class MCLELLANE'S bold action, the beleaguered squad was able to complete an orderly withdrawal before Private First Class MCLELLANE fell, mortally wounded. His heroic conduct and complete devotion to his comrades reflects lasting honor on Private First Class MCLELLANE and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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:

WILLIAM W. MOGLE, 33564433, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company B, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Leading a six-man patrol whose mission was the destruction of a German machine gun nest in a Saarlautern house, Staff Sergeant MOGLE ordered four of his men to remain in a nearby trench while he and another soldier crawled to the door of the building and battered it down with a satchel charge. Momentarily stunned by the explosion, Staff Sergeant MOGLE quickly recovered and hurled several grenades into the hostile nest. Then, he and his patrol entered the house to find the German defenders dead, and to destroy three machine guns. The staunch and resourceful leadership given by Staff Sergeant MOGLE reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

HOWARD LILLEN, 14148295, Private First Class, INF, Company B, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On a six-man patrol whose mission was the destruction of a machine gun nest in a Saarlautern house, Private First Class LILLEN accompanied the patrol leader to the door of the building which they battered down with a satchel charge. Momentarily stunned by the explosion,

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Private First Class LIBERT quickly recovered and hurled several grenades into the hostile nest. Then, he and his comrades entered the house to find the German defenders dead, and to destroy three machine guns. Private First Class LIBERT's courageous and resolute performance of duty reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

GILBERT T. PETERSON, 55377693, Sergeant, Tn, Company G, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Brackel, Germany. When the enemy tanks opened fire on the jeep in which Sergeant PETERSON and another soldier were riding near Brackel, the jeep was demolished and the two men hurled into a ditch beside the road. While his companion, seriously wounded, sought cover in a nearby house, Sergeant PETERSON remained beside the damaged jeep to open fire with his rifle on approaching enemy infantry. Succeeding in halting momentarily the hostile soldiers, Sergeant PETERSON quickly began firing the jeep's machine gun, forcing the enemy soldiers and tanks to withdraw in confusion. Then, recovering an abandoned jeep, he drove his wounded comrade to an adjacent village for first aid and evacuation. Sergeant PETERSON'S intrepid, fearless actions on this occasion reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

WILLIAM J. MEADOWS, 34876276, Private First Class, IIF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When fire from a German tank, which supported an attacking company of infantry, demolished the second stories of two buildings held by the first and second platoons of Company A, and knocked out the second platoon's bazooka, Private First Class MEADOWS, accompanied by two comrades, carried the remaining bazooka outside and courageously engaged the powerful hostile force. Overcoming the heavy odds against them, Private First Class MEADOWS and his comrades scored a hit on the tank, forcing it to withdraw, and killed nine enemy infantrymen. The great courage, determination and brilliant combat skill displayed by Private First Class MEADOWS reflect distinct credit on him and typify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

GAIL R. MYERS, 35243973, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), IIF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When fire from a German tank, which supported an attacking company of infantry, demolished the second stories of two buildings held by the first and second platoons of Company A, and knocked out the second platoon's bazooka, Staff Sergeant MYERS, accompanied by two comrades, carried the remaining bazooka outside and courageously engaged the powerful hostile force. Overcoming the heavy odds against them, Staff Sergeant MYERS and his comrades scored a hit on the tank, forcing it to withdraw, and killed nine enemy infantrymen. The great courage, determination and brilliant combat skill displayed by Staff Sergeant MYERS reflect distinct credit on him and typify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN R. MODER, 35903359, Private First Class, IIF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When fire from a German tank, which supported an attacking company of infantry, demolished the second stories

of two buildings held by the first and second platoons of Company A, and knocked out the second platoon's bazooka. Private First Class YODER, accompanied by two comrades, carried the remaining bazooka outside and courageously engaged the powerful hostile force. Overcoming the heavy odds against them, Private First Class YODER and his comrades scored a hit on the tank, forcing it to withdraw, and killed nine enemy infantrymen. His gallant courage, determination and brilliant combat skill displayed by Private First Class YODER reflects distinction credit on him and typify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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:

EDMUND J. TELICHOWSKI, 33351765, Corporal, FA, Company C, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ahrbeck, Germany. Manning the turret machine gun on an M-36 tank destroyer, Corporal TELICHOWSKI delivered a steady stream of covering fire in support of advancing infantry troops near Ahrbeck, on 10 April 1945. Although Corporal TELICHOWSKI'S position made him an excellent target for enemy small arms fire and artillery fragmentation, he courageously remained at his gun and furnished invaluable support throughout the assault. The courage and determined devotion to duty displayed by Corporal TELICHOWSKI at great personal risk reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LYLE W. WILLIAMS, 01829096, First Lieutenant, AUS, Company C, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lunern, Germany. Leading his tank destroyer platoon in support of an infantry attack near Lunern, on 11 April 1945, First Lieutenant WILLIAMS acted with courageous resourcefulness when the advance was halted by fierce direct fire from enemy guns emplaced to the front. With complete disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant WILLIAMS supervised the immediate diversion of two tank destroyers into firing position and, while completely exposed to enemy observation, directed devastating fire on the hostile weapons, enabling the infantry assault to proceed. Slightly wounded during this operation, First Lieutenant WILLIAMS heroically continued to lead his platoon until the mission was successfully completed. His staunch leadership and bold initiative reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

NICHOLAS L. RAKOVICH, 20254754, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company C, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ahrbeck, Germany. On 10 April 1945, while his platoon was attacking in support of an infantry battalion, Staff Sergeant RAKOVICH saw an infantryman wounded in the violent enemy artillery and machine gun fire covering the sector. Unhesitatingly leaving his covered position, Staff Sergeant RAKOVICH went to the aid of the wounded man, carrying him from the fire, swept field to cover. Then, after administering first aid, Staff Sergeant RAKOVICH supervised the casualty's evacuation. His heroic, devoted action in saving the life of a wounded comrade reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant RAKOVICH and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.



WESLEY V. FRAWLEY, 32285619, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company C, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Brackel, Germany. During a counter-attack on Brackel by three enemy tanks and supporting infantry, Staff Sergeant FRAWLEY quickly placed his tank destroyers into a position blocking the escape route of the hostile armor. As the first tank approached, the fiercely effective fire delivered by Staff Sergeant FRAWLEY destroyed it completely and killed the entire crew. The remaining tank crews, realizing the futility of an attempt to escape through the vicious fire being laid down by the tank destroyers, destroyed both tanks and fled. Staff Sergeant FRAWLEY'S fearless, resourceful leadership exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

HOWARD J. MC FADDEN, 33266251, Staff Sergeant (Then Technician Fourth Grade), FA, Reconnaissance Company, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 2 March 1945, in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. During the period 1 July 1944 to 2 March 1945, Staff Sergeant MC FADDEN performed his duties as battalion supply clerk with high courage and initiative, furnishing adequate supplies of ammunition to the gun crews throughout periods of heavy fighting when ammunition was expended in abnormally large amounts. On several occasions, he personally delivered and unloaded ammunition under direct enemy observation and artillery shelling. The unflinching energy and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant MC FADDEN in discharging his duties in an exemplary manner reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

AUTHER V. REFFITT, 16083185, Sergeant, INF, (Armored), \*\*\*\*Armored Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When an enemy tank and an eighty-eight millimeter gun emplaced in a Uerdingen railroad underpass delivered heavy fire on the rifle company Sergeant REFFITT'S tank section was supporting, the advance was halted and the infantry soldiers pinned down by the vicious barrage. Sergeant REFFITT and another tank commander boldly moved their tanks into an exposed position and immediately engaged the hostile armor, destroying both the tank and gun with direct hits and permitting the riflemen to continue their advance toward the Rhine. Sergeant REFFITT'S resolute, skillful performance under fire reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

PHILIP M. SESTRIC, 37129633, Sergeant, INF, (Armored), \*\*\*\*Armored Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When an enemy tank and an eighty-eight millimeter gun emplaced in a Uerdingen railroad underpass delivered heavy fire on the rifle company Sergeant SESTRIC'S tank section was supporting, the advance was halted and the infantry soldiers pinned down by the vicious barrage. Sergeant SESTRIC and another tank commander boldly moved their tanks into an exposed position and immediately engaged the hostile armor, destroying both the tank and gun with direct hits and permitting the riflemen to continue their advance toward the Rhine. Sergeant SESTRIC'S resolute, skillful performance under fire reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

CLARENCE W. FRANKMICK, 36359066, Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany.

During the period 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945 Sergeant FREDERICK performed his duty as communications sergeant with great perseverance, ingenuity and courage. Operating and repairing a radio under enemy fire, and participating in the installation of wire to observation posts subject to enemy shelling, Sergeant FREDERICK rendered resolute service throughout this extended period of combat. His unflinching devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Sergeant FREDERICK and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDWARD H. LIGHTSEY, G2005549, Second Lieutenant, INF, (Armored), \*\*\* Armored Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. As the rifle company Second Lieutenant LIGHTSEY'S tank section was supporting advances in Urdingen, an enemy tank and eighty-eight millimeter gun, emplaced in a railroad underpass, opened fire and pinned the infantrymen down in a dangerously exposed position. Skillfully deploying his tanks, Second Lieutenant LIGHTSEY directed their fire on the hostile emplacements and remained at his hazardous post until the enemy armor was destroyed, although throughout the action he was subject to searching rifle fire in addition to the fierce shelling. Second Lieutenant LIGHTSEY'S daring, resolute leadership in enabling the infantry to resume its advance reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

ROBERT L. PROUD, 37603150, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freulautern, Germany. When the squad of which he was a member had driven twenty infiltrated Germans from buildings in a friendly sector, Private First Class PROUD and two comrades boldly pressed the assault. In the ensuing action, Private First Class PROUD captured three Germans, one of whom was an artillery observer. Intelligence was obtained from Private First Class PROUD'S prisoners which directly led to the shelling and destruction of hostile artillery positions. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class PROUD reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

JAY H. PETERSON, 39724907, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 22 January 1945, in the vicinity of Freulautern, Germany. When sporadic enemy machine gun fire denied a footbridge to Private First Class PETERSON'S squad, Private First Class PETERSON deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire and permit his comrades to locate the hostile weapon. After his maneuver had proved successful, he and his squad proceeded across the bridge. At their destination, Private First Class PETERSON and his comrades routed the German gunners, and eliminated the nest, thereby making the bridge safe for later crossings. The fearless initiative taken by Private First Class PETERSON on this occasion reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

CLIFTON E. POYER, 37130000, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. On 4 April 1945, Technician Fifth Grade POYER, Chaplain's assistant, many times drove his jeep to the north end of the canal bridge in Hamm where he evacuated casualties under artillery and sniper fire. Technician Fifth Grade POYER'S

courageous actions on this occasion resulted in the saving of lives, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

ANGELO R. CALIFFE, 36953023, 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 April 1945 to 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In order to maintain communications between companies in the assault and the battalion command post, Private First Class CALIFFE repeatedly risked his life while laying wire across the Lippe river, and repairing it under heavy artillery and sniper fire. His brave, skillful performance of duty throughout the attack on Hamm reflects distinct credit on Private First Class CALIFFE and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE M. ENSLOW, 36358522, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During the period which terminated in the capture of Metz, Staff Sergeant ENSLOW directed the regimental wire teams in such an efficient manner as to maintain continuous communications between attacking units. Many times, under heavy enemy fire, he performed his duty with a fearless devotion that inspired his comrades. Staff Sergeant ENSLOW'S intrepid conduct is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH BLANSOVSKY, 36350769, First Sergeant, CG, Company B, \*\*\*\*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.

OK IV. RESCISSION: So much of Section II, General Orders, Number 93, this Headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, as pertains to ELMER W. MOGLE, 36364493, Staff Sergeant (Then, Private First Class), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, is hereby rescinded.

By command of Major General TWADDELL:

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SECTION I - AWARD, POSITUOUS, OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
SECTION III - AWARD OF BROUZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSITUOUS, 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:

\* JOSEPH KWIAKOWSKI, 36356927, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. When a German tank approached the building held by his platoon, Private First Class KWIAKOWSKI sounded the alarm, and then, in order to occupy the enemy's attention by himself until anti-tank weapons could be brought up, he took a position exposed to the tank's heavy fire. In this gallant action, Private First Class KWIAKOWSKI was killed. His calm and complete devotion to duty and to his comrades' lives reflects lasting honor on Private First Class KWIAKOWSKI and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MILBUR H. WHITNEY, 31431714, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Staff Sergeant WHITNEY's squad had the mission of protecting the withdrawal of a squad imperiled by cross fire from three German machine guns. Not wishing to risk the lives of so many of his men in an extremely dangerous undertaking, Staff Sergeant WHITNEY asked for one volunteer to accompany him, and then started out, crawling between the friendly squad and the enemy machine gun positions. In the darkness, Staff Sergeant WHITNEY located the hostile weapons by their flashes and began firing steadily with his automatic rifle, enabling the pinned down squad to withdraw. But flashes from his automatic rifle drew serious enemy fire on Staff Sergeant WHITNEY and a violent firefight ensued. Before he succumbed to the overwhelming fire power of the Germans, Staff Sergeant WHITNEY completely wiped out one of the three machine gun nests, killing the entire crew. The extraordinary gallantry of his leadership and personal conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on Staff Sergeant WHITNEY. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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:

LENDON A. SUNDBERG, 0380787, Captain, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the final drive on Metz, Captain SUNDBERG led his company with outstanding courage and skill. In crossing

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canals west of Metz, he supervised the collection of canoes and rowboats under heavy enemy fire in order to expedite the attack, and at all times his vigorous devotion to duty instilled confidence and determination in his men. Captain SMITH'S gallant performance contributed greatly to the achievements of the Third Battalion in this decisive phase of combat, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

CHARLES D. CLIFFORD, 01235209, First Lieutenant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Reaching the Moselle River, on 18 November 1944, and finding the bridge intact, Company I was proceeding to cross the river when the bridge was blown and entrenched enemy troops on the east bank opened machine gun, twenty millimeter mortar fire, forcing the company to withdraw. First Lieutenant CLIFFORD immediately secured a machine gun and, unscathed by the heavy enemy fire, moved his weapon to an exposed position from which he had flawless observation on the hostile emplacements. Then, assisted by another soldier, he laid accurate fire on the enemy, killing four and compelling the survivors to flee in confusion. His daring, timely actions in securing the west bank of the Moselle for his company reflect high credit on First Lieutenant CLIFFORD and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

SEYMOUR SCHAEFER, 32784851, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 30 November 1944 and 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lorton, France. During Company B's fiercely-resisted attack on strong enemy positions at Lorton, Private First Class SCHAEFER directed the evacuation by litter of casualties who lay under heavy machine gun and small arms fire on an open field. When Company B became isolated, Private First Class SCHAEFER established an aid station of his own where he kept a thirty-six hour vigil until doctors were able to evacuate the wounded. Private First Class SCHAEFER'S courageous devotion to duty under fire reflects great credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JAMES R. BAEB, 34374597, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Batterie Kosselle, France. As a member of a combat patrol which had to fight its way into the Batterie Kosselle, Private First Class BAEB, with complete disregard for his own safety, preceded his comrades and located two mine fields past which he guided the patrol. Upon encountering the outer defense of the fort, the patrol was engaged by heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, but in spite of this murderous fire, Private First Class BAEB crawled in and located exactly the barbed wire entanglements and positions of the enemy weapons. Private First Class BAEB'S gallant actions contributed directly to the successful accomplishment of the mission and they reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 301-45, 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:

MARCEL I. FELLNER, 31358409, Technician Fourth Grade (Then Corporal), MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 8 and 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Lorraine.

Wood, France. During the attack on Hamibois wood, Technician Fourth Grade FELDMAN directed the evacuation of wounded soldiers through heavily mined terrain, under heavy mortar and small arms fire. In order to expedite the administration of first aid and evacuation, he established a forward collecting point only fifty yards from enemy positions. As a result of his utter disregard for his own safety, the lives of many of Technician Fourth Grade FELDMAN'S comrades were saved. His fearless performance of duty is in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflects distinct credit on Technician Fourth Grade FELDMAN. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ERNEST H. REICH, 0200069, Second Lieutenant, (Then Technical Sergeant), INF, Company H, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. The staunch, fearless leadership given by Second Lieutenant REICH throughout the combat operations of the period 10 October 1944 to 15 April 1945 greatly facilitated the success achieved by Company H. At Hamibois wood, when his machine gun section was isolated in a mine field by enemy fire, Second Lieutenant REICH deliberately exposed himself to draw enemy attention while his comrades sought a route for withdrawal. His intrepid conduct and resourcefulness are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Second Lieutenant REICH. Entered military service from Texas.

JOSLPH W. GLAMPERO, 3235995, Private First Class, I.F, Company L, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Herdingen, Germany. While voluntarily crossing an area covered by anti-tank, machine gun and sniper fire to deliver messages from his embattled platoon to Company L's command post, Private First Class GLAMPERO observed the enemy emplacing a self-propelled gun on the east bank of the Rhine. Instantly aware that the gun would menace the entire company and the road leading to battalion headquarters, Private First Class GLAMPERO ran across three hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to reveal the vital information. Immediately, the hostile gun position was placed under heavy artillery fire and eliminated. Private First Class GLAMPERO'S heroic, alert action on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Delaware.

JOHN J. DVORAK, 37286455, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), I.F, Company G, 888th 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 Gravelotte, France. Serving as a squad leader during the bitter fighting around Gravelotte, Staff Sergeant DVORAK distinguished himself by his resolute, fearless performance of duty under fire. In addition to leading his squad in a consistently superior manner, he also went out on three nights as leader of action patrols, bringing his men safely through heavy concentrations of enemy fire to deliver desperately needed food and water to his hard-pressed comrades. Staff Sergeant DVORAK'S staunch, aggressive conduct throughout this difficult period contributed greatly to the success achieved in battle by his platoon, reflecting distinct credit on him and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

RUSSELL E. LAMER, 31288151, Private First Class, I.D, Medical Detachment, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Herdingen, Germany. On 4 March 1945, Private First Class LAMER braved intense enemy small arms fire to administer first

aid to the casualties suffered by his platoon and by other elements of Company L. Setting up an emergency aid station and personally securing an ambulance to evacuate the casualties, he rendered expert care to his wounded comrades and, although wounded during the action, stoically refused treatment until assured that no other soldiers remained to be given first aid. His calm, skillful efforts and heroic devotion to duty under enemy fire reflect great credit on Private First Class MILLER and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

NORBERT F. FRANK, 35840236, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Going to the aid of three soldiers wounded during the attack on Urdingen, on 3 March 1945, Private First Class FRANK unflinchingly exposed himself to heavy machine gun fire issuing from enemy positions to reach the casualties. Approaching to within five yards of a German position, he made three heroic trips over the fire-raked field to return his comrades to safety. Then, after administering first aid, Private First Class FRANK arranged for the wounded men's evacuation. The courage and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by him at the risk of his life are in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect great credit on Private First Class FRANK. Entered military service from Ohio.

RALPH L. MEYER, 37373174, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private First Class MEYER served with high courage and energy as a messenger during the period 6 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, when fierce artillery and mortar shelling made it impossible to keep wire communications to battalion headquarters. Making many trips under machine gun fire from pillboxes overlooking Company A's positions, Private First Class MEYER courageously risked his life continually to deliver vital messages which, for security reasons, could not be transmitted by radio. His resolute, determined devotion to duty throughout a climactic phase of the battle for Saarlautern-Roden reflects great credit on Private First Class MEYER and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

OLEN E. TIPTON, 37373465, Private First Class, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Private First Class TIPTON served with high courage and energy as a messenger during the period 6 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, when fierce artillery and mortar shelling made it impossible to keep wire communications to battalion headquarters. Making many trips under machine gun fire from pillboxes overlooking Company A's positions, Private First Class TIPTON courageously risked his life continually to deliver vital messages which, for security reasons, could not be transmitted by radio. His resolute, determined devotion to duty throughout a climactic phase of the battle for Saarlautern-Roden reflects great credit on Private First Class TIPTON and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

HERBERT SPEARS, 35466924, Sergeant (Then 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 Urdingen, Germany. When Company progress in Urdingen was halted by vicious enemy

eight millimeter and machine gun fire delivered from emplacements along a railroad, Sergeant SPEAKS dashed across a fire-swept street to guide a section of supporting tanks into position. Returning, he advised the tank section leader of the disposition of the hostile weapons in so exact a manner that an on any tank, an eighty-eight millimeter gun and their crews were quickly destroyed. The great courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant SPEAKS on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

STANLEY S. SOLIMBERGER, 37209103, Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 15 March 1945, in France and Germany. During a long period of combat operations, Sergeant SOLIMBERGER performed his duties as communications sergeant of Company C with great skill and courage, maintaining wireless and radio communications despite the adversities of weather and fierce enemy action. On one occasion, while his unit was engaged in the attack on Saarlautern, Sergeant SOLIMBERGER single-handedly repaired wire lines between the command posts of his company and the first battalion, unhesitatingly risking his life during a heavy mortar and artillery barrage to insure uninterrupted communications. Sergeant SOLIMBERGER'S resolute, unwavering devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

FRANK D. PALASCA, 31193073, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Serving with Company C as a medical aid man, Private First Class PALASCA courageously left the platoon command post when he was informed that a casualty was lying wounded in a street covered by interlocking machine gun fire and frequent shell bursts. He boldly made his way through the murderous fire to the wounded man and administered first aid. Then, realizing that further medical attention was necessary, he carried the casualty two hundred and fifty yards to a point where immediate evacuation by vehicle was effected. Private First Class PALASCA'S valiant, selfless conduct under fire exemplifies high traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GILBERT MURRAY, 42018119, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Oppau, Germany. On 3 March 1945, when three comrades were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private First Class MURRAY, without orders, unhesitatingly crossed an intersection in Oppau while exposed to searching sniper fire to administer first aid to the wounded men, wounded while carrying out his hazardous, self-imposed mission. Private First Class MURRAY inspired all those who witnessed his heroic deed. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on Private First Class MURRAY and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JOHN W. MICHAEL Jr, 02000056, Second Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Wehringen, Germany. Advancing on Wehringen, Second Lieutenant MICHAEL and leading elements of the First Battalion were subjected to intense, accurate artillery fire and four men were wounded when caught in the barrage while



crossing an areaway between two buildings. Second Lieutenant MICHAEL calmly directed the evacuation of the casualties, personally carrying the most severely wounded man through the thunderous shellfire to cover. Then, unable to secure the aid of medical soldiers immediately, he applied a tourniquet to the casualty's leg in a heroic attempt to save the man's life. Second Lieutenant MICHAEL'S cool, courageous actions under violent enemy fire reflect distinct merit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MELVIN L. HILTZ, 36249759, Staff Sergeant, CE, Company C, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

GLENN L. MOFTAD, 37286596, Staff Sergeant, CE, Company A, \*\*\*\*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 North Dakota.

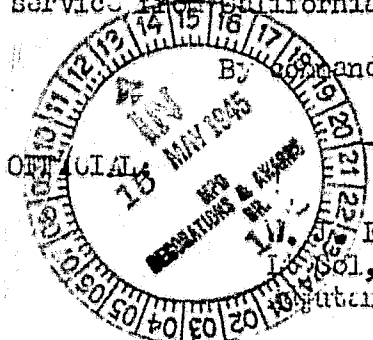
FRANK A. SIPICE, 36356673, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 9 November 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

LAWRENCE A. LARSON, 37293150, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JAMES COVEY, 38066743, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 9 November 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

WAYNE E. COPLEY, 39008897, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

BY Command of Major General TWADDLE:



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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 I.o. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

ALBERT J. JACOBSON, 37285985, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. During night operations, on 4 March 1945, to establish road blocks near the Adolph Hitler Bridge in Uerdingen, Staff Sergeant JACOBSON voluntarily braved severe hostile fire in a bold attempt to destroy two machine gun nests constantly harassing his company. While many of his comrades fell wounded in the hail of bullets, Staff Sergeant JACOBSON intrepidly moved into an advanced, exposed position from which he had good observation on the enemy emplacements and began firing with such accuracy and rapidity that the two gun nests were soon eliminated. His gallantry and superb combat skill are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant JACOBSON. Entered military service from Minnesota.

EDWARD S. SWAN, 33787860, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. When fierce hostile machine gun fire from a fortified farm house pinned his company down during its attack on Saarlautern-Roden, Private First Class SWAN armed with an automatic rifle, boldly advanced alone toward the building. Meeting face to face a German soldier who escaped into the cellar, Private First Class SWAN quickly threw a grenade into the entrance of the basement and, moving to a better point of vantage, hurled another. As he was preparing to rush into the cellar and spray it with automatic rifle fire, a white flag appeared in the doorway and, almost immediately, thirty-two Germans filed out to surrender. Disarming them, Private First Class SWAN took five machine guns in addition to many other small arms. Private First Class SWAN'S aggressive, courageous actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EDWARD J. CARMICK, 02048243, First Lieutenant, MAC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, from 3 December 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Advancing with assault elements of the First Battalion to establish forward aid stations, First Lieutenant CARMICK and one enlisted man accompanied the rifle companies during the Saar River crossing carrying necessary supplies on their backs. On 5 December 1944, First Lieutenant CARMICK observed the crew of a burning tank destroyer shot down by machine gun fire after quitting their flaming vehicle. Rushing across three hundred yards of open terrain, he succeeded in carrying one wounded man back to cover. Constant, sweeping machine gun fire made it impossible for him to return to recover the other men. His gallant, devoted efforts during this critical time are in keeping with the

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highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on First Lieutenant C. M. IGA. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

JOHN RASINA JR, 36219784, Corporal, LD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 3 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Dolberg and Rymern, Germany. Under small arms and heavy mortar fire Corporal RASINA repeatedly drove his jeep to positions just behind infantry companies in the attack, in order to expedite the evacuation of many wounded soldiers. During the attack on high ground before Rymern, Corporal RASINA advanced as far forward as the executive officer of the attacking company would permit him, reaching a point three hundred yards from the firing line. His constant, fearless concern for the welfare of the wounded is in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit on Corporal RASINA. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LEON F. MIKLES, 35219678, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Maarer, Germany. When fierce enemy resistance delayed his company's attack, Private First Class MIKLES crawled forward alone under terrible fire to the side of a wounded officer. He administered urgently-required first aid, and then crawled back to obtain medical assistance. Still under fire, Private First Class MIKLES guided litter bearers to the wounded officer and helped them return him to cover. Private First Class MIKLES' heroic deed reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

LLOYD D. BROOKS, 34374928, Staff Sergeant, I F, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rymern, Germany. When his squad was pinned down in the center of a plowed field by fierce automatic weapons fire, and severe casualties were sustained, Staff Sergeant BROOKS exposed himself to the withering enfilade in order to hurl white phosphorous grenades to his front, under whose cover his comrades withdrew to reorganize. Later, Staff Sergeant BROOKS' squad participated vigorously in an attack which took the company objective. Staff Sergeant BROOKS' staunch, resourceful and utterly fearless leadership reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

LAX G. GILL, 37448215, Staff Sergeant, I F, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rymern, Germany. When his squad was pinned down by vicious, sustained automatic weapons and small arms fire from the left flank and right front, Staff Sergeant GILL, in the absence of his platoon leader, platoon sergeant and platoon guide, stood fearlessly and directed his inexperienced comrades through covered avenues of withdrawal to the platoon's previously designated reorganization site. Later, the reorganized platoon returned to the attack and captured its objective without further loss. In the nearly disastrous moment of the action, it was Staff Sergeant GILL's heroic, timely leadership which enabled the tide to be turned. His brilliant, fearless combat skill reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the

military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

PAUL CANNON, 35710045, Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Osthoff, Germany. When severe flanking fire threatened to annihilate his platoon, in an attack on a strong enemy position in a wooded area near Osthoff, Sergeant CANNON led three of his comrades through the fierce flanking fire to storm a strong hostile force. Fourteen Germans surrendered several automatic weapons, including a machine gun, to the element so courageously led by Sergeant CANNON, and the extricated platoon was able to strike out rapidly to its objective. The bold initiative and valiant leadership displayed by Sergeant CANNON reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

WILLIAM T. BELL, 01289859, First Lieutenant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, and Hamm, Germany. As a Cannon Company observer, First Lieutenant BELL has repeatedly distinguished himself under fire, providing the First Battalion with maximum, accurate cannon fire regardless of the danger involved for himself. During the Saarlautern, Uerdingen and Hamm actions, First Lieutenant BELL'S observation posts were frequently subjected to heavy enemy fire, but not once did he withdraw to a safer position. The heroic perseverance shown by First Lieutenant BELL is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from South Carolina.

JACK V. EHLE, 17078407, Corporal, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In order to maintain uninterrupted communications between the forward observer and weapons of Cannon Company, during the drive on Hamm, Corporal EHLE fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire, in performing his duty as liaison agent. On one occasion, in order to bring up a radio to a most favorable observation point, he crossed and recrossed an open field swept by German machine gun and small arms fire. Corporal EHLE'S intrepid devotion to duty made possible the accurate delivery of cannon fire on strong hostile positions, thereby facilitating the assault platoons' advance. His courageous conduct reflects distinct credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

EDWIN T. GIESLA, 31291248, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In order to maintain uninterrupted communications between the forward observer and weapons of Cannon Company, during the drive on Hamm, Private First Class GIESLA fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire while operating his radio. With no concern for his own safety, he left cover and proceeded to terrain raked by machine gun and small arms fire when communications became impracticable in the former position. Private First Class GIESLA'S intrepid performance of duty made possible the accurate delivery of cannon fire on strong German positions, thereby facilitating the assault platoons' advance. His courageous conduct reflects distinct credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

PAUL H. CRUMLEY, 34186030, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hassen, Germany. When heavy enemy artillery struck the gun positions of Battery A, Technician Fourth Grade CRUMLEY repeatedly risked his life to administer first aid to the wounded and to evacuate them while the shelling continued. Technician Fourth Grade CRUMLEY remained under the barrage until he had personally inspected each gun section, making sure that all casualties had been cared for. His heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ELWOOD W. EISENTRAIT, 35247421, Staff Sergeant, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hassen, Germany. When heavy enemy artillery struck the gun positions of Battery A, Staff Sergeant EISENTRAIT repeatedly risked his life to administer first aid to the wounded and to evacuate them while the shelling continued. Staff Sergeant EISENTRAIT remained under the barrage until he had personally inspected each gun section, making sure that all casualties had been cared for. His heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

VERNER R. HOEDEK, 37287525, Staff Sergeant, I.F, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout a long and arduous period of combat operations Staff Sergeant HOEDEK performed his duty as mess sergeant of Company B with unrelenting enthusiasm and devotion. At Saarlautern, although his kitchen truck was twice hit by enemy fire, Staff Sergeant HOEDEK continued to expose himself to German mortars and artillery in order to provide his comrades with hot meals. His unwavering and courageous performance reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant HOEDEK and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JOSEPH J. GRALL, 37288793, First Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), I.F, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 1 February 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. During the period 1 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 First Sergeant GRALL performed valiant service under hostile fire, both as a reconnaissance sergeant and as a forward observer. At Saarlautern, he directed the fire of more than a thousand rounds on German machine gun positions and enemy-held buildings, from an observation post in which casualties were later inflicted by the enemy. First Sergeant GRALL'S steadfast resolve and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

LOUIS F. SZANISZLO, 25315987, Staff 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 Saarlautern, Germany. Approaching an enemy pillbox through a shell-pounded open field, Staff Sergeant SZANISZLO and five other soldiers advanced, covered by supporting fire, up to the rear of the bunker and placed a demolition charge in the doorway. After the explosion, the men rushed into the pillbox, but gases from the explosion forced them to retire. Undaunted, Staff Sergeant SZANISZLO and his comrades returned and captured the lone occupant of the pillbox, destroying at the same time the

radio set by which the prisoner had directed artillery and mortar fire on the surrounding area. Staff Sergeant SZARISZG'S courage and determination in destroying a menacing hostile fortification reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SAMFORD G. DUCKOR, 4207437, Sergeant, 1ST, 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. To insure the security of his squad's position, during a period of outpost duty near Saarlautern, Sergeant DUCKOR without regard for his own safety set out to locate the nearest friendly position on the flank. Leading his men over treacherous terrain, under constant enemy fire, he made contact with another outpost and then skillfully led the way back across the hazardous route without loss. His staunch, courageous leadership reflects distinct credit on Sergeant DUCKOR and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

PHILIP BRIGHETTI, 31214508, 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. When two German riflemen detected his advancing company, Private First Class BRIGHETTI, second platoon messenger, shot them, thereby permitting the advance to continue unimpeded. After the objective had been reached, Private First Class BRIGHETTI reportedly risked his safety to carry messages, in the face of enemy small arms fire, from his platoon leader to the company command post. His courage and resourcefulness reflect great credit on Private First Class BRIGHETTI and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

MILTON LAND, 44005294, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In the advance on the Rhine River bridge at Uerdingen, Private First Class LAND came into point blank range of an enemy automatic weapon. Acting instantly, Private First Class LAND engaged the powerful German weapon, knocking it out with his own accurate fire. Later in the advance he encountered another position armed with automatic weapons. Again, Private First Class LAND engaged the greater fire power of the enemy, firing rapidly and steadily until wounds forced his evacuation. His dogged determination and courageous, aggressive behavior in the face of heavy enemy fire, reflect great credit on Private First Class LAND and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

WOODROW W. BENNETT, 36342522, 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 Company L's attack on Uerdingen, Sergeant BENNETT'S squad was pinned down by intense machine gun fire and Sergeant BENNETT was wounded. Sensing the disaster which faced his comrades, Sergeant BENNETT crawled out painfully to obtain reinforcement. Successful in reaching friendly troops, Sergeant BENNETT directed their fire onto the German machine gun positions, neutralizing them and enabling his squad to resume the attack. The courageous devotion to duty given by Sergeant BENNETT is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Maryland.

JEA. M. DUFFHO, 38164270, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Herdingen, Germany. After they had participated in Company K's advance to the Adolph Hitler bridge at Herdingen, Private First Class DUFFHO and two other soldiers started moving out across the bridge itself, under heavy machine gun, bazooka and rifle fire. Advancing intrepidly, the three soldiers refused to turn back until a huge hole in the bridge made further progress impossible. Then, Private First Class DUFFHO and his comrades braved withering machine gun fire to return to Company K. There, they helped cover the ordered withdrawal of friendly troops to defensive positions near the bridge. The courageous initiative shown by Private First Class DUFFHO reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

GLENN R. BOOZE, 33907838, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Herdingen, Germany. After they had participated in Company K's advance to the Adolph Hitler bridge at Herdingen, Private First Class BOOZE and two other soldiers started moving out across the bridge itself, under heavy machine gun, bazooka and rifle fire. Advancing intrepidly, the three soldiers refused to turn back until a huge hole in the bridge made further progress impossible. Then, Private First Class BOOZE and his comrades braved withering machine gun fire to return to Company K. There, they helped cover the ordered withdrawal of friendly troops to defensive positions near the bridge. The courageous initiative shown by Private First Class BOOZE reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

JOSIEPH RUDOLPH, 33872930, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Herdingen, Germany. After they had participated in Company K's advance to the Adolph Hitler bridge at Herdingen, Private First Class RUDOLPH and two other soldiers started moving out across the bridge itself, under heavy machine gun, bazooka and rifle fire. Advancing intrepidly, the three soldiers refused to turn back until a huge hole in the bridge made further progress impossible. Then, Private First Class RUDOLPH and his comrades braved withering machine gun fire to return to Company K. There, they helped cover the ordered withdrawal of friendly troops to defensive positions near the bridge. The courageous initiative shown by Private First Class RUDOLPH reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PAUL L. DILLON, 35244056, Sergeant (Then private), INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. During a bitter engagement at Saarlautern, Sergeant DILLON crossed a road under heavy machine gun and artillery fire and went one hundred yards into a wooded area to evacuate an injured man of his squad. Sergeant DILLON's comrade was in need of immediate medical attention and it was only through sergeant DILLON'S fearless action that he received it. Sergeant DILLON'S heroic initiative reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

DELFORD E. GROVES, 37373295, Staff Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

GROVER T. POEL, 15105951, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

ERLIE W. HOENLE, 36124559, Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOSPH D. DE MICHEL, 36245638, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

HAROLD L. SMITH, 36128405, First Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

DANIEL P. McGATHY, 37213416, Master Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

VIRGIL J. THAYER, 37194464, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 November 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

DONALD W. LEM, 37422816, Technician Third Grade, ID, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 9 November 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

HENRY S. BRADDER, 37110112, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

JIM MCGO, 37213457, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 Kansas.

WILLIAM D. FRANKSON, 36000265, First Sergeant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.



GEORGE J. SMITH, 32609979, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

GRAND P. MOORE, 15110747, Technician Fifth Grade, HF, 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 January 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

EARL M. MITCHELL, 35485915, Private First Class, HF, Company D, \*\*\*\*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.

JOHN WALKER, 36347027, Technical Sergeant, HF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

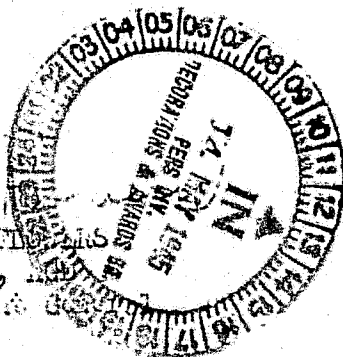
ROBERT W. HILL, 3667027, Staff Sergeant, HF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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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. Fifth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

LESLIE J. SNYDER, 36976103, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Placing his machine gun in a second story window of a Urdingen factory building, Private First Class SNYDER began firing, in full view of the enemy, on hostile positions less than one hundred yards away. After his first burst of fire, a German bazooka began shelling his post but Private First Class SNYDER doggedly remained delivering deadly fire, even though three bazooka shells exploded in his immediate vicinity. He was ordered to withdraw from his precarious position after the third round of enemy fire damaged his gun. His gallant, determined devotion to duty, resulting in the destruction of a large number of German soldiers, reflects great credit on Private First Class SNYDER and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

ELMER P. STONE, 36573883, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company K, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Staff Sergeant STONE boldly led three members of his squad against a large force of Germans guarding the western terminal of the Adolf Hitler bridge at Urdingen. Passing under the span, Staff Sergeant STONE started up the steps on the enemy-held side of the bridge when he encountered the foe. Firing rapidly and steadily, Staff Sergeant STONE killed several Germans, captured two and routed the remainder. Then, Staff Sergeant STONE and his three comrades denied their dangerous position to strong hostile action until they were ordered to withdraw. The gallant aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant STONE reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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. Fifth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

JOSEPH H. KAPCZENSKI JR, 36247183, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Gravelotte, France. On 15 November 1944, Staff Sergeant KAPCZENSKI'S platoon was clearing out scattered enemy forces in a wooded draw near Gravelotte when the group came under German machine gun fire. With three men, Staff Sergeant KAPCZENSKI moved out into the raking fire and boldly took up a position from which

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he could deliver flanking fire on the enemy. Then, hurling grenades and firing his rifle rapidly, he silenced the machine gun and wounded or captured the entire crew. Staff Sergeant KAPCZYNSKI was killed in action, on 4 April 1945, in Germany. His fearless devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on Staff Sergeant KAPCZYNSKI and exemplifies 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:

NORMAN M. LEWIG, 39721084, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When the men were wounded while his squad was pinned down by vicious machine gun fire, Private First Class LEWIG fearlessly made his way through the swarming fire to evacuate the casualties to a place of comparative safety where first aid was administered. Later, an enemy soldier approached him under a white flag. Telling him of the strength of friendly forces nearby, Private First Class LEWIG persuaded the German to return to the strongly defended pillbox and seek the surrender of the whole garrison. Shortly, eleven hostile soldiers surrendered the bunker to Private First Class LEWIG and his comrades without further resistance. His courageous, resourceful conduct on this occasion exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class LEWIG. Entered military service from Illinois.

DOE WEISS, 39474440, Sergeant (Then Private), INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Throughout the period 11 November 1944 to 2 January 1945 Sergeant WEISS displayed high courage and skill in installing and maintaining communications between his company's mobile, scattered units during a long phase of combat operations. Voluntarily assuming the duties of communication sergeant, on 26 November 1944, Sergeant WEISS succeeded in establishing wire lines to all platoons of Company F while under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. His service throughout the bitter Saarlautern battle was of a consistently superior nature, resulting in excellent communications facilities for his company in spite of the hardships of winter fighting. Sergeant WEISS' heroic devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

LEON W. MC NEELY, 34386305, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boulay, France. Observing an officer and several soldiers lying wounded in a mine field, three hundred yards away, as he led a ration-carrying party and a group of aid men to his company command post, Private First Class MC NEELY courageously crossed the mined area to assist in the evacuation of the casualties. Then, ordering his companions to remain, he set out alone under constant enemy shelling and sniper fire to locate Company E. Encountering a German sniper outside a pillbox, Private First Class MC NEELY quickly killed him and continued on the hazardous route until he succeeded in finding the command post. He unhesitatingly retraced his steps and intelligently brought the ration party and aid men through the continuing fire to his company area. Private First Class MC NEELY'S great courage and resourcefulness reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FREDERICK A. SIMON, 35368586, Staff 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. While leading his squad in clearing a group of Uerdingen houses, Staff Sergeant SIMON, advancing ahead of his men, entered a cellar and was subjected to fierce enemy fire. Immediately choosing to engage the enemy alone rather than expose his men to a close-fight in the small room, he ordered the squad to withdraw. In the ensuing battle, Staff Sergeant SIMON completely eliminated all hostile resistance in the cellar. His brilliant combat skill and heroic devotion to his men reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant SIMON and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

RALPH L. BISSONETTE, 31265863, Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Sergeant BISSONETTE and four men were occupying a pillbox on the western end of the Adolf Hitler bridge in Uerdingen when three direct hits by eighty-eight millimeter guns shattered the walls, hurling the men to the ground. Realizing that the position was untenable, Sergeant BISSONETTE sent for permission to withdraw but, in the meantime, remained at his post, his calm courage inspiring his men to remain with him in this precarious situation. When the messenger returned with orders to retire, Sergeant BISSONETTE led the small group from the demolished pillbox to a less exposed position. The valiant, determined devotion to duty and heroic leadership given by Sergeant BISSONETTE under fire reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

GEORGE L. KLEAGER, 37450015, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. In the advance on Uerdingen, the First Battalion was subjected to intense artillery fire and, in one group, four men were wounded when caught in a barrage while crossing an arroyo between two buildings. Technician Fifth Grade KLEAGER, seeking cover after quitting his jeep, immediately ran to the aid of the wounded. Unable to locate medical soldiers, he voluntarily returned in his vehicle over the shell-pounded route until he found a medical team and jeep. Then, he led the group back through the continued heavy fire to care for the casualties and assisted in their prompt evacuation. Technician Fifth Grade KLEAGER'S heroic initiative and devoted actions exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Indiana.

LEWIS M. KIEFFER, 0358649, 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. In the attack on Uerdingen, First Lieutenant KIEFFER displayed a high order of courage and skill by leading his platoon across a wide expanse of exposed terrain under heavy small arms fire to close with the enemy and dislodge him from his strong positions. Throughout the action, First Lieutenant KIEFFER'S personal heroism and calm, cool leadership inspired his men to press the assault with unswerving vigor, despite determined enemy resistance. His valiant efforts on this occasion contributed greatly to the seizing of the Adolf Hitler bridge approaches, reflecting distinct credit on First Lieutenant KIEFFER and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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MORTON L. HARKS, 33793036, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. After an attack on strong German positions at Saarlautern, in which Company F suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class HARKS, although wounded in the shoulder, voluntarily took charge of a group of captured enemy soldiers. Private First Class HARKS supervised the searching of the prisoners and when the time came to evacuate them he volunteered for this hazardous duty. In spite of intense hostile fire from nearby pillboxes, Private First Class HARKS calmly conducted the evacuation, disdaining the pain of his wound. His intrepid devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Private First Class HARKS and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. CLOUD, 0407345, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Krefeld, Germany. Operations officer of the Third Battalion, Captain CLOUD was participating in the attack on Krefeld, on 3 March 1945, when he saw a wounded tank officer lying exposed to artillery and small arms fire, one hundred yards away. With complete disregard for his own safety, Captain CLOUD proceeded unhesitatingly to the wounded tank's side and, disdaining the intense hostile fire, rendered emergency first aid. His heroic, devoted action in risking his life to go to the assistance of a wounded comrade reflects great credit on Captain CLOUD and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ALVIN O. DEATHERAGE, 38054263, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 December 1944 to 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, and Urdingen, Germany. Staff Sergeant DEATHERAGE repeatedly distinguished himself during this extended phase of combat operations by his heroic service as assistant squad leader, on one occasion leading a patrol through mortar shelling to assault and capture an enemy pillbox. Later, Staff Sergeant DEATHERAGE braved artillery fire to repair communication wires between his observation post and the platoon command post in Saarlautern-Roden. On 4 March 1945, near Urdingen, he boldly led a patrol into an area where enemy fire was inflicting numerous casualties and skillfully directed his group's successful effort to destroy hostile resistance. The courage and resourceful leadership given by Staff Sergeant DEATHERAGE throughout this long period of combat reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

GEORGE J. SOWARDS, 35465040, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company L, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. During Company L's attack on Urdingen, the building occupied by Technical Sergeant SOWARDS' platoon received several direct penetrating hits by artillery fire, inflicting heavy casualties and threatening to create panic among the survivors. Quickly restoring order among his men, Technical Sergeant SOWARDS ordered them into the cellar and personally assisted in the removal of the wounded. Then, when he succeeded in evacuating all casualties to safety, Technical Sergeant SOWARDS administered first aid in a calm, skillful manner. His staunch leadership and heroic actions at a difficult time exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant SOWARDS. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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HELVIE ANDERSON, 37283282, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. On 4 March 1945, Private First Class ANDERSON displayed great personal courage and initiative in delivering messages from Company I's command post to his platoon during the fiercest fighting of the battle for Uerdingen. Under searching machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class ANDERSON intrepidly accomplished every mission assigned him throughout the day. His fearless, determined devotion to duty, contributing substantially to the complete success of his unit in the attack toward the Rhine, reflects distinct credit on Private First Class ANDERSON and on the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

CHARLES E. BAKER, 34893135, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When his platoon of Company A was ordered to withdraw from a Saarlautern hotel to the basement of a house two hundred yards away, Sergeant BAKER unhesitatingly volunteered to carry a seriously wounded comrade to the new position. Proceeding through the intense mortar and artillery fire which covered the entire route, he heroically persevered at his hazardous, difficult task until he reached the basement with the wounded man. Sergeant BAKER'S courageous, selfless action exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from South Carolina.

W. F. LYNN, 02212088, Second Lieutenant (Then Technical Sergeant), INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When his platoon, aiding the tanks of an armored division, met withering mortar and machine gun fire during the advance in Uerdingen, Second Lieutenant LYNN quickly ordered his men to dismount. Then, after organizing the platoon into skirmish lines on both sides of the road, he led a bold frontal assault on the enemy entrenchment. In the vicious fire-fight, one man was killed and two wounded but Second Lieutenant LYNN, by his fearless, resourceful actions, inspired his platoon to continue the attack until ten Germans were killed and six captured, eliminating all enemy resistance. The daring leadership and superb combat skill displayed by Second Lieutenant LYNN reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WALTER J. HALIK, 36600323, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 October 1944 to 15 March 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Serving with high courage and initiative as company runner throughout an extended period of combat, Private First Class HALIK contributed materially to the battle efficiency of his unit. On one occasion, he courageously led an isolated group through heavy artillery and machine gun fire to rejoin Company C and continue the attack on Fort Jeanne D'Arc. Later, at Saarlautern, Private First Class HALIK unhesitatingly exposed himself to obtain a flash and sound reading on a menacing German two hundred and fifty millimeter gun, enabling accurate counter-battery fire to be placed on the hostile weapon. Private First Class HALIK'S consistently heroic, devoted performance of duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDGAR L. GAGNE, 31182908, Staff Sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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ROBERT L. WILSON, 14062408, Staff sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

LEO E. KRANESKI, 20254744, Master Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

EDWARD K. HERTZEL, 0370452, Major, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 29 June 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

GORDON W. SIMBLES, 0395972, Captain, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 29 June 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

GEORGE W. WOOD, 20254263, First sergeant, FA, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM G. HANLEY, 20254259, Technical Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

HOWARD J. BURKE, 20254727, Master Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 28 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

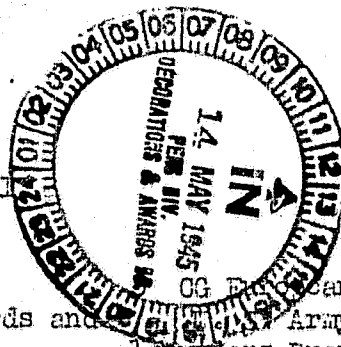
NEWMAN W. HERRINGTON, 33067695, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 9 April 1945 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
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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:

JAMES N. BRODERICK, 02010929, Second Lieutenant (Then First Sergeant), INF, Company L, ~~95th~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdungen, Germany. When fierce enemy automatic weapons fire on the approaches to a bridge at Verdungen inflicted heavy casualties in Company L, Second Lieutenant BRODERICK fearlessly moved out into coverless terrain and carried several of his wounded comrades to safety. The absolute disregard for his own safety displayed by Second Lieutenant BRODERICK, and his valiant devotion to the lives of his comrades, reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arizona.

WILLIAM P. BYERS, 35389113, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company K, ~~95th~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdungen, Germany. When three of his comrades were wounded and one killed by fierce flanking machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant BYERS moved, firing his sub-machine gun, toward the enemy weapon. After an intrepid, one hundred yard advance, during which the Germans aimed at him frantically, Staff Sergeant BYERS destroyed the machine gun position with grenades. His daring action and outstanding prowess in combat reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant BYERS and typify 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:

EARL L. LORD JR, 34974524, Private First Class, INF, Company G, ~~95th~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. When powerful enemy forces counter-attacked an outpost at Fraulautern, Private First Class LORD fearlessly engaged them with rifle fire and grenades. Hostile machine gun fire inflicted casualties on his comrades, and an enemy bazooka team moved in for the kill, but Private First Class LORD intrepidly stood his ground, destroying the bazooka and, in a violent fire fight, routing the whole German force. His heroic actions reflect great credit on Private First Class LORD and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

FRANCIS J. LOCKS, 0951565, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, ~~95th~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Metz,



France and Saarlautern, and Lamerzhagen, Germany. Serving successively as regimental scout, platoon sergeant and acting platoon leader, Technical Sergeant LOUCKS consistently performed his duty with great courage, skill and devotion. On one occasion, near Lamerzhagen, Germany, Technical Sergeant LOUCKS skillfully led his platoon at night over more than six miles on the Reich Autobahn to eliminate enemy panzerfaust action from the flank of an advancing armored column. Technical Sergeant LOUCKS' fortitude and resourcefulness contributed remarkably to the success achieved by his company in many battles, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

FRANK D. MC FOY, 75438136, Staff Sergeant, I.F., Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Employing machine gun and bazooka fire, the enemy strongly counter-attacked a building which guarded Company C's flank in the Saar bridgehead. Disregarding the danger to himself, Staff Sergeant MC FOY rallied his eight comrades and found suitable positions to fight from. Under Staff Sergeant MC FOY'S vigorous leadership, the greatly outnumbered squad drove the enemy back, inflicting heavy casualties, while suffering no loss itself. The courage and determination displayed by Staff Sergeant MC FOY on this occasion reflect great credit on him and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

GRADY ERIKAT, 34179821, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), I.F., Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France, and from 1 December 1944 to 20 March 1945, in Germany. In the fighting at Fraulautern, Technical Sergeant ERIKAT'S squad suddenly encountered fierce automatic weapons fire. Fearlessly exposing himself to the fire, Technical Sergeant ERIKAT found a covered route of advance for his comrades and led them over it. At the objective, hostile automatic weapons fire again threatened his squad. This time, Technical Sergeant ERIKAT called for mortar fire and directed it onto enemy positions, permitting other elements of his company to reach the objective without casualty. Technical Sergeant ERIKAT'S courageous combat skill led directly to the destruction of two machine guns, and several members of their crews, and to the capture of seventeen Germans. His intrepid actions are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant ERIKAT. Entered military service from North Carolina.

BEJAMIN C. HIBBS, 39078333, Staff Sergeant, I.F., Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. During the bitter engagement at St. Barbara, Staff Sergeant HIBBS, Company A supply sergeant, acted as a rifleman and advanced through heavy enemy artillery fire in order to maintain ammunition and food supplies for his comrades. On this occasion, Staff Sergeant HIBBS' intrepid devotion to duty was one of the main factors in the accomplishment of his company's mission. His resolute performance is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on Staff Sergeant HIBBS. Entered military service from California.

JAMES E. BOFFINE, 37213114, Private First Class, I.F., Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Although the forward observation party for which he drove was frequently

isolated by enemy action, Private First Class SCUPINE courageously delivered messages and supplies to it from Cannon Company, repeatedly risking his own safety to do so. During the battle for Metz, and in the drive toward the Siegfried Line, Private First Class SCUPINE was many times subjected to hostile artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire but not once did he falter in fully and promptly performing his duty. Private First Class SCUPINE'S conduct is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Kansas.

PAUL R. BATES, 35411921, Technician Fourth Grade (The Corporal), FA, Battery B, \*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as field wire chief since Battery B was first committed to combat, Technician Fourth Grade BATES performed his duties with skill, energy and courage. During the period 14 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, he repeatedly braved hostile artillery fire to install and maintain two lines between our front headquarters at Saarlautern and Battery B gun positions, on one occasion crossing a mine field to reroute wires through an area long exposed to enemy shelling. His consistently heroic service in providing superior communications facilities throughout a long period of heavy fighting reflects great credit on Technician Fourth Grade BATES and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JACK P. MIKOVIC, 36394412, Corporal, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 31 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Throughout the period 21 October 1944 to 31 January 1945, Corporal MIKOVIC displayed heroic initiative and skill while performing his duties as battery wire corporal in a consistently superior manner. On 20 January 1945, Corporal MIKOVIC, in charge of the forward switching central, courageously directed under heavy shelling the prompt repair of vital communications disrupted by a furious artillery barrage opening a determined German counter-attack on Saarlautern-Roden. His unceasing vigilance and courageous actions under fire contributed materially to the combat success achieved by his battery, reflecting distinct credit on Corporal MIKOVIC and exemplifying high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

EARL C. FOX, 15099051, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery G, \*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France and Saarlautern, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade FOX displayed a high order of courage and resourcefulness while serving as a member of a forward observer party throughout the Metz and Saarlautern offensives. During a powerful German counter-attack on Saarlautern-Roden, Technician Fifth Grade FOX'S observation post was isolated and enemy elements were closing in from the rear. Intrepidly defending his position, Technician Fifth Grade FOX killed one German with his carbine and, by his staunch diversionary action, gave the forward observer sufficient time in which to adjust accurate fire on the hostile troops. The courage and steadfast devotion to duty given by Technician Fifth Grade FOX reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES T. LANE, 0252316, Corporal, FA, Headquarters, \*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 18 November 1944, in the

Absence of the officer and chief of a gun section ordered to move a self-propelled one hundred and fifty-five millimeter gun forward to fire on Fort St. Julien, Major LANK personally supervised the hazardous operation. Boldly leading the crew under heavy machine gun fire to a position two hundred yards from the rear entrance of the Fort, Major LANK directed devastating fire on the great fortress. His staunch leadership and courageous initiative in insuring the prompt surrender of the entire garrison of six hundred men exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Major LANK. Entered military service from Colorado.

ARNOLD A. WITSCHI, 39905031, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 1 March 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 8 November 1944 to 1 March 1945, Technician Fourth Grade WITSCHI, a radio operator, frequently accompanied his battalion commander into forward areas still under small arms and machine gun fire, performing his duties in a conspicuously superior manner despite great personal danger. His heroic, devoted service throughout an extended phase of combat contributed materially to the battle efficiency of his unit, reflecting great credit on Technician Fourth Grade WITSCHI and on the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

JAMES J. KEELER, 36186523, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 1 March 1945, in France and Germany. As driver for his battalion commander, Technician Fifth Grade KEELER repeatedly drove his vehicle into forward areas under enemy small arms and machine gun fire during the period 8 November 1944 to 1 March 1945, performing his duties with great courage and skill. His intrepid, determined service, accomplished despite the exigencies of winter combat, reflects distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade KEELER and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOSEPH E. THACKER, 35440871, Corporal, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 29 March 1945, in the vicinity of Neuss, Germany. Braving heavy artillery fire, Corporal THACKER courageously remained at his ranging observation post in a grain silo for east of Neuss, near the Rhine, to observe and report on enemy activities, succeeding in locating several hostile artillery pieces during his hazardous vigil. Counter-battery fire placed on these guns as a result of Corporal THACKER's accurate observation completely neutralized the positions and eliminated the artillery shelling which had constantly harassed friendly installations near Neuss. His heroic devotion to duty at the risk of his life reflects distinct credit on Corporal THACKER and on the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JOHN L. REYNOLDS, 11120007, Corporal, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

WILLIAM E. HARRIS JR, 35321923, Corporal, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

CONRIN E. GUNDERSON, 37320105, Private First Class, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN S. SOLBERG, 35927628, Private First Class, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

WILBERT G. KEBER, 35411755, Private First Class, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

EDWARD SHELTON, 32617580, Corporal, FA, Battery E, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

RAYMOND O. SWELL, 36509138, Corporal, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOSEPH A. LAJTHARICH, 36249387, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

DORIS L. MORRISON, 15316134, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 22 November 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

RICHARD T. ARNOLD, 01180795, First Lieutenant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LEVERNE A. SMITH, 38019210, Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

WARREN H. FOUCAULT, 17106491, Sergeant, FA, Service 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 Minnesota.

SELDO C. BAKER, 6287902, First Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WILLIAM G. GRINMAN, O441386, Captain, MG, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*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 Virginia.

AWARDED BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 1600-45, 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:

RICHARD L. GILLUNG, 33762465, Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Werdungen, Germany. While attacking enemy positions in Werdungen, the rifle platoon to which Sergeant GILLUNG'S mortar squad was attached met withering mortar and machine gun fire from emplacements on the approaches to the Adolf Hitler Bridge. Boldly directing his squad into positions which, although exposed to hostile observation, afforded excellent points of vantage, Sergeant GILLUNG delivered such rapid, accurate fire that the enemy weapons were quickly neutralized and the riflemen continued their advance to the objective. The resourceful leadership and courage displayed by Sergeant GILLUNG under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ISADORE NICHOLSON, 33792323, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Oppum, Germany. When a violent explosion rocked Company L near Oppum, on 3 March 1945, Private First Class NICHOLSON and three other men were injured. Heroically disregarding the pain of his injuries, Private First Class NICHOLSON calmly and skillfully directed the movement of his company around the area in which the blast occurred. His fortitude and cool courage in forestalling any display of panic or confusion among his comrades at this critical time reflect great credit on Private First Class NICHOLSON and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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:

DONALD M. ISENBERGER, 37283664, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant) INF, Company H, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When Company H's second machine gun platoon crossed the Saar River in support of an attacking rifle company, surprise fire from pillboxes, in addition to exceptionally heavy mortar and artillery shelling, inflicted severe casualties. Technical Sergeant ISENBERGER took charge when the situation was at its worst. Working calmly, he led his men from the impact area to the nearest available cover, where he firmly reorganized the platoon and arranged for evacuation of the wounded. Then, he regained contact with the rifle company and aggressively supported the attack through Saarlautern-hoden. The courageous, vigorous leadership given by Technical Sergeant ISENBERGER reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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 A. TOMPKINS, 36576606, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Private First Class TOMPKINS displayed courageous, resolute devotion to duty while serving as a wireman and radio operator throughout the heavy fighting engaged in by Cannon Company during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Frequently subjected to enemy fire and constantly required to endure the worst hardships of combat, Private First Class TOMPKINS gave unstintingly of himself to perform his duties in a superior manner. As radio operator with a forward observer team during the Second Battalion's clearing operations south of the Leine Dam, he transmitted fire commands with complete accuracy, although his position was repeatedly exposed to enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class TOMPKINS' fearless, determined actions throughout a long, arduous period reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FRANK GEMBALA, 36356022, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Driving his commanding officer on all reconnaissance missions during the period 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, Technician Fifth Grade GEMBALA, although

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frequently exposed to hostile mortar and sniper fire, performed his duties with high courage and unswerving determination. On 31 March 1945, when the Third Battalion was halted by heavy enemy machine and flak gun fire near Oberlinghausen, he intrepidly braved the fierce fire to remove a vehicle blocking the advance of friendly tanks maneuvering into firing position. Technician Fifth Grade GAMBALA's heroic devotion to duty under fire reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH S. TRAGLIA, 31192412, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Throughout a period of bitter fighting during the Saarlautern offensive, Staff Sergeant TRAGLIA performed his duty as mess sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, with constant enthusiasm and devotion. Making two trips daily over the Saarlautern bridge and over open terrain subjected to enemy shelling, Staff Sergeant TRAGLIA succeeded in providing his comrades with hot meals. His determined, resolute performance contributed greatly to the morale and welfare of his company during a difficult period, reflecting distinct credit on Staff Sergeant TRAGLIA and on the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

RAMOND A. KLAUSS, 36249092, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 9 November 1944 to 7 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as medical technician with the Third Battalion graves registration team with great skill and enterprise during the period 9 November 1944 to 7 April 1945, Technician Fourth Grade KLAUSS, on one occasion, was engaged in recovering the dead from the battlefield when he observed two seriously wounded soldiers. He immediately went to their aid, administering first aid and directing their evacuation in spite of the severe enemy fire covering the area. His fearless actions on this occasion and his constantly heroic, devoted service throughout an extended period of combat exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect great credit on Technician Fourth Grade KLAUSS. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CLARENCE G. LINDAHL, 37288264, Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lichne Dam, Germany. In spite of hostile artillery and sniper fire, Sergeant LINDAHL calmly and accurately directed cannon fire onto enemy positions, greatly facilitating the Second Battalion's drive through the wooded area south of the Lichne Dam. Sergeant LINDAHL'S intrepid performance as a forward observer was in addition to his normal service as chief of section. His resolute, resourceful devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Sergeant LINDAHL and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

QUENTIN E. DOHRMANN, 36243957, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 6 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uckengo, France and Hochhemmerich, Germany. The accurate eighty-one millimeter mortar fire delivered by Corporal DOHRMANN in the First Battalion's engagements at Uckengo, and Metz, France and at Saarlautern, Germany was greatly instrumental in the

success achieved at those places. His accuracy at Fraulautern, while under concentrated German artillery fire, was responsible for containing a powerful enemy counter-attack. The unflinching courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal DOHME were constant sources of inspiration to his comrades, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ROBERT J. GATLE, 37039095, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Given the mission of installing a wire circuit between the command posts of two infantry regiments to permit coordination of plans for the following day's attack, Technician Fifth Grade GATLE led his men through territory not yet cleared of enemy patrols, snipers and mines to accomplish his vital task. Without benefit of prior reconnaissance, Technician Fifth Grade GATLE and his wire team heroically persisted in their hazardous efforts until the important communications were established. Technician Fifth Grade GATLE's courageous and skillful performance of duty on this occasion reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

RUDOLPH A. KNUEGEL, 36556472, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. During Company E's attack on Urdingen, Sergeant KNUEGEL'S platoon was halted by a well-camouflaged, fiercely-firing enemy tank, supported by machine gun and rifle fire. Intrepidly leading his squad from house to house until he reached a good point of vantage, Sergeant KNUEGEL delivered accurate rifle fire on the machine gun emplacements, silencing both weapons. Although wounded during the action, he doggedly remained at his post and summoned tank support which destroyed the hostile tanks. The inspiring leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant KNUEGEL under enemy fire reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD H. KIMMEL, 38100819, Corporal, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. On 4 April 1945, Corporal KIMMEL drove his jeep repeatedly to the north end of the canal bridge in Hamm where he evacuated casualties under artillery and sniper fire. Corporal KIMMEL'S courageous actions on this occasion resulted in affording wounded men the earliest possible medical treatment, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

IRVING FRAHAK, 32694544, 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 April 1945 to 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. During the First Battalion's attack on Hamm, Private First Class FRAHAK drove his wire-laying jeep immediately behind the assaulting troops. Although he was exposed to snipers firing from buildings overlooking the route, and to heavy artillery shelling throughout the entire engagement, he courageously persisted at his task, succeeding in installing essential communications between battalion headquarters and the rifle companies. Private First Class FRAHAK'S intrepid actions under enemy fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.



VINCENT J. YEAGER, 33023278, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdun, Germany. Technician Fourth Grade YEAGER displayed high courage and devotion to duty while participating in Company K's assault on the Adolf Hitler Bridge in Verdun, on 3 March 1945. With his squad leader and two other men, he boldly made his way under the bridge and mounted an embankment. There, Technician Fourth Grade YEAGER and his comrades, in an exposed position, valiantly held off enemy forces seeking to cross the embankment and attack elements of Company K fighting on the other side. Technician Fourth Grade YEAGER'S heroic, resolute action in denying a strategically important position to the enemy reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD EATON, 32944159, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdun, Germany. Private First Class EATON displayed high courage and devotion to duty while participating in Company K's assault on the Adolf Hitler Bridge in Verdun, on 3 March 1945. With his squad leader and two other men, he boldly made his way under the bridge and mounted an embankment. There, Private First Class EATON and his comrades, in an exposed position, valiantly held off enemy forces seeking to cross the embankment and attack elements of Company K fighting on the other side. Private First Class EATON'S heroic, resolute action in denying a strategically important position to the enemy reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

BENJAMIN SANCHEZ, 34438834, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Verdun, Germany. Private First Class SANCHEZ displayed high courage and devotion to duty while participating in Company K's assault on the Adolf Hitler Bridge in Verdun, on 3 March 1945. With his squad leader and two other men, he boldly made his way under the bridge and mounted an embankment. There, Private First Class SANCHEZ and his comrades, in an exposed position, valiantly held off enemy forces seeking to cross the embankment and attack elements of Company K fighting on the other side. Private First Class SANCHEZ'S heroic, resolute action in denying a strategically important position to the enemy reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

BENJAMIN L. COUCH, 39465100, 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 Sankt-Laurent, Germany. When an intense artillery and mortar barrage pounded an advance supply and ammunition distributing point, Private First Class COUCH unhesitatingly crossed an open field still being shelled to render first aid to an officer wounded in the barrage. First lifting a heavy branch of a shattered tree off the fallen officer, Private First Class COUCH, assisted by three comrades, carried the wounded man to a covered position where he was given immediate treatment by a medical officer. His courageous and timely actions in saving the life of an officer exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Private First Class COUCH. Entered military service from Washington.

SIGMUND A. LISETH, 0540541, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 24 November 1944 to 19 March 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. First Lieutenant LISETH served with great courage and skill as a rifle platoon leader throughout a long period of combat. On one occasion, First Lieutenant LISETH quickly evacuated eighteen of his men, wounded when a two hundred and fifty millimeter enemy shell struck the Saarlautern building occupied by his platoon, and then, resolutely reorganizing his depleted command, continued fulfilling his mission, despite the heavy losses. In one phase of the bitter Saarlautern-Hoden fighting, he served with distinction as company commander when all senior officers were wounded during an attack on a group of German pillboxes. First Lieutenant LISETH's staunch leadership and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

EDGAR W. MC CRACKEN, 01301340, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM C. MILLER, 36104621, 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 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

FLORENCE A. BRADEN, 37295527, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ERNEST E. KOZLOWICZ, 36247367, Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR, 35438264, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 4 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

EDWARD L. GARRETT, 36183759, First Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 December 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES D. LO GARTIN, 6145772, Master Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

EDWARD L. SCHOOLOVAR, 0409298, Major, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 and 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

304 C. GILBERT, 37212263, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

III. BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 506-45, 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:

O. K. WARREN, 36063451, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mynorn, Germany. Directing force, accurate mortar fire on a German force counter-attacking Company I's positions near Mynorn until the hostile elements were thrown back, Staff Sergeant WARREN immediately placed a heavy smoke screen on the enemy, covering his company's advance to its next objective. As the attack developed during the day, Staff Sergeant WARREN constantly moved from right to left flank under terrific enemy small arms fire in order to engage the maximum number of targets. His fearless, aggressive leadership in furnishing Company I close, effective mortar support reflects distinct credit on Staff Sergeant WARREN and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

MORDECAI SILVERMAN, 42075346, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When an enemy tank delivered direct fire on the Uerdingen building occupied by his platoon, Staff Sergeant SILVERMAN fearlessly left his third-floor post and went to the aid of several comrades, wounded by a shell penetrating the walls of the ground floor. Despite the merciless shelling which constantly pounded that portion of the building, Staff Sergeant SILVERMAN remained at the side of the wounded men, calmly administering first aid throughout the entire barrage. The valiant, devoted service given by Staff Sergeant SILVERMAN at the risk of his life reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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

DOE C. FAITH, 06690, Brigadier General, USA, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 21 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France; from 1 April 1945 to 3 April 1945, and on 14 and 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. The gallant action of Brigadier General FAITH assisted greatly in the offensive action in which the 95th Infantry Division was engaged during the aforementioned periods. On frequent visits to front line organizations and their observation posts, Brigadier General FAITH'S calmness in the face of enemy fire, his constant concern for the welfare of the men, and the valuable council and advice which he gave to the leaders and men of all echelons were of untold benefit. His gallant conduct was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact and assisted greatly in bringing the operations to a speedy and successful conclusion, thereby reflecting great credit on Brigadier General FAITH and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

HARVEY J. GOLIGHTLY, 010804, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 21 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France; from 1 April 1945 to 3 April 1945, and on 14 and 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. The gallant action of Colonel GOLIGHTLY assisted greatly in the offensive action in which the 95th Infantry Division was engaged during the aforementioned periods. On frequent visits to front line organizations and their observation posts, Colonel GOLIGHTLY'S calmness in the face of enemy fire, his constant concern for the welfare of the men, and the valuable council and advice which he gave to the leaders and men of all echelons were of untold benefit. His gallant conduct was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact and assisted greatly in bringing the operations to a speedy and successful conclusion, thereby reflecting great credit on Colonel GOLIGHTLY and on the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

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:

JACOB KOFF, 37150781, Private First Class, INF, Company I, 95th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. When the enemy hurled a vicious counter-attack against Company I's area, near Rhynern, Private

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First Class ROFF courageously set up his machine gun in a position exposed to withering small arms and automatic weapons fire. Operating his weapon until he was wounded, Private First Class ROFF delivered rapid, accurate fire into the ranks of the attacking Germans. His intrepid performance of duty was greatly instrumental in decisively repulsing the powerful assault. Private First Class ROFF's heroic action reflects distinct credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

ALBERT E. GARLEY, 01300597, 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 Urdingen, Germany. Assumed command of his company commander and executive officer were wounded by rifle fire in bitter Urdingen fighting, on 4 March 1945, First Lieutenant GARLEY bravely contending small arms fire to reorganize all elements of Company L for a renewed attack against the strongly-entrenched enemy. Then, First Lieutenant GARLEY led his men forward in a relentless advance which completely overpowered the hostile defending forces. His staunch, resolute leadership and great personal courage reflect distinct credit on First Lieutenant GARLEY and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

ROY P. STICE, 36950592, 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 Urdingen, Germany. On 4 March 1945, Private First Class STICE'S squad was pinned down by severe machine gun and rifle fire during the attack on Urdingen and the situation was desperate. Wounded while setting up his automatic rifle to cover the withdrawal of one man to summon aid, Private First Class STICE nevertheless heroically maintained unceasing fire until his comrade succeeded in escaping from the squad's fire-raked position. Upon the man's early return with reinforcements, the critical situation was relieved. Private First Class STICE'S cogged devotion to duty and great courage on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH E. HIPP, 33681131, 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 Urdingen, Germany. On 4 March 1945, Private First Class HIPP displayed great personal courage and initiative in delivering messages from Company L's command post to his platoon during the fiercest fighting of the battle for Urdingen. Under searching machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class HIPP intrepidly accomplished every mission assigned him throughout the day. His fearlessness, determined actions contributed substantially to the complete success of his unit in the attack toward the Rhino, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class HIPP and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD BEMER, 35369090, Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. In the face of intense enemy machine gun fire Sergeant BEMER boldly led a squad across four hundred and fifty yards of open field, at Urdingen, to fiercely reduce German resistance in the area. At one point, the squad encountered direct fire from an entrenched machine gun. Ordering his men to take cover, Sergeant BEMER fired on the hostile weapon by himself and then called for mortar fire which neutralized it. The fear-

less, thoughtful leadership given by Sergeant BELAR is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

WILLIAM J. KUKLA, 36357502, 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-Rodon, Germany. To clear an intersection for use by friendly units, Staff Sergeant KUKLA, 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, Staff Sergeant KUKLA 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 KUKLA and his intrepid companions had cleared the vital intersection. Staff Sergeant KUKLA'S great determination and courage reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

LOUIS FAGIN, 36355033, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third 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 FAGIN assisted in moving two heavily-laden trucks into Saarlautern under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring the barrage, Private First Class FAGIN helped unload the vital cargo at the forward distribution point while fierce fighting still raged in nearby buildings. Private First Class FAGIN'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 Illinois.

ARTHUR S. EBENHARDT, 37293142, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

MAURICE L. MORGAN, 35602170, Private First Class, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

STEPHEN W. MISTAKEVICH, 36357268, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

LEWIS W. NEIL, 35413404, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. On 4

March 1945, Private First Class NEIL displayed great personal courage and initiative in delivering messages from Company L's command post to his platoon during the fiercest fighting of the battle for Urdingen. Under searching machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class NEIL intrepidly accomplished every mission assigned him throughout the day. His fearless, determined actions contributed substantially to the complete success of his unit in the attack toward the Rhine, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class NEIL and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

FRED E. GALLARD, 010295, Colonel, P.F., Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

SAMUEL L. METCALFE, 09684, Colonel, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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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 A. 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:

KENNETH L. PAGE, 6952858, Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the drive on Metz, Company I fought its way to a mined bridge spanning the Moselle River, across which enemy troops were flooding. With the hazardous hope of capturing the bridge before it could be destroyed, Sergeant PAGE's platoon was ordered to infiltrate across and seize a bridgehead on the east bank. In the face of heavy machine gun and twenty millimeter fire, Sergeant PAGE and his comrades started across. Four of the men reached the far bank, but before they could locate wires leading to the demolitions the Germans detonated charges, destroying the bridge. Sergeant PAGE'S unhesitant, completely courageous devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

HARVIS L. GALT, 37104373, Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. In the drive on Metz, Company I fought its way to a mined bridge spanning the Moselle River, across which enemy troops were flooding. With the hazardous hope of capturing the bridge before it could be destroyed, Sergeant GALT'S platoon was ordered to infiltrate across and seize a bridgehead on the east bank. In the face of heavy machine gun and twenty millimeter fire, Sergeant GALT and his comrades started across. Four of the men reached the far bank, but before they could locate wires leading to the demolitions the Germans detonated charges, destroying the bridge. Sergeant GALT'S unhesitant, completely courageous devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

JOE G. ADAMS, 31400793, 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. In the drive on Metz, Company I fought its way to a mined bridge spanning the Moselle River, across which enemy troops were flooding. With the hazardous hope of capturing the bridge before it could be destroyed, Private First Class ADAMS' platoon was ordered to infiltrate across and seize a bridgehead on the east bank. In the face of heavy machine gun and twenty millimeter fire, Private First Class ADAMS and his comrades started across. Four of the men reached the far bank, but before they could locate wires leading to the demolitions the Germans detonated charges, destroying the bridge. Private First Class ADAMS' unhesitant,

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completely courageous devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Main

JAMES O. BLEMMAN, 37677750, 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. In the drive on Metz, Company I fought its way to a narrow bridge spanning the Moselle River, across which enemy troops were fleeing. With the hazardous hope of capturing the bridge before it could be destroyed, Private First Class BLEMMAN's platoon was ordered to infiltrate across and seize a bridgehead on the east bank. In the face of heavy machine gun and twenty millimeter fire, Private First Class BLEMMAN and his comrades started across. Fear of the men receded on the far bank, but before they could locate wires leading to the detonators the Germans detonated charges, destroying the bridge. Private First Class BLEMMAN's, unhesitant, completely courageous devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

11. 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:

CLIFF W. PETERS, 19164077, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When the patrol jeep in which he was serving as radio operator was struck by a German anti-tank grenade, Technician Fifth Grade PETERS fearlessly made his way through intense machine gun and small arms fire to an enemy-held house. Forcing his way inside, he drove out the Germans, inflicting casualties on them, and, with another soldier, continued to deliver rapid accurate fire on the hostile forces, protecting other members of his outnumbered patrol. Technician Fifth Grade PETERS' bold, aggressive actions against superior numbers of the enemy reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

RICHARD A. HOGSTAD, 36404682, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. When the patrol jeep in which he was serving as scout observer was struck by a German anti-tank grenade, Private First Class HOGSTAD fearlessly made his way through intense machine gun and small arms fire to an enemy-held house. Forcing his way inside, he drove out the Germans, inflicting casualties on them, and, with another soldier, continued to deliver accurate, rapid fire on the hostile forces, protecting other members of his outnumbered patrol. Private First Class HOGSTAD'S bold, aggressive actions against superior numbers of the enemy reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

GEORGE E. SULLIVAN, 11108300, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Braunsteinfurt, Germany. When his platoon's advance was imperiled by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from strong German positions on the right flank, Staff Sergeant SULLIVAN boldly led a rifle squad over eighty yards of fire-swept terrain to destroy a German machine gun. One hundred yards beyond the machine gun was the house in which the snipers were located. Preceding his comrades, Staff Sergeant SULLIVAN climbed through a window, in the face of fire from another enemy machine

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gun, and killed three snipers. The fearless leadership and great battle prowess displayed under fire by Staff Sergeant SEBASTIAN reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

RUSSELL G. DUPIC, 6931014, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Wimpfy, France. When intense machine gun and rifle fire pinned down a Company E platoon, and anti-aircraft fire wounded two of a tank crew, forcing their two comrades to seek cover, Staff Sergeant DUPIC exposed himself fearlessly to the powerful enemy in order to mount the abandoned tank and boldly turn its seventy-six millimeter gun on the hostile positions. Staff Sergeant DUPIC'S deadly fire knocked out the anti-aircraft weapon, and inspired his comrades to leave their positions of cover and resume the attack. In returning to his reorganized platoon, Staff Sergeant DUPIC was wounded. His heroic leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant DUPIC. Entered military service from South Dakota.

LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 500-45, 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:

ARCEL D. DAHLMAN, 37016879, Staff Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Warstein, Germany. During a move to new positions near Warstein, on 8 April 1945, Staff Sergeant DAHLMAN'S platoon was subjected to sudden, fierce enemy fire. Seeking deliberately to divert the enemy fire, Staff Sergeant DAHLMAN immediately mounted his truck and attempted to bring his fifty caliber machine gun into action. He quickly became the target for intense enemy fire which soon found its mark and Staff Sergeant DAHLMAN was severely wounded. His fearless, diversionary action, enabling his comrades to occupy firing positions and rout the enemy, reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant DAHLMAN and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

WILLIAM J. MORKENTHIN, 33715719, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Setting up his automatic rifle in an open window in spite of hostile bazooka and machine gun fire, Private First Class MORKENTHIN poured a murderous stream of fire into an advancing mass of German soldiers, counter-attacking his company's positions in Fraulautern, on 23 December 1944. His furious defense routed the enemy force temporarily but reported counter-attacks were thrown against Private First Class MORKENTHIN'S position. Although he suffered a severe burn from the hot barrel of his rifle, he staunchly remained at his hazardous post and successfully repelled each succeeding hostile blow. Private First Class MORKENTHIN'S devoted, courageous actions on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

STANLEY WASGARDIS, 36641712, Sergeant, 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. Approaching an enemy pillbox through a shell-pounded open field, Sergeant WASGARDIS and five other soldiers advanced, covered by supporting fire, up to the rear of the bunker and

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placed a demolition charge in the doorway. After the explosion, the men rushed into the pillbox, but gases from the explosives forced them to retire. Undaunted, Sergeant WABGARDIS and his comrades returned and captured the lone occupant of the pillbox, destroying at the same time the radio set by which the prisoner had directed artillery and mortar fire on the surrounding area. Sergeant WABGARDIS' courage and determination in destroying a menacing hostile fortification reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE N. COOK, 33024504, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 November 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as radio operator for his mortar platoon's forward observer party, Private First Class COOK performed his duties in a consistently daring, heroic manner. On one occasion, he fearlessly dashed across a street raked by enemy machine gun fire and, strapping up his radio in an exposed position, quickly contacted gun positions and brought devastating fire on the hostile emplacements. Later, he advanced with assault troops across fire-swept terrain to assist in delivering a fierce barrage of supporting mortar fire. His courageous devotion to duty throughout a long, arduous combat period reflects great credit on Private First Class COOK and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLYDE F. HALL, 30357196, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 March 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Soest, and Dortmund, Germany. During the advance which carried his company from Soest, and Dortmund, Staff Sergeant HALL rendered invaluable aid to his mortar platoon as radio operator with the forward observer. Constantly accompanying the most advanced assault elements and many times exposed to machine gun and rifle fire, he consistently directed accurate mortar fire to rout the enemy from his entrenched positions. His superb combat skill and complete disregard for personal safety while insuring flawless mortar coverage for the advancing riflemen of his battalion are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant HALL. Entered military service from Illinois.

ANDREW B. GRIGGERS JR, 01300639, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. As regimental liaison officer during the period 1 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, First Lieutenant GRIGGERS made frequent trips over shell-torn roads under intense artillery and mortar fire to the command posts of his regiment's front-line companies and battalions to deliver messages and report exact locations and conditions during critical periods of combat. In addition, he often reconnoitered new positions and routes, guiding parties varying in size from detachments to an entire combat team over hazardous, treacherous roads under the most adverse weather conditions. First Lieutenant GRIGGERS' heroic devotion to duty throughout an extended phase of combat reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

JAMES W. MC CLASKEY, 01301849, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. As regimental liaison officer during the period 1 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, First

Lieutenant MC CLASKEY made frequent trips over shell-torn roads under intense artillery and mortar fire to the command posts of his regiment's front-line companies and battalions to deliver messages and report exact locations and conditions during critical periods of combat. In addition, he often reconnoitered new positions and routes, guiding parties varying in size from detachments to an entire combat team over hazardous, treacherous roads under the most adverse weather conditions. First Lieutenant MC CLASKEY'S heroic devotion to duty throughout an extended phase of combat reflects greatest credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

ROBERT MORELLI, 33294207, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944 in the vicinity of Seedorf, Germany. Voluntarily serving as a rifleman with Company A when the Saar river bridgehead was secured, Technician Fifth Grade MORELLI and five other soldiers were moving away from shore when an enemy mortar shell struck the front of their assault boat, wounding seven men. Technician Fifth Grade MORELLI unhesitatingly leaped from the sinking craft and pulled it back to the bank. Then, lifting a seriously wounded comrade from the boat, he carried the casualty through intense mortar fire to an aid station, almost a mile distant. His fearless, devoted deed reflects great credit on Technician Fifth Grade MORELLI and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES W. WASHINGTON, 34242789, Private, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Acting as lead man for a combat reconnaissance patrol, on 5 April 1945, Private WASHINGTON quickly advanced at the head of the group toward an outpost protecting a hostile command post. Following his stealthy lead, Private WASHINGTON'S comrades surprised the seven Germans occupying the position and captured them all. Then striking quickly at the command post, the patrol killed two enemy soldiers and wounded many more while accomplishing successfully its mission of probing enemy deployment. Private WASHINGTON'S bold, unflinching devotion to duty on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

FRANK R. MURN, 37069374, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. During bitter street fighting in Hamm, on 7 April 1945, Staff Sergeant MURN fearlessly exposed himself to automatic weapons and sniper fire to place his squad into position to neutralize enemy guns holding up his platoon's advance. Although Staff Sergeant MURN was severely wounded during the action, he succeeded in deploying his men so effectively that the hostile emplacements were quickly overrun and the platoon continued its advance. Staff Sergeant MURN'S valiant leadership and heroic devotion to duty under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Arkansas.

GILBERT L. MILLER, 36063585, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. Braving heavy enemy shell fire for seven nights, Sergeant MILLER coordinated the movement of vehicles being brought forward to be ferried across the Saar river. After successfully directing the marshaling

ling of vehicles near the chosen crossing site, Sergeant MILLER, under constant artillery and mortar fire, reconnoitered a route through the near valley into Insdorf. Then, after personally assisting in the ferrying operation, Sergeant MILLER guided the essential vehicles over the fire-swept route to the safety of cover in Insdorf. His intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit on Sergeant MILLER and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

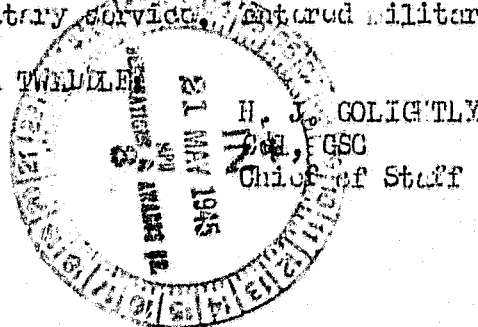
JESSE T. CROW, 3543409, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany. Technician Fifth Grade CROW served with high skill and courage as driver for his battalion commander throughout the period 19 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, performing his duties in a superior manner in spite of the adversities of winter combat. Subjected repeatedly to hostile artillery mortar and machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade CROW unhesitatingly carried messages between the front lines and battalion headquarters in times of great combat stress, completing successfully every assigned mission. The fortitude and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade CROW over a long period of combat reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN H. BIRCUMSHAW, 01324719, First Lieutenant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Vellinghausen, Germany. Conducting a reconnoissance for anti-tank gun placements near Vellinghausen, First Lieutenant BIRCUMSHAW and three other members of Anti-Tank Company observed enemy soldiers occupying defensive positions in a heavily wooded area. Without hesitation, the four men boldly entered the wood and demanded that the Germans surrender. Then one German fired on First Lieutenant BIRCUMSHAW and his comrades, his fire was quickly silenced by a concerted burst of fire by the group. Without further resistance, forty-seven enemy soldiers surrendered to First Lieutenant BIRCUMSHAW and his three companions. First Lieutenant BIRCUMSHAW'S aggressive, fearless conduct in eliminating a hostile pocket of resistance reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

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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:

WALTER L. KING, 37696385, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF Company I, 95th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 28 November 1944 and 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Folsberg, and Oerlinghausen, Germany. On 28 November 1944, when intense fire from enemy positions on high ground to the front delayed the advance of Company I, near Folsberg, Staff Sergeant KING crawled to the Germans' rear while another soldier made his way to the enemy left flank. Opening fire simultaneously, Staff Sergeant KING and his comrade killed five Germans and overwhelmed twenty who surrendered. On 2 April 1945, Staff Sergeant KING led his squad in a relentless assault against enemy troops who held high ground near Oerlinghausen. In his bold advance he personally accounted for seven enemy dead with rifle and hand grenades. Later in the day, Staff Sergeant KING was killed in action. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Iowa.

JOSEPH P. POPLAR, 36247011, Private First Class, INF, Company F, 95th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. Serving as a scout, Private First Class POPLAR pointed out concealed enemy positions in woodland near Augustdorf and led his squad in reducing them in violent fire-fighting. Private First Class POPLAR killed or wounded five German snipers on the way. Later, he was wounded by a sniper but seeing a wounded comrade he carried him half a mile to a barn where first aid was administered to both. Then, in spite of his wound, Private First Class POPLAR returned to his squad to carry on with the attack. On 9 April 1945 Private First Class POPLAR was killed in action in Germany. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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:

ELMER J. KRUPANSKY, 35538280, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, 95th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hama, Germany. Holding a vital underpass near the Lippe Canal bridge won by the First Battalion, Staff Sergeant KRUPANSKY and his platoon were placed

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under direct fire by enemy tanks covering the approach of one half-track vehicle and three trucks, laden with explosives and infantrymen intent on destroying the underpass. Fearlessly remaining at his post although wounded by the hostile tank fire, Staff Sergeant KRUPANSKY delivered fierce machine gun fire on the advancing enemy, destroying the half-track and trucks and utterly routing the counter-blow. His valiant, determined devotion to duty under fire exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant KRUPANSKY. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOSEPH M. QUINN, 01298590, Captain, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 Captain QUINN led his company gallantly and aggressively in a succession of strong, well-coordinated attacks, clearing many miles of stubbornly-held enemy territory between Hamm and Dortmund and taking a large number of prisoners. Constantly inspiring Company E by his own calm, fearless actions to advance swiftly and boldly against enemy strong points, Captain QUINN pressed the assault vigorously throughout ten days of rapid movement, fulfilling brilliantly every assigned mission. Captain QUINN'S bold, inspiring leadership and unfailing gallantry under fire reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CARROLL M. JOHNSON, 39051850, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In the attack on Hamm, Private First Class JOHNSON'S squad was halted by intense hostile machine gun and sniper fire and forced to seek cover in a building along the route of advance. Observing the enemy emplacing a machine gun at a point where the entire squad would be menaced, Private First Class JOHNSON fearlessly moved out into the fire-swept street and opened fire on the hostile gun crew with his automatic rifle, killing two Germans and wounding one. His bold, determined action enabled the squad to overrun the enemy positions and advance to its objective, reflecting great credit on Private First Class JOHNSON and exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

ROBERT E. SHOOK, 01303044, First Lieutenant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Spearheading an attack near Hamm, on 7 April 1945, First Lieutenant SHOOK and his platoon encountered an enemy strongpoint from which issued a steady stream of machine gun and rifle fire. Accompanied by one enlisted man, First Lieutenant SHOOK moved unhesitatingly forward into the furious enfilade fire and destroyed the machine gun with bazooka and small arms fire, killing three of the enemy and eliminating all hostile resistance at this point. First Lieutenant SHOOK'S dauntless courage and heroic devotion to duty in facilitating his company's advance at the risk of his life are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

HARLES A. HOWELL, 34585937, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Holding a vital underpass near the Lippe Canal bridge won by the First Battalion, Private First Class HOWELL'S platoon was placed under direct fire by enemy tanks covering the approach of one half-track vehicle and three trucks, laden with explosives and infantrymen intent on destroying the underpass.

Fearlessly remaining at his post throughout the furious engagement, Private First Class HOWELL delivered rapid, accurate fire with his sniper's rifle, inflicting many casualties and assisting valiantly in repelling the dangerous counter-attack. His gallant, unwavering devotion to duty under fire reflects great credit on Private First Class HOWELL and on the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

GEORGE R. HYATT, 38439309, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ham, Germany. He led a vital underpass near the Lippe Canal bridge won by the First Battalion. Private First Class HYATT'S platoon was placed under direct fire by enemy tanks covering the approach of one half-track vehicle and three trucks, laden with explosives and infantrymen intent on destroying the underpass. Although wounded early in the furious encounter, Private First Class HYATT, a bazooka gunner, fearlessly remained at his post and delivered murderous fire on the advancing enemy, destroying the half-track and trucks while completely routing the counter-blow. His fortitude and gallant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Private First Class HYATT. Entered military service from Texas.

III. Award Of BRONZE STAR Medal: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 60044, 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:

GEORGE W. BALLANCE, 34664156, Sergeant, CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. On 6 December 1944, Sergeant BALLANCE courageously advanced with his gun section into the newly-won Saarlautern bridgehead and, fearlessly disregarding the constant, heavy shelling which pounded the area, calmly directed the emplacement of guns. Then, two days later, Sergeant BALLANCE voluntarily led his men through intense artillery, machine gun and small arms fire into Saarlautern-Rosen. His staunch leadership and unwavering devotion to duty under difficult conditions contributed greatly to the success of Battery A in accomplishing its mission, reflecting distinct credit on Sergeant BALLANCE and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

JOHN R. TOMANEK, 38411398, Private First Class, CAC, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dulman, Germany. When an armored division supply column was strafed by two enemy planes, Private First Class TOMANEK replied accurately and rapidly to the hostile attack in spite of his exposure to twin streams of twenty millimeter fire. A truck just behind Private First Class TOMANEK'S machine gun mount was hit, and flying shrapnel narrowly missed him, but he courageously remained at his weapon to destroy one of the German planes. Private First Class TOMANEK'S intrepid devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Texas.

DANIEL L. CHASE, 36863108, Private First Class, CAC, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dulman, Germany. When an armored division supply column was strafed by two enemy planes, Private First



Class CHATEL, although exposed to twin streams of twenty millimeter fire, remained at his machine gun, replying rapidly and accurately to the hostile attack. Calmly clearing two stoppages during the violent engagement, Private First Class CHATEL and his fellow gunner destroyed one of the German planes. The intrepid devotion to duty which he displayed is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class CHATEL. Entered military service from Michigan.

FRANK A. BAVA, 36852305, Private First Class, CAG, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dulmen, Germany. When an armored division supply column was strafed by the enemy planes, Private First Class BAVA, although exposed to twin streams of twenty millimeter fire, remained at his machine gun, replying rapidly and accurately to the hostile attack. Calmly clearing two stoppages during the violent engagement, Private First Class BAVA and his fellow gunner destroyed one of the German planes. The intrepid devotion to duty which he displayed is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class BAVA. Entered military service from Michigan.

GEY W. LA PIA, 32461839, Sergeant, CAG, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 25 February 1945, in Germany. At Saarlautern, under heavy mortar and sniper fire, Sergeant LA PIA intrepidly led his gun section into a position which afforded maximum protection for elements of the \*\*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion. This action was typical of the staunch leadership and unwavering devotion to duty given by Sergeant LA PIA during the period 1 November 1944 to 25 February 1945. His consistently resolute achievements reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

GLIDE L. BOWARD, 36062364, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Vellinghausen, Germany. Conducting a reconnaissance for anti-tank gun emplacements near Vellinghausen, Private First Class BOWARD and three other members of Anti-Tank Company observed enemy soldiers occupying defensive positions in a heavily wooded area. Without hesitation the four men boldly entered the wood and demanded that the Germans surrender. When one German fired on Private First Class BOWARD and his comrades, his fire was quickly silenced by a concerted burst of fire by the group. Without resistance, forty-seven enemy soldiers surrendered to Private First Class BOWARD and his three companions. Private First Class BOWARD'S aggressive, fearless conduct in eliminating a hostile pocket of resistance reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHESTER W. DUBICKI, 36507130, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Vellinghausen, Germany. Conducting a reconnaissance for anti-tank gun emplacements near Vellinghausen, Technical Sergeant DUBICKI and three other members of Anti-Tank Company observed enemy soldiers occupying defensive positions in a heavily wooded area. Without hesitation the four men boldly entered the wood and demanded that the Germans surrender. When one German fired on Technical Sergeant DUBICKI and his comrades, his fire was

quickly silenced by a concerted burst of fire by the group. Without further resistance, forty-seven enemy soldiers surrendered to Technical Sergeant DEBICKI and his three companions. Technical Sergeant DEBICKI'S aggressive, fearless conduct in eliminating a hostile pocket of resistance reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

GASPAR SACIETTA, 31452013, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Vellinghausen, Germany. Conducting a reconnaissance for anti-tank gun emplacements near Vellinghausen, Private First Class SACIETTA and three other members of Anti-Tank Company observed enemy soldiers occupying defensive positions in a heavily wooded area. Without hesitation, the four men boldly entered the wood and demanded that the Germans surrender. When one German fired on Private First Class SACIETTA and his comrades, his fire was quickly silenced by a concerted burst of fire by the group. Without further resistance, forty-seven enemy soldiers surrendered to Private First Class SACIETTA and his three companions. Private First Class SACIETTA'S aggressive fearless conduct in eliminating a hostile pocket of resistance reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ALAN S. TRAUCCOTT, 15560914, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dusseldorf, Germany. A combat patrol crossed the Rhine River near Dusseldorf with the mission of capturing a prisoner for intelligence. Moonlight put the patrol at a disadvantage but, upon reaching the east bank of the river, Staff Sergeant TRAUCCOTT and another soldier leaped ashore to grenade a German position along a twenty foot wall. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant TRAUCCOTT and his comrade climbed a stairway in the wall and seized an enemy soldier. Returning him to their assault boat, Staff Sergeant TRAUCCOTT and his companion completed the patrol's mission. The bold determination displayed by him reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant TRAUCCOTT and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

GEORGE W. GILL, 37286462, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Dusseldorf, Germany. A combat patrol crossed the Rhine River near Dusseldorf with the mission of capturing a prisoner for intelligence. Moonlight put the patrol at a disadvantage but, upon reaching the east bank of the river, Technician Fifth Grade GILL and another soldier leaped ashore to grenade a German position along a twenty foot wall. Without hesitation, Technician Fifth Grade GILL and his comrade climbed a stairway in the wall and seized an enemy soldier. Returning him to their assault boat, Technician Fifth Grade GILL and his companion completed the patrol's mission. The bold determination displayed by him reflects great credit on Technician Fifth Grade GILL and on the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DANIEL R. HENSLEY, 01180936, Second Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. Forward

observer with an infantry rifle company, Second Lieutenant HENSLEY was registering on the company's next objective when a heavy volume of fire was received from wooded terrain two hundred yards away. Seeing German infantry advancing in a counter-attack, covered by the barrage, he quickly sensed the alarm and remained in his exposed position, ignoring the hail of bullets falling around him, to direct devastating artillery fire on the approaching hostile forces. Second Lieutenant HENSLEY's fearless, timely actions and skillful fire direction, which forced the enemy to halt, reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WARREN L. BLISS, 17053373, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

FELSON H. BURDECK, 20126169, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 March 1945 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

FINEST H. STRATTON, 37213189, First Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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:

ALEXANDER C. GRANZIN, 0415960, Major, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 February 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 posthumously to

WILLIAM G. WILEY, 37208209, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. When his jeep was ambushed near Urdingen, Technical Sergeant WILEY led his comrades in fighting off a numerically superior enemy force. Although wounded at the start of the engagement, Technical Sergeant WILEY continued to direct a gallant and aggressive action against the large German element until he was killed. Technical Sergeant WILEY'S completely heroic devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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:

WALTER V. MURRAY, 35485967, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. On the outskirts of Urdingen Private First Class MURRAY'S reconnaissance patrol encountered heavy machine gun fire. Casualties were suffered and several jeeps were destroyed. Although wounded himself, Private First Class MURRAY intrepidly helped his wounded comrades to cover. Then, in carrying a message through intense small arms fire to the commander of approaching friendly troops, he was again wounded. The gallantry of Private First Class MURRAY'S actions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Indiana.

FRED J. ZORR, 37448050, Corporal, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Warstein, Germany. When his platoon was fired on by German soldiers in a wooded area near Warstein, Corporal ZORR fearlessly stood in his truck and returned fire with his carbine, covering his comrades as they dismounted to take up firing positions. Killing one German and driving the others deeper into the wood, Corporal ZORR continued his resolute defense until severely wounded by a rifle bullet. Then, unable to resist further because of his grave wound, he lay in the truck and shouted words of encouragement to his comrades who speedily eliminated the hostile resistance. Corporal ZORR'S valiant action on this occasion is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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WILBERT A. ROSSOK, 35362396, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving successively as mortar section leader, weapons platoon sergeant and acting leader during the period 18 October 1944 to 24 April 1945, Technical Sergeant ROSSOK displayed a high order of gallantry in fulfilling his varied, hazardous assignments. On one occasion, near Bully, France, he left a covered position and established himself on the crest of a hill, exposed to intense enemy fire to direct effective mortar fire on fire-fighting positions. Later, at Drensteinfurt, Germany, on 31 March 1945, Technical Sergeant ROSSOK assumed command when his platoon leader was wounded, and rendered invaluable assistance in reorganizing Company E during the height of battle. His bold, resourceful leadership and repeated acts of heroism throughout a long, arduous phase of combat reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant ROSSOK and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ROBERT C. SIMS, 18073610, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayern, Germany. While effectively directing his heavy machine gun section's fire to cover the right flank of an advancing rifle company, Staff Sergeant SIMS was forced to displace his men across an open, fire-swept field in order to continue his mission. Dreading to cross the field first before exposing his section to the machine gun and small arms fire, he boldly set out alone and reconnoitered the best possible route. Then, returning to his comrades, he led them safely through the hail of bullets to new positions from which supporting fire was promptly renewed. Staff Sergeant SIMS' staunch, courageous leadership and heroic devotion to his men are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN NAGGO, 36646496, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 3 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. While installing wire communications between his battalion's command post and a rifle company attempting a crossing of the Lippe River, Private First Class NAGGO and several other members of a wire team were subjected to violent enemy artillery fire. Disdaining the heavy shelling which forced his comrades to seek cover with the leading assault elements, Private First Class NAGGO proceeded alone onto a railroad bridge spanning the river, and, dragging a wire drum, succeeded in laying wire across the bridge. His fearless action at great personal risk permitted maintenance of communication throughout the engagement, reflecting great credit on Private First Class NAGGO and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS: 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:

ROBERT BOWLES JR., 33884298, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. In order to deliver vital messages which directed the displacement of the weapons platoon, Private First Class BOWLES three times crossed open terrain which terrific enemy fire had denied to previous movement. As a result of Private First Class BOWLES' intrepid performance of duty the weapons platoon was able to render powerful support to rifle

elements of Company E, greatly facilitating the prompt accomplishment of a hazardous mission. The courage and loyalty of Private First Class FORD is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Virginia.

HERVE E. MARCOUX, 31425104, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 Private First Class MARCOUX performed his dangerous duties with outstanding efficiency and unswerving devotion. During the battles for Metz and Saarlautern he maintained communications with all elements of Company D in spite of heavy hostile artillery fire. Private First Class MARCOUX'S resolute and courageous achievements over a long combat period reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FRANK E. LITFACH, 37443516, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 October 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 13 October 1944 to 18 April 1945 Technical Sergeant LITFACH performed his duties with outstanding skill and courage throughout the fierce actions in which Company E was engaged in France and in Germany. Successively squad leader, platoon guide, platoon sergeant, and acting platoon leader, he was greatly instrumental in the accomplishment of many missions. Technical Sergeant LITFACH'S resolute performance and staunch leadership are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Nebraska.

CLEM L. HUTTON, 36062322, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945 Staff Sergeant HUTTON repeatedly distinguished himself in the fierce actions in which Company E was engaged in France and in Germany. The skillful and courageous manner in which he directed the fire of his platoon's mortars was greatly instrumental in the successful accomplishment of many missions. Staff Sergeant HUTTON'S resolute performance and staunch leadership throughout a long period of strenuous combat are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHE J. EVANS, 37213295, 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 April 1945 to 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. During the First Battalion's attack on Hamm, Private First Class EVANS performed his duty as lineman with outstanding skill and devotion. Largely due to his fearless action in repairing severed wire under enemy fire communications were constantly maintained between attacking companies and the battalion commander. Private First Class EVANS' intrepid conduct is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Missouri.

MARVIN C. RODGERS, 17073412, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\* 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 Tiedorf, Germany. When the battalion motor officer became a casualty, the responsibility for safely conducting support weapons and vehicles across the Saar River on a narrow ferry fell to Sergeant ROUSSEAU. With no regard for his own safety, he personally supervised the movement, under heavy enemy fire, thereby contributing essentially to the success of the Third Battalion's drive on Tiedorf. Sergeant ROUSSEAU'S resolute devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ERNEST W. SMITH, 39708576, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In support of Company C's attack on stout enemy positions in Hamm, Private First Class SMITH set up his heavy machine gun in a fourth story window and fired on a German machine gun crew and riflemen who had held up the advance. Drawing intense sniper fire, Private First Class SMITH shifted his position but persevered in delivering a stream of fire which greatly facilitated the taking of Company C's objective. His courageous and skillful performance under enemy fire reflects distinct credit on Private First Class SMITH and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

LEE LAWRENCE, 0452963, Captain, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. During the unremitting attack made by the Second Battalion, from Hamm to Dortmund, Captain LAWRENCE consistently led his company with outstanding skill and courage. When a strong enemy force counter-attacked Company G's area at West-Tennen Captain LAWRENCE boldly directed the action which decisively expelled it. His unflagging devotion and staunch leadership are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Captain LAWRENCE. Entered military service from Ohio.

HORACE E. TIPPETT, 36184948, Sergeant (Then 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 Merten, France. In the face of fierce enemy fire Sergeant TIPPETT boldly led his machine gun squad from the protection of a hill to a clump of trees from which he directed rapid, accurate supporting fire for riflemen attacking Merten. As the attack continued, he directed the squad's advance to a new vantage point where his withering machine gun fire greatly facilitated the taking of the objective. Sergeant TIPPETT'S fearless leadership and resolute conduct reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM G. LOFY, 36247233, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost Tennen, Germany. In the midst of a heavy fire fight near Ost Tennen, Technical Sergeant LOFY'S platoon leader was wounded. Taking unhesitant command, Technical Sergeant LOFY led his platoon vigorously to a strongly-defended enemy position where seventy-five Germans were taken prisoner. The alert, fearless leadership given by Technical Sergeant LOFY is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

MELVIN J. MUZNICH, 39124127, Private First Class, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In the attack on Hamm, Private First Class MUZNICH'S platoon was delayed by fierce enemy fire. Private First Class MUZNICH made his way to the top floor of a nearby building where, from a window at which he was exposed to enemy fire, he killed two Germans with rifle fire. Private First Class MUZNICH'S aggressive action caused the remaining hostile soldiers to withdraw and his platoon was able to renew its attack. The fearless initiative taken by Private First Class MUZNICH reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

WALTER F. SYJUD, 36577577, Private First Class, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Werl, Germany. Private First Class SYJUD displayed great courage and skill while assisting in the installation and maintenance of wire communications between an artillery liaison officer, attached to an infantry battalion command post, and \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters. Braving severe hostile fire throughout the ten-day period, Private First Class SYJUD succeeded in maintaining continuously the vital communications, thereby contributing materially to the success achieved in this mission by his unit. His heroic devotion to duty throughout an arduous period of combat reflects distinct credit on Private First Class SYJUD and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM J. NEWMAN JR, 32869015, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Budberg, Germany. Radio operator with a forward observer team, Technician Fifth Grade NEWMAN fearlessly volunteered to serve as a bazooka ammunition carrier during a furious encounter with enemy tanks holding up an infantry attack on Budberg. Accompanying a bazooka gunner, Technician Fifth Grade NEWMAN went out into a road being shelled heavily by a German tank and courageously assisted in firing three rounds which destroyed the threatening hostile armor. The courageous initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade NEWMAN on this occasion reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

PHILIP R. HERBERT, 01185460, Second Lieutenant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Werl, Germany. During an infantry attack on enemy positions near Werl, on 6 April 1945, Second Lieutenant HERBERT, forward observer for Battery B, adjusted and maintained a heavy blanket of artillery fire to cover the advance of assault elements. Although he was exposed to the direct observation and fire of the enemy, Second Lieutenant HERBERT intrepidly continued his hazardous task, delivering such accurate fire that the riflemen were able to advance over one thousand yards of open terrain to overrun the hostile positions, capturing four hundred Germans while sustaining only slight casualties. Second Lieutenant HERBERT'S skillful, resolute performance of duty under fire reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

EUGENE P. FLAG, 01183851, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, (in the vicinity of Suhlautern-Roden, Germany. On 3 December 1944, when observed movement by strong hostile forces indicated a



counter-attack in preparation against friendly positions in Saumur, First Lieutenant FLAIG repeatedly exposed himself to intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire while adjusting artillery fire on the threatening enemy concentrations. The heavy, accurate barrage laid down by First Lieutenant FLAIG was of invaluable aid to infantry troops in resisting the attack by numerically superior hostile elements. His courageous, skillful performance of duty under fire reflects distinct credit on First Lieutenant FLAIG and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN HULLIN, 02015850, Second Lieutenant (Then Staff Sergeant), 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 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT J. YOUNG, 02015927, Second Lieutenant (Then Master Sergeant), 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 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

JOHN W. EUTHOD, 38327841, 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 Oklahoma.

JAMES B. JONES, 02012165, Second Lieutenant (Then Staff Sergeant), CAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

NORMAN HOSTAL, 32019990, Technical Sergeant, CAC, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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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:

VINCENT R. KAUFMAN, 33903208, Private, 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 Private KAUFMAN was one of six soldiers who braved an enfilade of machine gun and twenty millimeter fire to reach the enemy-held bank. Before reinforcements could cross, the enemy set off demolitions which destroyed the bridge, and for seven hours Private KAUFMAN and his five comrades held their scant bridgehead against savage hostile action. In this heroic engagement, Private KAUFMAN was killed. His fearless, complete devotion to duty reflects lasting honor on Private KAUFMAN and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

ARTHUR FONTAINE, 32734348, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In a gallant effort to establish his squad on the far side of the steep Scten Canal Sergeant FONTAINE crossed a railroad bridge which was raked by intense small arms fire. Unable to signal his comrades, he returned to give further instructions. Then, for the third time he crossed the fire-swept bridge. As he reached the enemy-held terminal, Sergeant FONTAINE was killed by small arms fire. The fearless example which he set inspired his comrades to capture the bridge, reflecting lasting honor on Sergeant FONTAINE and typifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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:

JOHN G. KARY, 37287546, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Dawnlessly returning before dawn, on 14 January 1945, to an enemy fortified house which they fruitlessly attacked the previous night, Staff Sergeant KARY and a five-man patrol silently approached the building and reached the door without detection. As he entered, Staff Sergeant KARY was fired on by an automatic weapon, but he intrepidly returned fire with his rifle until the enemy firing ceased. Then signaling to his men for covering fire, he rushed into the basement alone, firing his weapon as he ran, and single-handedly

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captured the four Germans occupying the house. The valiant combat skill and heroic leadership demonstrated by Staff Sergeant WARD reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

CHARLES W. FRAZER, 3538767. Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Leading a five-man patrol in a pre-dawn attack on an enemy occupied house, Staff Sergeant FRAZER successfully assaulted the previous night, Staff Sergeant FRAZER reentered his men to the door of the house without detection. Assigning two men to guard the basement stairway, he began to move into the cellar by another route. Undaunted by automatic weapons fire silenced finally by a patrol member, Staff Sergeant FRAZER boldly entered the basement. Firing his rifle as he moved, he wounded two Germans and captured the remaining two. His gallant leadership and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant FRAZER. Entered military service from Ohio.

ALON T. LIEN, 37288505, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. The leadership, courage and initiative repeatedly displayed by Staff Sergeant LIEN contributed greatly to the success achieved by Company F in its combat engagements from 18 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. On 12 December 1944, at Fraulautern, when a ration detail was pinned down by a fierce artillery barrage, Staff Sergeant LIEN reorganized the group and led it under continuous fire to complete the delivery of vital rations. His fearless, unwavering devotion to duty reflects distinct credit on Staff Sergeant LIEN and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM E. ZINTER, 20947689, Corporal, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Budberg Eversael, Germany. In the face of intense enemy artillery concentrations and sweeping machine gun fire Corporal ZINTER transported fifteen boat loads of infantrymen across the Rhine River, near Budberg Eversael. Then, with a comrade, he volunteered to go to the enemy-held bank to evacuate soldiers wounded in the assault. In this gallant action Corporal ZINTER was wounded. His calm and heroic conduct under fire reflect great credit on Corporal ZINTER and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 300-45, 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:

EARLE FISHER, 33556789, Private, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Drensteinfurt, Germany. When Private FISHER saw two of his comrades lying wounded in a position exposed to enemy machine gun and rifle fire he left a tank and braved the hostile enfilade in order to administer first aid. His fearless action saved the life of one of the wounded men. On 2 April 1945, in Germany, Private FISHER died of wounds received in action. His heroic devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on Private FISHER. Entered military service from Maryland.

ANDREW S. GARCHA, 3576325, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Noden, Germany. On 24 December 1944, Technical Sergeant GARCHA, acting as platoon leader was advancing with his men in a combined attack with another platoon on a group of Saarbrücken-Noden houses when fierce sniper fire from a nearby pillbox effectively halted the advance. Unhesitatingly moving into houses on each side of the fortification, Technical Sergeant GARCHA and the other platoon leader took up dangerous, exposed positions in open windows. Then, they placed such accurate fire on the pillbox embrasures that the enemy was forced to close them, enabling the two platoons to continue their mission. Technical Sergeant GARCHA was killed in action, on 31 December 1944, in Germany. His bold, resourceful leadership and high courage reflect lasting honor on Technical Sergeant GARCHA and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of an 500-45, 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:

MICHAEL L. BUNDY, 35316050, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Noden, Germany. On 24 December 1944, Technical Sergeant BUNDY, acting as platoon leader, was advancing with his men in a combined attack with another platoon on a group of Saarbrücken-Noden houses when fierce sniper fire from a nearby pillbox effectively halted the advance. Unhesitatingly moving into houses on each side of the fortification, Technical Sergeant BUNDY and the other platoon leader took up dangerous, exposed positions in open windows. Then, they placed such accurate fire on the pillbox embrasures that the enemy was forced to close them, enabling the two platoons to continue their mission. His bold, resourceful leadership and undeviating devotion to duty exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant BUNDY. Entered military service from Ohio.

HAROLD A. WESLIUS, 01235346, Captain (Then First Lieutenant), INF, Company I, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. By rapidly and efficiently directing the emplacement of rocket launchers and anti-tank grenadiers, Captain WESLIUS, under heavy enemy fire, boldly insured the success of an assault on a railroad underpass near Urdingen. Captain WESLIUS' intrepid action enabled tanks to break through the enemy's heavily defended line, and led to the rout of a strong German force. His heroic achievement is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Captain WESLIUS. Entered military service from New York.

NAT MARCOLIN, 32927612, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 and 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Although the route of advance was bombed by hostile aircraft Technician Fifth Grade MARCOLIN maintained wire communications within the Second Battalion as it approached the Adolph Hitler bridge, at Urdingen. Then, ahead of the battalion column, he installed the necessary wire, under heavy artillery and small arms fire, for telephone communication at the bridge. Technician Fifth Grade MARCOLIN's resourceful and highly courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

MELVIN J. NAIMAN, 37128834, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 December 1944 to 28 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. Under the most trying conditions of combat Technician Fifth Grade NAIMAN constantly maintained the excellent repair of Company I's weapons, thereby contributing substantially to the achievements of the company. Many times Technician Fifth Grade NAIMAN ran a gauntlet of enemy fire to deliver sorely needed supplies and weapons to his comrades. His unceasing devotion to duty over a long and arduous period of combat reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

ARLINGTON R. BLANTZ, 33511139, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort Gambetta, France. In the attack on Fort Gambetta, a platoon of Company L was forced to take cover by intense hostile machine gun fire. Observing several casualties who lay exposed to sniper fire, Private First Class BLANTZ, disdainful of his own safety, moved intrepidly into the open. Quickly going from man to man, he relieved their pain and applied first aid under fierce enemy fire. When a litter squad arrived, Private First Class BLANTZ directed them to the casualties and helped with the evacuation. His completely courageous devotion to the high traditions of the Medical Department reflects great credit on Private First Class BLANTZ. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

DERVISH ASSY, 36153616, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. When his squad leader and another comrade were wounded by enemy snipers, Technician Fifth Grade ASSY braved a steady stream of hostile fire to go to their aid. He carried his squad leader twenty-five yards to cover, where first aid was administered, and then, with a medical soldier, again risked his life to bring in the other wounded man. The heroism of Technician Fifth Grade ASSY'S conduct reflects great credit on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

FRED L. BRADY, 12004566, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. On 8 April 1945, Private First Class BRADY displayed great personal courage when an ambulance jeep, summoned by him to evacuate two wounded men from an observation post, was threatened with disaster by an enemy machine gun. Seeing the jeep approaching the observation post within range of the hostile weapon, he fearlessly rushed out into the road and, by hand signals, directed the driver to safety. Then, exposing himself to the enemy fire again, Private First Class BRADY made two trips from the building to the jeep, assisting in the evacuation of the casualties. Private First Class BRADY'S heroic actions reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

ERNEST E. JAMES, 37104358, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Driving his ambulance jeep down a road covered by hostile machine gun fire, Private First Class JAMES succeeded in reaching an infantry company observation post to evacuate two casual-

ties. After making two trips from his vehicle to the building under enemy fire while carrying litters and blanket: Private First Class JAMES and another medical soldier removed the two wounded men to the jeep and intrepidly returned over the hazardous road to an aid station. The fortitude and heroic devotion to duty given by Private First Class JAMES on this occasion reflect great credit on him and on the Medical Department. Entered military service from Arkansas.

ALVIN H. HERRON, 18005870, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost Tunnen, Germany. On 5 April 1945, near Ost Tunnen, Private First Class HERRON rushed across open ground swept by enemy small arms fire to the side of a Company K rifleman, lying wounded under the fierce fire. After administering first aid to the wounded soldier, Private First Class HERRON was forced by the hail of bullets to remain in his precarious position beside the casualty for an hour before he could safely evacuate him to cover. His courageous, devoted deed reflects great credit on Private First Class HERRON and exemplifies high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Texas.

WILLIE C. PITTMAN, 34821073, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Exposing himself to direct tank and machine gun fire during an enemy counter-attack near Hamm, on 4 April 1945, Private First Class PITTMAN rendered first aid to twenty wounded soldiers on the battlefield and assisted in their immediate evacuation. In one instance, he crawled through severe machine gun and sniper fire to give treatment to two casualties wounded again while being evacuated to an aid station. Private First Class PITTMAN'S fearless, devoted actions under fire exemplify high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Georgia.

MORRIS R. GITLIN, 01324162, First Lieutenant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hanna, and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 3 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 First Lieutenant GITLIN displayed heroic, determined devotion to duty while serving as reconnaissance officer for two Cannon Company platoons attached to the Second and Third Battalions. First Lieutenant GITLIN on many occasions conducted advance reconnaissance for gun positions under heavy artillery and small arms fire, succeeding invariably in keeping the short-ranged cannon in effective supporting distance of assault troops throughout a period of rapid movement by forward elements. His courageous, skillful performance of duty reflects great credit on First Lieutenant GITLIN and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JOHN C. KELLMAN, 37287702, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ROBERT H. LOVELL, 6277243, Technical Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

LOUIS J. ZAME JR, 36643491, First Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JACK KENNEDY, 36256637, First Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

MARIO FORA, 39001215, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

ANDREW R. EVANS, 33264765, Technician Fifth Grade, CL, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 December 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LESLIE W. TIMBROOK, 37213201, 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 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

JOSEPH R. KRAJNAK, 16093205, Staff Sergeant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

GEORGE L. SHACKLEFORD, 39823240, Master Sergeant, CAC, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 500-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Warrenton U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the silver star is awarded to the following:

JOSEPH S. LEPIZIA, 36356752, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, 95th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In Company B's attack on Hamm, Staff Sergeant LEPIZIA, platoon guide, helped lead the way across one hundred yards of open ground swept by machine gun and bazooka fire. Looking back, Staff Sergeant LEPIZIA saw two of his comrades lying wounded in an exposed position. Despite the unrelenting enemy fire he returned to them and, one at a time, assisted them to cover where he administered first aid. Staff Sergeant LEPIZIA'S fearless act resulted in the saving of both the wounded men's lives. His intrepid conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MICHAEL F. NOWAKOWSKI, 36600353, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company I, 95th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Letz, France. When German troops fled across a Moselle River bridge Staff Sergeant NOWAKOWSKI 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 NOWAKOWSKI'S group, and for seven hours Staff Sergeant NOWAKOWSKI and his five comrades held their gallantly-won bridgehead against overwhelming German numbers. Finally, on orders, Staff Sergeant NOWAKOWSKI and his men withdrew by boat. The extraordinary personal courage displayed by Staff Sergeant NOWAKOWSKI on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN F. MC LAUGHLIN, 32162034, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, 95th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. Disregarding an attempted enemy counter-attack and furious artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class MC LAUGHLIN moved out into an open field to give first aid to casualties suffered by Company I during one phase of the assault on Rhynern. Risking his life, he treated fourteen wounded men under almost unbearable conditions and inspired the riflemen who witnessed his gallant deed to fight with even greater determination and repulse the powerful enemy thrust. The selfless heroism displayed by Private First Class MC LAUGHLIN under severe enemy fire is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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JOS. P. SMITH, 169792, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, 788th Infantry Division against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout six months of combat, Staff Sergeant SMITH displayed gallant initiative and high personal courage while fulfilling brilliant and hazardous assignments. On 18 November 1944, he voluntarily went out alone to establish contact with an isolated squad, cut off in battle fighting near the Meuse Canal. The following day, Staff Sergeant SMITH joined two comrades in moving a wagon under a window of an enemy-occupied Metz barracks. Then, discharging the heavy small arms fire, he and another soldier climbed from the wagon into the hostile stronghold in an attempt to open the great doors barring his company's advance. His resourceful leadership and gallant actions under fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant SMITH. Entered military service from Michigan.

U. S. ARMY 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:

WALTER M. WADKINS, 34392935, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 Private First Class WADKINS performed many dangerous duties with outstanding courage and initiative. On one occasion, when the ammunition supply of his company was almost depleted, he voluntarily drove over shell torn roads, under severe artillery and mortar fire, to replenish the supply. Another time, Private First Class WADKINS completely disregarded his own safety in order to help repair communications severed by enemy artillery. His consistently devoted and fearless performance of duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class WADKINS. Entered military service from Alabama.

MATTHEW M. HALL JR., 35438034, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 March 1945 to 15 April 1945, in Germany. Sergeant HALL'S fearless, skillful service as reconnaissance sergeant greatly facilitated Company D's participation in the relentless drive from north of Soest to the Ruhr River. Acting as liaison between the point of an advancing rifle company and the machine gun platoons he brought the machine guns forward promptly whenever resistance was encountered. Many times he voluntarily participated in patrols which traversed enemy-held terrain in order to maintain contact with friendly units on the flank. His vigorous and undeviating devotion and performance of duty reflect great credit on Sergeant HALL and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

HOWARD HUNCZAK, 37237454, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 8 November 1944 to 16 April 1945 Corporal HUNCZAK served fearlessly and skillfully in many battles. At an observation post harassed by enemy snipers and shelled by enemy artillery, he operated a radio, directing mortar fire which was greatly instrumental in containing a powerful German counter-attack. On another occasion Corporal HUNCZAK repaired wire in the midst of a hostile barrage and, with no regard for his own safety, remained under the dreadful fire until he made sure that

communications were completely restored. Corporal FUSCO's unwavering, courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on the military service and on him. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WALTER J. BECKMAN, 276125, Private, 1st, Medical Detachment, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagen, Germany. All day long, on 4 April 1945, Private BECKMAN fearlessly exposed himself to German machine fire, which was poured in on a battle position, in order to evacuate men wounded in fierce fighting on the east side of the canal. Repeatedly making the mile-long litter trail, Private BECKMAN participated in the evacuation of thirty-five casualties. His fortitude is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

FLOYD MILLERS, 37448914, Sergeant, INF, Company E, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lutzen, Germany. Meeting severe machine gun and rifle fire as he led his mortar squad near Lutzen, Sergeant MILLERS calmly directed the emplacement of his mortar and, after exposing himself further to accurate fire from the enemy's location, quickly began firing. After six rounds, several German snipers quit their entrenchment to surrender. Then, shifting his aim to the machine gun nest in a farm house, Sergeant MILLERS directed accurate fire on the enemy emplacement, destroying the weapon, killing three Germans and forcing three survivors to flee across a field. Sergeant MILLERS, taking careful aim with his rifle, killed the three retreating Germans. His calm, courageous actions and heroic combat skill reflect great credit on Sergeant MILLERS and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FRED GIB BRACCO, 31421734, Private First Class, INF, Company A, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Heidersville, France. During an advance near Heidersville, on 26 November 1944, Private First Class BRACCO and his squad were suddenly fired on by an enemy machine gun as they moved over a hill-top. While the squad sought the protection of a defile, Private First Class BRACCO voluntarily made his way, surrounded by machine gun fire, toward the stone wall behind which the machine gun was emplaced. Throwing a grenade which forced the Germans to abandon their weapon and flee, Private First Class BRACCO coolly killed two of them with his rifle and forced the survivor to surrender. His bold, alert conduct on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class BRACCO. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ARTHUR LIDI, 36509952, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Asdorf, Germany. On the morning of 17 December 1944, Technical Sergeant LIDI was painfully wounded while reconnoitering anti-tank gun positions under murderous artillery, mortar and machine gun fire in Asdorf. Detained only returning to his company after receiving treatment at an aid station, Technical Sergeant LIDI heroically continued performing his duties as platoon sergeant until, many hours later, he was evacuated on orders of a medical officer. His courageous, resolute devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant LIDI reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

LEWIS F. GILLEN, 3209396, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Headquarters Company, 888th Central Postal Directory, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Mersdorf, Germany. Leading a small team, Staff Sergeant GilLEN crossed the Rhine River near Mersdorf under a strict control given the mission of capturing a prisoner for intelligence. During the crossing heavy fire was received and the swift current threatened to sweep the small boat and its landing point, but Staff Sergeant GilLEN boldly swam the boat and a half feet of water and moored the craft at the shore. When the boat reached an enemy position to seize a prisoner Staff Sergeant GilLEN bravely opposed stubbornly-resisting hostile soldiers at the gate of a barbed-wire wall. When the signal for withdrawal sounded he covered his men and the prisoner until they were safely in the boat. Then, by his own actions, Staff Sergeant GilLEN guided his team back to the west bank. The fortitude and resource leadership under fire given by Staff Sergeant GilLEN reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LEO J. HUGLEY, 36249910, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ostholtz, Germany. When the establishment of a bridgehead across the Moselle Canal near Ostholtz was obstructed by fire, mortar fire and small arms fire Staff Sergeant HUGLEY intrepidly engaged his machine guns in positions which, although exposed to hostile fire, enabled him to direct a heavy volume of fire on German forces. Under the rapid, accurate fire delivered by Staff Sergeant HUGLEY's section the enemy became demoralized and surrendered in large numbers, thereby insuring the bridgehead. The staunch, fearless leadership given by Staff Sergeant HUGLEY reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

GEORGE E. MACKOUB, 02001044, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company H, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Isman, Germany. In the face of intense small arms fire Second Lieutenant MACKOUB risked his life to direct mortar fire on strongly entrenched enemy positions which were delaying Company H's attack toward Isman. As a result of Second Lieutenant MACKOUB's prowess under fire the hostile positions were so heavily pounded by our mortars that the German troops were forced to withdraw. The courage displayed by him is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on Second Lieutenant MACKOUB. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LEO G. OLTHAM, 0387058, Captain, INF, Headquarters Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

ANTHONY LASUZZO, 20447095, Staff Sergeant, MD, Medical Detachment, 888th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS, 0402084, Captain, GIC, Headquarters, 888th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

HOLGER E. JOHNSON, 37157558, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

LOUIS S. LASKA, 36600398, Staff Sergeant, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CEDRIC H. FRETZ, 36861812, Technician Fourth Grade, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

CLARENCE R. OLSON, 36200727, Technician Fourth Grade, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ERNEST H. FRETZ, 36247145, Technician Fifth Grade, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HOWARD E. LE CLAIR, 36248213, Technician Fifth Grade, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HAROLD S. MOVICH, 31192611, Technician Fifth Grade, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

GAIL D. HARRIS, 36357528, Private First Class, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT W. JAYCOX, 36061779, Private First Class, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

STANLEY L. KRUSZKA, 36247157, Private First Class, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CHARLES G. PATRICK JR, 35206734, Private First Class, GE, Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from the District of Columbia.

GEORGE S. REEVES, 31034556, Private First Class, CG, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

VERLIE W. REAVIS, 3249031, Private First Class, CG, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

LEONARD L. REIDY, 37653004, Private First Class, CG, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

FRANCIS L. ROBLE, 34077300, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CLYDE H. KRAUS, 39137477, First Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 13 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

ELLIOTT E. FUNKHOUSER, 6863403, First Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILTON L. FULKERT, 35333233, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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I. Award of Silver Star: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 60845, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

MANUEL J. SANTEY, 01017217, Second Lieutenant, CE, Company A, 488th Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 7 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Warstein, Hirschberg and Arnsberg, Germany. With the mission of removing defended, frequently mined road blocks from the route on which a battalion of glider infantry was advancing, Second Lieutenant SANTEY elected to move the heavy equipment of his engineer battalion with the forward elements of the advancing infantry. Fearlessly exposing himself to hostile fire, Second Lieutenant SANTEY directed the removal of road blocks while infantry-fighting raged less than three hundred yards away. On several occasions, he personally operated a bulldozer under fire. Second Lieutenant SANTEY'S gallantry throughout the operation was an inspiring contribution to the prompt, full accomplishment of a difficult mission. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER E. DUFFIN, 37336945, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, 488th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Muculauborn, Germany. On 21 January 1945, when counter-attacking enemy troops penetrated another company's lines, Technical Sergeant DUFFIN skillfully led his platoon through streets covered by mortar and machine gun fire to combat the infiltration. After assaulting a key enemy position with grenades and explosives, killing seven Germans, Technical Sergeant DUFFIN observed strong hostile emplacements in an adjacent block. He again intrepidly led his men forward, blasting through walls and hurling grenades in complete defiance of the enemy's fierce resistance until the positions were overrun, many Germans killed, and the remaining forces utterly routed. Technical Sergeant DUFFIN'S fearless, determined leadership reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

GEORGE T. ADAMS JR, 01296151, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, 488th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of West Tannen, Germany. On 6 April 1945, a numerically superior enemy force surrounded First Lieutenant ADAMS' platoon outpost, threatening to annihilate

the soldiers holding the position. Quickly launching a counter-attack with only ten men, First Lieutenant ADAMS fearlessly led a frontal assault on a German-occupied building while under heavy fire, killing a bazooka gunner about to fire into his squad and taking two prisoners. The enemy patrol confounded by First Lieutenant ADAMS' bold, unexpected maneuver, fled in utter confusion. The gallant, forceful leadership and intrepid combat skill displayed by First Lieutenant ADAMS reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN A. CLYMER, 0182389, First Lieutenant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagen, and Beranard, Germany. During the period 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 while his tank destroyer platoon was attached to an infantry battalion, First Lieutenant CLYMER gave brilliant, close support to assault troops in a rapidly moving situation. Exposed repeatedly to artillery, mortar and small arms fire, First Lieutenant CLYMER boldly and unerringly deployed his destroyers to eliminate many stubbornly resisting enemy strongpoints during the ten-day period. On one occasion, when sniper fire from enemy-held houses in Berge halted attacking elements, First Lieutenant CLYMER brought destroyers forward, despite vicious panzerfaust fire, and shelled the buildings at point-blank range, silencing the hostile fire. His staunch leadership and resolute devotion to duty reflect great credit on First Lieutenant CLYMER and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

ALFRED L. SCHULTZ, 20254264, Staff Sergeant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagen, Germany. When assault elements of Company C, to which his tank destroyer platoon was attached, received severe fire from a roadblock two hundred yards away and from the top floors of houses on both sides of a main street, Staff Sergeant SCHULTZ fearlessly brought his destroyer into action. Moving down the fire-swept street, he shelled and destroyed the roadblock, killing three Germans. Then, manning the turret machine gun and completely exposed to enemy action, he raked the buildings with such deadly fire that the Germans quickly ceased resistance and surrendered to the attacking infantrymen. Staff Sergeant SCHULTZ' bold, aggressive actions exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

11. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to the following:

HOUSTON E. TULL, 0533842, Second Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 9 March 1945 to 14 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

GARLAND WILSON JR, 0360883, Major, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 16 December 1944 to 28 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

III. AWARD OF FIRST 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 Air Medal previously awarded a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

HARRY R. SLEVIN, O1165565, Captain, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 10 October 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

IV. AWARD OF SECOND 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 Air Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

RANDY PIERCE JR, O1180010, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery 2, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 12 January 1945 to 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

V. AWARD OF THIRD 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 Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

FRANCIS P. MC KIEENAN, O1184112, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 5 January 1945 to 30 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

HENRY W. REDING, O1170445, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 24 January 1945 to 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

VI. AWARD OF FOURTH 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 Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

RAYMOND B. MALE, O1167528, Captain, FA, Headquarters Battery, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 5 January 1945 to 1 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

VII. AWARD OF FIFTH 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 Air Medal and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:



WILLIAM K. SPRICKLIN, O112723, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 21 January 1945 to 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ELMER C. ILLER, O21602, Major, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 20 February 1945 to 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

HOWARD J. MITZ, O1175723, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 18 February 1945 to 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

VIII. 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 the Air Medal and five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

JAMES H. KING, O555551, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 16 January 1945 to 2 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

GORDON A. BAGGINSSTOSS, O1180798, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 3 January 1945 to 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from California.

IX. AWARD OF SEVENTH 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 six Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a seventh Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

JOHN J. OLIVER, O199302, Second Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 27 February 1945 to 4 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

PEGGY WEST JR, O1177694, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 24 January 1945 to 6 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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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:

DORSEY E. MC CROXY, 022683, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 2 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When, during the advance of the 95th Infantry Division from the Moselle to the Saar, fierce enemy resistance and overtaxed communication facilities made control of committed troops extremely difficult, Lieutenant Colonel MC CROXY took forward a small party of officers and men and established advance command posts successively at Willing, Germany, Felsberg, Germany and Saarlautern, Germany. Operating abreast of, and in one instance forward of the regimental command posts, and subjected to constant artillery fire throughout the entire sixteen day period, Lieutenant Colonel MC CROXY coordinated the details of the difficult and costly frontal assault on the Siegfried Line and transmitted essential information to the main Division Command Post. When wire lines were cut by the heavy shelling, Lieutenant Colonel MC CROXY reportedly exposed himself to move to regimental and battalion command posts. On the night of 2 December 1944, he moved into the partially occupied city of Saarlautern to participate in planning of the river crossing that resulted in the historic capture of the Saarlautern Bridge intact. Lieutenant Colonel MC CROXY'S gallant and tireless efforts throughout this period contributed materially to the success of the operation, and typify the highest traditions of 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 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 posthumously to:

FELIX A. BROCCO, 36899041, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Private First Class BROCCO was driving the fourth jeep in a reconnaissance patrol seeking to locate enemy positions in Urdingen when the first vehicle was demolished by a hostile rifle grenade and the following two jeeps heavily hit by rifle fire. Fearlessly driving his jeep through the furious fire to his fallen companions, Private First Class BROCCO and his machine gunner attempted to deliver fire on the firmly entrenched enemy. The machine gun, however, failed to function and Private First

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Class BROCCO was killed instantly by a burst of hostile fire. His valiant, devoted actions on this occasion exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect lasting honor on Private First Class BROCCO. Entered military service from Michigan.

111. 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:

LOUIS E. GOFF, 01323288, First Lieutenant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 and 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Busdorf, Germany. Assuming command of Company L when his predecessor became a casualty, First Lieutenant GOFF skillfully deployed his men for an attack on a large pillbox which menaced our bridgehead at Busdorf. In the attack, First Lieutenant GOFF led his command with such vigor that they reduced the hostile resistance promptly and completely. First Lieutenant GOFF'S personal example was an inspiration to his comrades, who were nearly exhausted after a long period of fighting. The staunch leadership which he gave is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on First Lieutenant GOFF. Entered military service from Mississippi.

JOSEPH F. LANGER JR, 36359078, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. While leading an assault team in an attack on a strongly-defended Fraulautern pillbox, on 12 January 1945, Staff Sergeant LANGER was suddenly confronted by hostile troops emerging from the fortification and by other Germans flanking his group in a communication trench. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant LANGER hurled a white phosphorus grenade at the enemy soldiers moving out of the fortification. Simultaneously he ordered a rifleman to open fire on the Germans approaching in the trench. By Staff Sergeant LANGER'S aggressive, timely actions, the assault team captured the pillbox, killed twelve enemy soldiers and captured four more. His staunch, heroic leadership exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant LANGER. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHUZ GALVAN, 38256096, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. During the assault on Rhynern, Private First Class GALVAN'S machine gun squad was subjected to violent machine gun and rifle fire, pinning it down in the face of an enemy counter-attack against Company I. Moving through the murderous fire to a dead comrade, Private First Class GALVAN quickly extricated the tripod on which the man had fallen and put the man's weapon into operation. His accurate, rapid fire soon routed the attacking enemy force completely, and Company I continued its advance into Rhynern with minimum losses. Private First Class GALVAN'S prompt, valiant action under fire reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

EDWARD G. PERLMAN, 01331329, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. Although hit by shrapnel in three places, Second Lieutenant PERLMAN continued, in spite of

his wounds, to lead his platoon vigorously and aggressively against enemy positions near Hagorn. For three days, he remained with his men, unflinchingly exposing himself to hostile fire while leading successive attacks until he was hit by an enemy rifle bullet, on 7 April 1945. Second Lieutenant FORD'S staunch, resolute leadership and heroic perseverance reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

RICHARD W. LURST, 34728279, Private First Class, INF, Company I, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Landerhof, Germany. While his company was fighting bitterly to hold the Saar River bridgehead at Landerhof, on 17 December 1944, Private First Class LURST displayed a high order of courage and devotion to duty while carrying vital messages from his platoon leader to the company command post throughout the engagement. Although forced to expose himself constantly to heavy machine gun and sniper fire, he boldly fulfilled all of his assigned missions, completely disregarding the grave personal risks involved. Private First Class LURST'S heroic, determined performance in maintaining communications at a critical time reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ROBERT V. HILTON, 3634416, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company H, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 March 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. During the period 19 October 1944 to 27 March 1945 Technician Fifth Grade HILTON displayed heroic devotion to duty while serving as a driver for Company E. Making repeated trips under heavy enemy fire to deliver essential supplies and messages, Technician Fifth Grade HILTON was not deterred by grave personal danger from consistently executing his assigned missions skillfully and courageously. His resourceful, determined service throughout this extended phase of combat contributed substantially to the success achieved by his organization in battle, reflecting distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade HILTON and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT SWIMS, 37375819, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Horton, France. After he had captured a German officer, Staff Sergeant SWIMS became isolated from friendly positions by a hostile patrol. Keeping his prisoner quiet and hidden, Staff Sergeant SWIMS let the patrol pass by. Then, in spite of enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant SWIMS, guided by the sound of friendly tank demolition weapons, intrepidly made his way back to friendly lines with the captured officer. Staff Sergeant SWIMS' bold act resulted in the acquisition of valuable intelligence information. His calm conduct reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

KENNETH F. ZIMMERMAN, 36063269, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in the vicinity of Sierlathorn-Roden, Germany. Staff Sergeant ZIMMERMAN displayed high qualities of leadership and courage while serving as mortar section leader in Company G during an arduous period of combat. Participating in every major battle engagement in which his company was committed, Staff Sergeant ZIMMERMAN directed valiantly and

efficiently the close effective fire of his section in support of the attacking rifleman. Although his platoon leader, wounded in action, was hospitalized the entire period, Staff Sergeant ZILMANN's able, courageous employment of his section contributed greatly to the success achieved by his organization. His resource, skillful leadership and high courage reflect distinct credit on Staff Sergeant ZILMANN and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GLENN W. LOCKING JR, 36355486, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Member of a motorized reconnaissance patrol locating hostile positions around Uerdingen, Private First Class LOCKING was riding in the fourth jeep when the column was fired on by enemy machine guns and small arms. Driving through three hundred and fifty yards of intense fire to reach the lead jeep, Private First Class LOCKING and his driver, unable to bring their machine gun into action, immediately dismounted and made their way to the building in which their companions were fighting. Although his comrade was killed while running through the hail of bullets, Private First Class LOCKING proceeded dauntlessly to join the other men and aid valiantly in holding the position. His fortitude and devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit on Private First Class LOCKING and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDWARD W. COTTOR, 61176744, First Lieutenant, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lippburg, Germany, when enemy fire dropped on our bridge site at the Lippe Canal and prevented advancing infantry troops, First Lieutenant COTTOR immediately selected an observation post and began adjustment on one hostile piece. His post was observed and fired on but First Lieutenant COTTOR intrepidly captured his adjustment, silencing the enemy fire before his position was hit. His courageous, skillful performance reflects great credit on First Lieutenant COTTOR and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

CHARLES E. BROWN, 36430169, Corporal, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 January 1945 to 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sierkautern, Germany. Performing his duty tirelessly under severe hostile fire, Corporal BROWN maintained uninterrupted communications between infantry and artillery units, thereby greatly facilitating the success of his unit's operations at Sierkautern. The courageous and enthusiastic devotion to duty given by him is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on Corporal BROWN. Entered military service from Illinois.

OLIVER C. PERLIN, 34603384, Sergeant (Then Corporal), CAC, Battery D, \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 January 1945 to 28 February 1945, in Germany. Assuming command on 21 January 1945, when his chief of section was wounded and another soldier killed by an enemy artillery shell, Sergeant PERLIN heroically reorganized the demoralized crew and aided in the immediate treatment and evacuation of the wounded. Throughout the following days of combat Sergeant PERLIN repeatedly inspired his men by his vigorous leadership and fearless actions. His heroic, unwavering devotion to duty in maintaining his section at a high level of operational efficiency reflects distinct credit on Sergeant PERLIN and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

THOMAS L. SMALLWOOD, 20811956, First Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service in Texas.

WALTER P. SALT, 37236022, 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 Minnesota.

DONALD A. LAMB, 37450804, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 November 1944 to 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

LOWELL E. WILLIAMS, 01053884, First Lieutenant, CAG, Headquarters, \*\*\*Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

WALTER S. FARNS JR., 01043527, Captain, CAG, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

IV. AWARD OF FIRST ORN 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 Orn Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

CIROND L. HAINES, 0474263, Captain, MC, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. During the Saarbrücken attack, on the night of 1 December 1944, Captain HAINES made his way through increasing artillery and mortar shelling to a building, five hundred yards away, where eight men lay seriously wounded. Finding evacuation to the First Battalion aid station impossible, and to the German enemy fire, Captain HAINES immediately began treating the casualties where they lay, performing a major operation on one man and administering necessary aid to the others. The following morning, Captain HAINES secured an ambulance and, despite the continuing fire, effected evacuation of the men. His valiant devotion to duty exemplifies high traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit on Captain HAINES. Entered military service from Ohio.

PAUL E. STOICHMUT, 36430663, Technician Fifth Grade, PI, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 18 October 1944 to 12 April 1945 Technician Fifth Grade STOICHMUT performed his duty as wireman with consistently skillful and courageous devotion. On numerous occasions he braved heavy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire in order to maintain vital communications between forward infantry elements and artillery. Technician Fifth Grade STOICHMUT's resolute performance over a long and arduous period is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH F. DECKER, 0394026, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

LEMON G. MULLCOCK, 0322457, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, Headquarters, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

ROBERT L. WILTON, 022754, Lieutenant Colonel, INF, Headquarters, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

ALBERT L. SEBERTA, 0294919, Major, INF, Headquarters, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

LEO G. OLMIAN, 0387058, Captain, INF, Headquarters, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

V. AWARD OF SECOND 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 and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

DONALD T. PAUL, 0128510, Captain, INF, Headquarters, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, and Dortmund, Germany. Serving as S-3 officer during a rapidly moving period of combat, Captain PAUL contributed greatly to the success of the Second Battalion by performing his duty with resourceful efficiency and tireless devotion. Captain PAUL followed the attack closely, with complete disdain for enemy fire, and his continual cognizance of the tactical situation was of inestimable benefit to the battalion's leaders. His resolute achievements reflect distinct credit on Captain PAUL and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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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:

SAMUEL SINGER, 11057557, Corporal, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nord Lunern, Germany. In the attack on Nord Lunern, Company B, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, with which Corporal SINGER was serving, as radio operator in the forward observer section, was pinned down four hundred yards from the town by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the front and from both flanks. In a daring, fearless attempt to establish contact with the artillery, Corporal SINGER ran forward with his radio. German machine gun fire hit him twice and he fell. Disdaining his mortal wounds, Corporal SINGER made a last, gallant effort to advance. His heroic devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on Corporal SINGER. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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:

JAMES I. CROWTHER, 0324047, Lieutenant Colonel, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 21 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in France and Germany. The staunch personal supervision of Lieutenant Colonel CROWTHER greatly facilitated the momentous bridging operations which spanned the Moselle River and, later, the Saar River and afforded routes of advance for the 95th Infantry Division. Lieutenant Colonel CROWTHER'S sure exercise of high professional skill, his calm leadership in the face of enemy fire and his devoted performance of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Maryland.

THOMAS W. CROSBY, 0300509, Lieutenant Colonel, GCS, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 21 November 1944 to 20 December 1944, in France and Germany. During the period in which the 95th Infantry Division advanced across the Moselle and Saar Rivers, Lieutenant Colonel CROSBY displayed gallantry by maintaining smoke screens at the bridge sites. Lieutenant Colonel CROSBY'S sure exercise of high professional skill, his calm leadership in the face of enemy fire and his devoted performance of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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ERNEST D. BRIGGS, 37639543, Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Osterbenen, Germany, when strong German forces counter-attacked the advancing rifle platoon to which his light machine gun squad was attached. Sergeant BRIGGS left a position which precluded the delivery of accurate fire and stood with his machine gun to his shoulder, boldly returning the hostile fire. In this dangerously exposed position Sergeant BRIGGS cut down twelve of the enemy. The fortitude displayed by Sergeant BRIGGS is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Missouri.

HAROLD E. CHAMBERLAIN, 33877192, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nord Berge, Germany. Near Nord Berge Private First Class CHAMBERLAIN'S squad was protecting the flank of troops fighting their way along the autobahn. When enemy fire was received from the squad's left flank, Private First Class CHAMBERLAIN left cover to take up a position with his automatic rifle on an overpass which was known to be mined. Fearlessly he engaged the enemy in a fire fight. So accurately did Private First Class CHAMBERLAIN employ his automatic rifle that twenty-one Germans surrendered and the flank resistance was ended. His daring initiative and calm prowess under fire reflect great credit on Private First Class CHAMBERLAIN and typify the highest traditions of the military service; Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

HAYDEN MORROW, 35502679, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. When enemy armor followed by infantry powerfully counter-attacked our hard-won positions in St. Barbara, Sergeant MORROW set up his machine gun under heavy hostile fire and inflicted severe casualties on the determined enemy force. Sergeant MORROW'S fearless action was highly instrumental in preventing the Germans from recapturing the town. His intrepid conduct reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

DONALD J. ANDERSON, 36184826, First Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 December 1944 to 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, and Breitenbruch, Germany. As first sergeant of Company D, First Sergeant ANDERSON contributed remarkably to the success achieved by his organization in the bitter fighting of the period 4 December 1944 to 9 April 1945. Frequently under heavy artillery and mortar fire he made sure that his comrades were supplied with ammunition and food. First Sergeant ANDERSON'S steadfast and courageous devotion to duty over a long and trying period of combat is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN H. BURROUGHS, 37373711, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the combat of the period 25 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 Sergeant BURROUGHS led

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his heavy machine gun squad with staunch and courageous devotion to duty. On one occasion, at St. Barbara, when the enemy launched a powerful counter-attack with tanks and infantry, Sergeant BURROUGHS replaced his machine gun boldly and directed his squad in an action which distinctly facilitated the repulse of the determined hostile force. Sergeant BURROUGHS' consistently intrepid achievements over a long period of fighting reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

DANIEL L. FROST, 35467135, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Transportation corporal of Company D during the gruelling actions of the period 25 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, Corporal FROST repeatedly distinguished himself by supplying his comrades with ammunition and food under the most devastating enemy fire. Corporal FROST'S fearless devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success achieved by his company against the enemy, reflecting distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

BERNARD C. NESS, 36557258, Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the combat operations of the period 19 October 1944 to 15 April 1945 Sergeant NESS performed his duties as communications sergeant with intrepid devotion. Under heavy enemy fire, in a situation made desperate by heavy casualties, he courageously and skillfully fulfilled the assignments of a wireman. Sergeant NESS' resolute performance over a long and trying period of fighting is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

COLES A. DOTY JR, 12099937, Sergeant (Then Technician Fifth Grade), INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. At Ensdorf, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, the only route of supply for Company F lay under heavy enemy mortar and artillery shelling across the Saar River. In the face of this terrible fire Sergeant DOTY repeatedly participated in a carrying party which brought up supplies essential to the holding of our Saar River bridgehead. His intrepid devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Sergeant DOTY. Entered military service from New York.

FRANCIS A. VAN QUELBERGHE, 36062353, Technician Fifth Grade (Then Private First Class), INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf, Germany. At Ensdorf, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, the only route of supply for Company F lay under heavy enemy mortar and artillery shelling across the Saar River. In the face of this terrible fire Technician Fifth Grade VAN QUELBERGHE repeatedly participated in a carrying party which brought up supplies essential to the holding of our Saar River bridgehead. His intrepid devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Technician Fifth Grade VAN QUELBERGHE. Entered military service from Illinois.

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RALPH H. SPECK, 35385724, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. At Emsdorf, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, the only route of supply for Company F lay under heavy enemy mortar and artillery shelling across the Saar River. In the face of this terrible fire Private First Class SPECK repeatedly participated in a carrying party which brought up supplies essential to the holding of our Saar River bridgehead. His intrepid devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class SPECK. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAY H. IVAN, 37351345, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, Germany. At Emsdorf, from 9 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, the only route of supply for Company F lay under heavy enemy mortar and artillery shelling across the Saar River. In the face of this terrible fire Staff Sergeant IVAN repeatedly participated in a carrying party which brought up supplies essential to the holding of our Saar River bridgehead. His intrepid devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant IVAN. Entered military service from Colorado.

CARL E. AUKERMAN, 36977971, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Poemmerich, Germany. Intrepidly reconnoitering behind enemy lines, Private First Class AUKERMAN during the period 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 obtained intelligence of German installations and troop deployments which greatly facilitated the operations of Company E. The complete, courageous accomplishment of many dangerous missions during his company's advance reflects distinct credit on Private First Class AUKERMAN and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

DONALD R. BERGER, 36299551, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Poemmerich, Germany. Intrepidly reconnoitering behind enemy lines, Private First Class BERGER during the period 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 obtained intelligence of German installations and troop deployments which greatly facilitated the operations of Company E. The complete, courageous accomplishment of many dangerous missions during his company's advance reflects distinct credit on Private First Class BERGER and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LLOYD W. VANDIVER, 37213073, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Thionville, France, and Emsdorf, Germany. With one other soldier Private First Class VANDIVER loaded food and ammunition into assault boats on the west bank of the Moselle River under heavy enemy fire. Later, at the Saar River, Private First Class VANDIVER nightly assisted in the loading of supply craft while the enemy pounded the crossing site with artillery and mortars. Private First Class VANDIVER'S unwavering devotion to duty in especially dangerous circumstances is in keeping with high traditions of the

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military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Missouri.

JOHN J. MCMAHON, 36359490, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 44th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Thionville, France, and Bisdorf, Germany. With one other soldier Private First Class MCMAHON loaded food and ammunition into assault boats on the west bank of the Moselle River under heavy enemy fire. Later, at the same River, Private First Class MCMAHON nightly assisted in the loading of supply craft while the enemy pounded the crossing site with artillery and mortars. Private First Class MCMAHON'S unwavering devotion to duty in a most dangerous circumstances is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

ESTEL F. QUINCY, C1325140, First Lieutenant, INF, Company I, 44th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France, and Sankelmaun, and Dortmund, Germany. Assuming command of Company I's mortar platoon during the attack on Fort Illange, First Lieutenant QUINCY by his strong leadership pressed the effective support of the battalion until the objective was seized. Since that engagement First Lieutenant QUINCY has consistently led his platoon with staunch determination, incurring heavy losses on the enemy and greatly facilitating the advance of rifle elements. First Lieutenant QUINCY'S resolute achievements are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GEORGE F. RACEY, 35411712, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, 44th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 11 November 1944 to 24 March 1945 Staff Sergeant RACEY served superbly as section sergeant and section leader in many battles. Under his staunch leadership extremely effective mortar fire was always provided for attacking rifle troops. In support of the Third Battalion's assault on a German-held hill near Berriller, France, Staff Sergeant RACEY'S section fired a smoke screen in those concentrations the advance progressed with minimum casualties. Staff Sergeant RACEY'S unflinching devotion to duty, over a line and trying combat periods reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HENRY L. WILKER JR, C348729, Second Lieutenant, INF, Cannon Company, 44th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommern, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 Second Lieutenant WILKER served as a forward observer with such skill and initiative that close cannon support was invariably given to advancing elements of Company E. Many times the cannon fire directed by Second Lieutenant WILKER forced enemy troops to surrender, enabled our forces to cross hazardous terrain without casualty. Second Lieutenant WILKER'S faithful devotion to duty while under hostile fire reflects distinct credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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WILLIAM H. SCHILLING, 35316470, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 17 October 1944 to 15 April 1945 Technical Sergeant SCHILLING performed his duty as platoon sergeant with outstanding courage and efficiency. His fearless reconnaissance of forward areas for gun positions, and the staunch leadership which he gave his comrades were important factors in the battle achievements of Anti-Tank Company. Technical Sergeant SCHILLING's intrepid conduct reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

DELBERT O. MC LAMON, 0200855, Second Lieutenant (Then Technical Sergeant), INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 19 April 1945, in France and Germany. Second Lieutenant MC LAMON kept his platoon of fifty-seven millimeter guns in direct support of attacking rifle elements during all operations from 20 November 1944 to 19 April 1945. In the crossing of the Saar river he moved his guns up to the river bank and, in the face of intense enemy fire brilliantly supported the crossing of the Third Battalion. Later, Second Lieutenant MC LAMON took his platoon across the river on assault rafts to support the Third Battalion in fierce street-fighting in Insdorf. The combat skill and courage constantly displayed by him reflect great credit on Second Lieutenant MC LAMON and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ERNEST L. BRISTER, 6251077, Sergeant, CMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

MORRIS C. EVANS, 38065789, Technician Fifth Grade, CMP, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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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, 6 September 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following:

LOGAN V. DILL GANTON, 36673661, Corporal, OAG, Battery A, ~~Anti-Air-~~ Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 9 May 1945, in the vicinity of Dorsten, Germany. When he heard women screaming in a burning boxcar Corporal DILL GANTON, accompanied by two other men of his battery approached the car and found it entirely in flames. Entering the boxcar, Corporal DILL GANTON walked through the fire, suffering severe burns, and with his comrades rescued three women from the raging blaze. Then, in spite of his own pain, he remained at the scene of the fire until the three women were evacuated. Entered military service from Illinois.

DAVID W. ROGERS, 39046806, Private First Class, OAG, Battery A, ~~Anti-~~ Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 9 May 1945, in the vicinity of Dorsten, Germany. When he heard women screaming in a burning boxcar Private First Class ROGERS, accompanied by two other men of his battery, approached the car and found it entirely in flames. Entering the boxcar, Private First Class ROGERS walked through the fire, suffering severe burns, and with his comrades rescued three women from the raging blaze. Then, in spite of his own pain, he remained at the scene of the fire until the three women were evacuated. Entered military service from California.

JAMES L. BURNS, 35259488, Private First Class, OAG, Battery A, ~~Anti-~~ Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 9 May 1945, in the vicinity of Dorsten, Germany. When he heard women screaming in a burning boxcar Private First Class BURNS, accompanied by two other men of his battery, approached the car and found it entirely in flames. Entering the boxcar, Private First Class BURNS walked through the fire, suffering severe burns, and with his comrades rescued three women from the raging blaze. Then, in spite of his own pain, he remained at the scene of the fire until the three women were evacuated. Entered military service from Indiana.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of G.O. 100-45, 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:

ERNEST E. GARRETT, 38446803, Sergeant, C.G., Battery D, \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Setting up his gun under all types of enemy fire, in open fields, in rain, mud and snow, Sergeant GARRETT has consistently provided effective anti-aircraft protection for friendly units during the period 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. In the face of intense hostile shelling Sergeant GARRETT has held his gun crew at their post to destroy many enemy planes. His intrepid devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Sergeant GARRETT. Entered military service from Arkansas.

CONRAD M. BAILE, 01055840, First Lieutenant, C.G., \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 November 1944 to 25 January 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 26 November 1944 to 25 January 1945 First Lieutenant BAILE contributed substantially to the combat success of his battalion by the staunch and resourceful manner in which he discharged the duties of platoon commander. Lacking the assistance of a platoon executive officer, First Lieutenant BAILE resolutely overcame this handicap to lead his platoon vigorously in many engagements with the enemy. His unwavering devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Virginia.

GEORGE Z. WOOD, 39265644, Private First Class, C.G., Battery D, \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as a gun pointer, Private First Class WOOD repeatedly distinguished himself in combat during the period 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. His intrepid perseverance under artillery fire and in the face of attack by hostile air craft led to the destruction of at least three German planes. Private First Class WOOD's unswerving devotion to duty was essential to the accomplishment of each of his gun section's missions. The prowess which he so consistently displayed reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

PAOLO R. LOPEZ, 38365610, Technician Fifth Grade, C.G., Battery D, \*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France

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and Germany. Technician Fifth Grade LOPEZ contributed substantially to the success of his battalion in combat from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, by performing his duty as crew member with tireless efficiency. Driving his jeep under the most adverse conditions of weather and terrain, frequently in the face of hostile artillery, small arms and aircraft fire, Technician Fifth Grade LOPEZ fearlessly accomplished many dangerous missions in reconnaissance and as a messenger. His loyalty and devotion to duty are of the highest order and reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

DOMINIC T. BUECKE, 36863533, Sergeant, GAC, Battery D, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. He served as a crew member in a 4.2 inch mortar gun section, and in several emergencies as gun commander. Corporal BUECKE served valiantly throughout the period 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. His cool efficiency under intense hostile fire resulted in the destruction of at least one enemy plane and provided a continually encouraging inspiration for his comrades. Corporal BUECKE'S intrepid leadership and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN G. BEMM, 37414625, Staff Sergeant, GAC, Battery J, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945 Staff Sergeant BEMM as platoon sergeant, and during occasional occasions as platoon commander, displayed outstanding traits of leadership and a keen knowledge of tactical deployment which contributed greatly to the achievements of his battalion in combat. His resolute devotion to duty was an inspiration to his comrades, reflecting distinct credit on Staff Sergeant BEMM and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

GEORGE RIVERA, 3836 5232, Private First Class, GAC, Battery E, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Performing his duty as machine gunner with great skill and devotion, Private First Class RIVERA contributed materially to the accomplishment of each of his battalion's many missions. Private First Class RIVERA'S personal knowledge of his weapon and his unerring efficiency in its employment reflect great credit on him. His resolute service over this long, grueling period of time is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN J. O'NEILL, 41077716, Captain, GAC, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER B. BECKER, 34603509, Staff Sergeant, GAC, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

THOMAS A. TRIGLER, JR., 38177446, Master Sergeant, GAC, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas. - 2 -



GEORGE O. ROBERTS, 34685728, Corporal, C.G, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

CHARLES D. MC RAE, 37340771, Technician Fourth Grade, C.G, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

FRANK H. SHREAGER, 01048106, First Lieutenant, C.G, Battery G, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

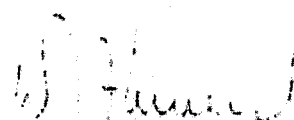
LESLIE C. WATKINS, 01050128, First Lieutenant, C.G, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

LEICESTER Y. RYAN, 01047762, Captain, C.G, Battery G, \*\*\*\*Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Air 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:

JOSEPH S. GIACOMO, 35388660, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynern, Germany. In Company L's attack on Rhynern, Sergeant, GIACOMO led a section of machine guns with conspicuous courage, audacity and skill. When fierce enemy fire pinned down a light machine gun squad, he rushed up to the weapon, moved it to an exposed but advantageous position, and opened fire with such deadly accuracy that the enemy had to fall back. As the attack pressed on to Rhynern, Sergeant GIACOMO continued to deliver protective fire for the rifle elements until he was killed. His unwavering devotion to duty, fortitude and brilliant combat skill reflect lasting honor on Sergeant GIACOMO 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 Air 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:

FLOYD A. DE NICOLA, 35389114, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semocourt, France. While crossing an open field before Semocourt, Company B, in its first offensive action, encountered a deadly final protective line of machine gun fire. Sacrificing his own safety fearlessly, Technical Sergeant DE NICOLA calmly guided his entire platoon across the murderous stream of bullets before attempting to cross himself. After his last man had crossed unscathed Technical Sergeant DE NICOLA was cut down, seriously wounded, by the fierce machine gun fire. The heroic leadership which he gave is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Technical Sergeant DE NICOLA. Entered military service from Ohio.

KENNETH D. LAIRD, 0538434, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Itzbach, Germany. When an entrenched German machine gun delayed First Lieutenant LAIRD'S platoon in its mission of clearing a wooded area near Itzbach, First Lieutenant LAIRD advanced, firing his carbine, on the hostile position. Approaching the enemy nest, First Lieutenant LAIRD hurled two grenades which destroyed the machine gun and killed the three-man crew. He then led his platoon in completing the mission, inflicting severe casualties on the

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enemy and capturing twenty-five. The staunch, aggressive leadership given by First Lieutenant LAIRD typifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Mississippi.

OLIVER D. LAETHWOOD, 44005556, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gerlinghausen, Germany. Advancing toward an enemy automatic weapon position, Private First Class LAETHWOOD's squad received intense machine gun fire from the flank. Private First Class LAETHWOOD was wounded, but he stood, firing his automatic rifle, and advanced into the fire of the enemy gun. His daring advance paralyzed the German soldiers and before they could recover he had killed five and captured the remaining two. Inspired by Private First Class LAETHWOOD the squad moved forward relentlessly and accomplished the mission. Private First Class LAETHWOOD'S heroic action reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

111. 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 J. BREITWEG JR, 6592339, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. During a fierce battle at St. Barbara, Private First Class BREITWEG fearlessly exposed himself to intense enemy fire, helped evacuate the wounded. Later in this action he further distinguished himself by herding a group of German prisoners to the rear under heavy enemy shelling. Private First Class BREITWEG'S intrepid conviction to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from California.

EDWIN L. BLACKMORE, 01313560, First Lieutenant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Throughout this period 3 December 1944 to 15 April 1945 First Lieutenant BLACKMORE has distinguished himself by the fortitude and leadership which he has shown in the accomplishment of every assigned mission. At Saarbrücken, he vigorously led his platoon in an attack which routed the enemy, and then, in defense, he supervised the construction of an iron-clad barrier which completely repelled the enemy's frequent and frantic counter-attacks. First Lieutenant BLACKMORE'S resolute performance over a long period of combat reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

BASIL H. COTTELL, 6938616, First Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Niedercamp, Germany. When a squad of his company guarding a footbridge across the Ruhr river was savagely counter-attacked, and all communications were destroyed by enemy twenty millimeter and mortar fire First Sergeant COTTELL, with no regard for his own safety, intrepidly led three wiremen to the beleaguered squad. Moving through the impact area, First Sergeant COTTELL relayed the wire, establishing communications with the company command post and reestablishing the squad's morale. First Sergeant COTTELL'S fearless actions in this action reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

KENNETH E. DUNN, 42010372, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of West Tannen, Germany. In the face of deadly machine gun and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant DUNN boldly led his squad against a German strong point at West Tannen which had held up Company G's advance. With machine fire Staff Sergeant DUNN and his comrades assaulted the house in which the enemy was fighting and in a brief, furious battle exterminated all resistance. Four Germans were killed, six wounded and ten taken prisoner. The staunch, fearless leadership given by Staff Sergeant DUNN reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

EARL W. COMBER JR., 33514275, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the latter combat of the period 15 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 Staff Sergeant COMBER led his squad with intrepid and resourceful devotion. His fortitude under enemy fire inspired confidence in the company's reinforcements and enabled his squad to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy whenever he was encountered. Staff Sergeant COMBER'S resolute achievements in many battles reflect great credit on him and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLAUDE W. GOING, 33154473, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of Marsdorf, Germany. When his outpost at Marsdorf was approached by an enemy force, Private First Class GOING, although he was alone and his automatic rifle did not function properly, fired single shots steadily, wounding at least one German, and driving the entire force away. Private First Class GOING'S devotion to duty and courageous action in the face of heavy odds reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

PALMER S. SHYDER, 39285211, Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 7 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Marsdorf, Germany. Hearing the cries of a wounded soldier who lay on the ground ten yards from an enemy position, Sergeant SHYDER risked his own life to crawl forward and drag the wounded man to safety. Consistently, during the period 7 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the fierce fighting in the Marsdorf area, Sergeant SHYDER performed his duty as platoon guide with distinct courage and skill. His resolute achievements are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from California.

WILLIAM D. WELLS, 3342217, Staff Sergeant (Then Technician Fifth Grade) INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Successively rifleman, mortar artificer and supply sergeant, Staff Sergeant WELLS served valiantly during the engagements of his company, from 14 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Under heavy artillery and mortar fire he bravely led carrying parties across the Saar River in order to maintain the supply of ammunition and food to troops fighting on the east bank. Staff Sergeant WELLS' courageous and devoted performance of duty has been a constant inspiration to his

comrades, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

DALTON S. WALLACE, 18126650, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, ~~8888~~In-  
fantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of West Turen, Germany. During an assault on a Ger-  
man strongpoint at West Turen, Staff Sergeant WALLACE was wounded in the arm and  
hand by small arms fire, but he continued leading his squad to the objective and  
assisted in killing or wounding ten of the enemy while capturing an additional ten.  
As his platoon prepared to advance to the next objective, Staff Sergeant WALLACE, in  
spite of his wounds, offered to accompany it, firing with one hand. But he was  
ordered to the rear where he refused medical aid until all other wounded had been  
treated. Staff Sergeant WALLACE's unflinching and courageous devotion to duty re-  
flects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service  
from Texas.

HENRY F. HOYT, 36510002, Private First Class, INF, Company G, ~~8888~~In-  
fantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in France and Germany.  
Throughout the period 15 November 1944 to 10 April 1945 Private First Class HOYT  
inspired his comrades with confidence in his great resolve and courage. On several  
occasions, when the normal squad leader became a casualty, Private First Class HOYT  
skillfully and staunchly led his comrades into battle. When a member of his squad  
was wounded by a German who continued to fire at him, Private First Class HOYT  
killed the German and dragged the wounded soldier to cover. Private First Class  
HOYT'S prowess in combat reflects great credit on him and on the military service.  
Entered military service from Michigan.

THOMAS N. SMITH, 37294008, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company H, ~~8888~~In-  
fantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France, Germany, and  
Holland. As platoon sergeant of Company H's mortar platoon, Technical Sergeant  
SMITH led his comrades in battle with a resolute skill equal to that with which he  
had instructed them in training. The vigorous leadership which he gave his platoon  
in the campaigns from Thionville, through Metz and Sarrelautern, to the end, and the  
high order of personal courage which he displayed consistently, reflect great credit  
on Technical Sergeant SMITH and on the military service. Entered military service  
from Minnesota.

JOHN S. PATTERTON, 30630246, Private First Class, INF, Company G, ~~8888~~  
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fantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, from 12 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany.  
Throughout the period 12 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 Private First Class PATTERTON  
performed his duties with outstanding devotion and courage. During the Ruhr pocket  
operation he reportedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to repair  
ammunition bins covered by hostile shelling. Another time, in Emsdorf, he remained  
at his post in the shelled attic of a building, enabling his mortar section to fire  
with maximum effectiveness. Private First Class PATTERTON'S unwavering devotion to  
duty over a long and arduous combat period reflects great credit on him and on the  
military service. Entered military service from Texas.

WALTER M. FERENCZ, 36186448, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 8 April 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. At Saint-Amand-les-Eaux, Private First Class FERENCZ, along with his platoon sergeant and other members of his platoon, was assigned to a forward observation post in a zone which was under intense enemy fire. He continued to service his position for five days, during which time he was wounded many times by enemy shelling. Private First Class FERENCZ's exceptional and selfless devotion to duty was a constant source of inspiration to his comrades during the grueling months of combat in which he served. His exemplary conduct merited a recommendation for Private First Class MAF#36186448 and on the military service, entered military service from Michigan.

CARL WELSH, 32782115, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. During the period 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945, Technician Fifth Grade WELSH, as assistant to the communications sergeant, performed his duty ably and with great skill, facilitating the maintenance of communications between his company, regiment and supporting units under enemy fire and adverse weather conditions. His resolute performance over a long and trying period of combat reflects distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade WELSH and exemplifies his traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

ALFRED J. GILLIAN, 15305929, Corporal, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

EARLE W. TACK, 16085103, Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

RUSSELL MAYOR, 33372309, Private First Class, 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 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLAYTON A. NICKS, 35824384, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

KENNETH H. BELL, 35411352, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

MICHAEL W. SPANGLER, 37213349, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

WILLIAM G. PHILK, 36248530, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, (Special Duty, this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LOREN M. SCHMIDT, 36061485, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, 488th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 October 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

ALBERT HINDLICH, 36600743, Sergeant, INF, Company H, 488th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 October 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and memorandum for 34, HQ, 11th AF, Army 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

OSMOND L. RYAN, 0474263, Captain, MC, Medical Detachment, 488th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Solde, Germany. Under violent tank, machine gun and small arms fire Captain RYAN crossed three hundred yards of coverless terrain to administer medical aid to a soldier who had suffered traumatic amputation of one of his legs. The position in which the wounded man lay was isolated by strong enemy action and evacuation was impossible, but due to Captain RYAN's heroic act the man survived. The complete gallantry displayed by Captain RYAN is in keeping with the traditions of the Medical Corps and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Major General TWADLE:

H. J. COLLETLY  
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- SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR
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- SECTION IV - AWARD OF AIR 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 C. BURTON, 35055441, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*In-  
fantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the  
vicinity of Lamerzhagen, Germany. When a task force of tanks and Company G was  
halted by devastating panzerfaust fire, Technical Sergeant BURTON led five soldiers  
onto a wooded cliff to reconnoiter and, if possible, eliminate the panzerfausts.  
Observing the panzerfausts, Technical Sergeant BURTON led his men in a bold assault  
which destroyed the position and enabled the tanks to resume their advance. Seven  
Germans were killed by Technical Sergeant BURTON and his comrades, four were taken  
prisoner, and fourteen bazookas were captured. The vigorous, fearless leadership  
given by Technical Sergeant BURTON is in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ERWIN L. REESE, 34903709, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*In-  
fantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the  
vicinity of Lamerzhagen, Germany. When a task force of tanks and Company G was  
halted by devastating panzerfaust fire, Private First Class REESE and five comrades  
went to reconnoiter and, if possible, eliminate the panzerfausts. Coming upon the  
enemy on high ground, Private First Class REESE participated in a bold assault  
which destroyed the position and enabled the tanks to resume their advance. Seven  
Germans were killed by Private First Class REESE and his comrades, and fourteen  
bazookas were captured. The gallant combat skill displayed by Private First Class  
REESE is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered  
military service from Tennessee.

ROSCOE H. CLAY, 39278474, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*In-  
fantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the  
vicinity of Lamerzhagen, Germany. When a task force of tanks and Company G was  
halted by devastating panzerfaust fire, Private First Class CLAY and five comrades  
went to reconnoiter and, if possible, eliminate the panzerfausts. Coming upon the  
enemy on high ground, Private First Class CLAY participated in a bold assault which  
destroyed the position and enabled the tanks to resume their advance. Seven Ger-  
mans were killed by Private First Class CLAY and his comrades, and fourteen bazookas  
were captured. The gallant combat skill displayed by Private First Class CLAY is in  
keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military  
service from California.

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ROBERT V. BEHE, 32836171, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*In-  
fantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the  
vicinity of Lamersshagen, Germany. When a task force of tanks and Company G was  
halted by devastating panzerfaust fire, Private First Class BEHE and five comrades  
went to reconnoiter and, if possible, eliminate the panzerfausts. Coming upon the  
enemy on high ground, Private First Class BEHE participated in a bold assault which  
destroyed the position and enabled the tanks to resume their advance. Seven Germans  
were killed by Private First Class BEHE and his comrades and fourteen bazookas were  
captured. The gallant combat skill displayed by Private First Class BEHE is in  
keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military  
service from New York.

GAIL H. NAWERTH, 36076649, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*In-  
fantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the  
vicinity of Lamersshagen, Germany. When a task force of tanks and Company G was  
halted by devastating panzerfaust fire, Private First Class NAWERTH and five comrades  
went to reconnoiter and, if possible, eliminate the panzerfausts. Coming upon the  
enemy on high ground, Private First Class NAWERTH participated in a bold assault  
which destroyed the position and enabled the tanks to resume their advance. Seven  
Germans were killed by Private First Class NAWERTH and his comrades and fourteen  
bazookas were captured. The gallant combat skill displayed by Private First Class  
NAWERTH is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered  
military service from Illinois.

DOMINICK J. DI SALVO, 35606573, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in  
the vicinity of Lamersshagen, Germany. When a task force of tanks and Company G was  
halted by devastating panzerfaust fire, Private First Class DI SALVO and five com-  
rades went to reconnoiter and, if possible, eliminate the panzerfausts. Coming upon  
the enemy on high ground, Private First Class DI SALVO participated in a bold  
assault which destroyed the position and enabled the tanks to resume their advance.  
Seven Germans were killed by Private First Class DI SALVO and his comrades, and  
fourteen bazookas were captured. The gallant combat skill displayed by Private First  
Class DI SALVO is in keeping with 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:

JAMES B. GREGORY, 38697340, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*In-  
fantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hirschberg, Germany. When two  
of his comrades were wounded by hostile artillery fire, Private First Class GREGORY  
moved enemy small arms fire from entrenched positions near Hirschberg to go to their  
aid, with no regard for his own safety, Private First Class GREGORY remained with  
them until the artillery barrage ceased. Then, he supervised their evacuation.  
His fearless devotion to the welfare of his comrades is in keeping with high tradi-  
tions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class  
GREGORY. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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ARTHUR P. MC DONALD, 37448674, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hirschberg, Germany. Charging uphill through a withering volley of small arms and artillery fire, Private First Class MC DONALD and another soldier won a foothold on the crest. From this precarious position Private First Class MC DONALD fired rapidly and accurately on strong enemy positions, protecting the advance of the remainder of his platoon. Private First Class MC DONALD'S audacity and courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Nebraska.

RAYMOND C. HARMON, 19010393, Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hirschberg, Germany. Charging uphill through a withering volley of small arms and artillery fire, Sergeant HARMON and another soldier won a foothold on the crest. From this precarious position Sergeant HARMON fired rapidly and accurately on strong enemy positions, protecting the advance of the remainder of his platoon. Sergeant HARMON'S audacity and courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Wyoming.

CECIL W. JONES, 34950276, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weissberg, Germany. In flushing an autobahn roadblock, Private First Class JONES' squad was firing on entrenched enemy forces in order to protect the squads who were flanking the German positions. To detract the enemy's attention from the flanks, Private First Class JONES continuously but carefully exposed himself, drawing intense hostile fire. His bold, intelligent action enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission without casualty. Private First Class JONES' alert and fearless skill in combat reflects great credit on him and typifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

RICHARD J. SLAYBACK, 15105767, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 5 February 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France, and Saarlautern, Germany. During the long test of combat taken by his company in Hannibols Wood, at Metz, Fraulautern and Roalingen, Private First Class SLAYBACK fulfilled many missions with steadfast courage and skill. On 16 November 1944, at Fraulautern, when his section leader lay wounded, Private First Class SLAYBACK entered a terrific mortar barrage to carry him to safety. On 18 January 1945, near Roalingen, his accurate direction of mortar fire led to the destruction of thirteen German pontoon boats. Private First Class SLAYBACK'S intrepid devotion to duty inspired his comrades throughout several arduous battles and contributed greatly to the achievements of his unit against the enemy. Entered military service from Indiana.

FLOYD M. DYE, 36950119, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 Private First Class DYE consistently performed his duty with distinct courage and skill, greatly facilitating the combat operations of his company. Under heavy enemy fire, at Hannibols Wood, he established

wire communications between his mortar section and its forward observation post, and with no regard for his own safety repaired the wire whenever hostile shells severed it. Private First Class DYK'S steadfast devotion to duty reflects high credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE D. BROGAN, 36600481, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pömmersich, and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way relentlessly from Pömmersich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant BROGAN consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant BROGAN'S conduct in battle reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES J. SCHARFF, 37213153, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pömmersich and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way relentlessly from Pömmersich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant SCHARFF consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant SCHARFF'S conduct in battle reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

EDWARD L. ZIELINSKI, 36356476, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pömmersich and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way relentlessly from Pömmersich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant ZIELINSKI consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant ZIELINSKI'S conduct in battle reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

NATHAN A. SMITH JR, 32607881, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pömmersich, and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way relentlessly from Pömmersich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant SMITH consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant SMITH'S conduct in battle reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VICTOR FIDELL, 33165235, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Roemerich, and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way relentlessly from Roemerich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant FIDELL consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant FIDELL'S conduct in battle reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL J. LOOLEY, 36359637, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Roemerich, and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way relentlessly from Roemerich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant LOOLEY consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant LOOLEY'S conduct in battle reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

BEN A. HENSLEY JR, 34375139, Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of West Tannen, Germany. In support of Company K's attack on West-Tannen, Sergeant HENSLEY led his machine gun squad under intense German rifle fire, on his own initiative, in order to silence a terrific volume of enemy flanking fire. Under the dreadful punishment inflicted by Sergeant HENSLEY'S machine gun the battered enemy surrendered in large numbers. The timely, bold leadership given by Sergeant HENSLEY on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Tennessee.

GUY E. MORRIS JR, 0534296, First Lieutenant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in Germany. In fierce fighting in the latter part, from 3 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, First Lieutenant MORRIS led his mortar platoon with brilliant skill and courage. His rapid computation of fire data was greatly instrumental in placing surprise fire on a number of enemy targets. His expert laying of mortar fire by battery materially facilitated the accuracy and volume of his platoon's delivery. First Lieutenant MORRIS' heroic achievements in this campaign reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

J. T. HARDCASTLE, 20809743, Corporal, GMI, 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 Texas.

LUCIEN W. SHORT, 36065612, Corporal, GMI, 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.

EDWARD C. IETRZELKA, 30351243, Technician Fourth 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.

III. AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-43, 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:

JAMES E. GWARTNEY, 16042755, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 December 1944 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

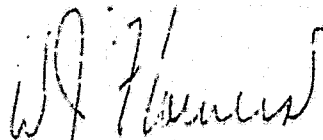
IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

MELVIN H. ESAREY, 01180400, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, from 10 December 1944 to 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General TWADDE:

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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:

FRANK SALEY, 35318773, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Osterbonen, Germany. When his platoon's attack on a strongly-fortified factory near Osterbonen was held up by intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant SALEY ran boldly through the murderous onfilade and gained entrance to the factory. Inspired by the leader's fearless action, Staff Sergeant SALEY'S squad followed him into the factory. Inside, in furious fighting, Staff Sergeant SALEY killed two Germans and captured twenty-seven. Staff Sergeant SALEY'S gallant leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

HENRY W. METZ, 01284907, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. Terrific machine gun and rifle fire surprised Company B as it approached a reported unoccupied wood before Semecourt. In order to instigate and control an attack on the newly-revealed strongpoint, First Lieutenant METZ fearlessly exposed himself to the fierce fire, and then intrepidly led his men in a relentless assault which utterly routed the enemy. The heroic leadership given by him on this occasion reflects great credit on First Lieutenant METZ and typifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

WILLIAM R. KAMHOLZ, 01170442, First Lieutenant, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT J. SCHINDLER, 32616656, Technician Third Grade, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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LESTER BRASS, 32783802, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. Crossing the Saar River under heavy artillery and mortar fire Private First Class BRASS repeatedly hauled supplies to companies of the First Battalion during the first four days of the bridgehead operation. Private First Class BRASS' courageous devotion to duty resulted in an important contribution to the success of this momentous operation. His fortitude under fire reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

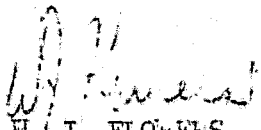
EDWARD E. DUNN, 35486054, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. During the attack on Semecourt, Sergeant DUNN'S ammunition convoy was delayed by a mined road block. Under intense enemy fire he located the mines with his detector and intrepidly removed them. Then, Sergeant DUNN proceeded to destroy the abatis-type road block, using axes and saws. Due to Sergeant DUNN'S energetic initiative the obstacle was quickly removed and the critically-needed ammunition was delivered promptly. The staunch devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant DUNN is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN H. CHILDS JR., 31452010, 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 Semecourt, France. During the attack on Semecourt, Private First Class CHILDS' ammunition convoy was delayed by a mined road block. Under intense enemy fire he located the mines with his detector and intrepidly removed them. Then, Private First Class CHILDS proceeded to destroy the abatis-type road block, using axes and saws. Due to Private First Class CHILDS' energetic initiative the obstacle was quickly removed and the critically-needed ammunition was delivered promptly. The staunch devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class CHILDS is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

By command of Major General TRADDLE:

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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 the following:

LESTER KALLEMEYN, 37450825, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 and 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. In fierce fighting at Augustdorf, Staff Sergeant KALLEMEYN vigorously led his platoon in overcoming fanatical enemy resistance. Early on the morning of 2 April 1945, he crawled across coverless terrain with another soldier to knock out a German tank with bazooka fire. Later to protect the Second Battalion's hard-won positions in Augustdorf, he led his comrades in an assault which cleared a mile of enemy-infested roadway. In this gallant action against stout, concealed defensive positions, Staff Sergeant KALLEMEYN was mortally wounded. His heroic leadership and immense personal courage have brought lasting honor on Staff Sergeant KALLEMEYN and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

ROBERT WAEBER, 0A321075, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 15 November 1944 to 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Woippy, and Metz, France. In the drive from Hannibois wood to Metz, Second Lieutenant WAEBER distinguished himself by the courage, audacity and skill with which he led a rifle platoon of Company E. At one stage Company E was halted by intense eighty-eight millimeter fire. Second Lieutenant WAEBER led four men around the flank to close relentlessly with the gun crews, routing them, and capturing their weapons. Later, in crossing the Moselle River, Second Lieutenant WAEBER was killed. The fearless leadership which he steadfastly gave to the lead platoon of the assaulting company has brought lasting honor on Second Lieutenant WAEBER and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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:

DURVEA S. WILKINSON, 01326037, First Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Under direct fire, First Lieutenant WILKINSON intrepidly deployed his heavy machine gun platoon at the outset of the attack on Hamm. As the attack progressed, he led his machine gunners forward in the face of heavy hostile fire, maintaining rapid, accurate support for the rifle elements. When a German

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machine gun . . . ed the advance, First Lieutenant WILKINSON boldly assaulted it with a bazooka and eliminated it. Until the objective was taken he continued to inspire his men with his fearlessly aggressive leadership. His extraordinary courage reflects great credit on First Lieutenant WILKINSON and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CLIFFORD R. HALVORSON, 37545435, 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. In an attack on strong German positions near Berus, Staff Sergeant HALVORSON'S platoon was pinned down by a furious artillery barrage. Staff Sergeant HALVORSON moved forward alone and called upon his comrades to follow him. Responding to his fearless leadership, the platoon advanced. Staff Sergeant HALVORSON was wounded by hostile machine gun fire but he continued to lead the platoon in so relentless an advance that the enemy positions were overrun and twenty-eight Germans captured. Staff Sergeant HALVORSON'S valiant conduct typifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. 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. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

FREDERICK W. GAFFNEY, 02011000, Second Lieutenant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, (Armored) Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ostbergo, Germany. When captured German soldiers revealed the presence of a strong hostile force in a railroad tunnel near Ostbergo, Second Lieutenant GAFFNEY, with two comrades, boldly entered the tunnel. Surprised by the fearless determination of Second Lieutenant GAFFNEY and his companions, eighty Germans surrendered. Second Lieutenant GAFFNEY'S daring feat destroyed the possibility of enemy attack on the rear of friendly installations. His courage reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

DENNIS A. KILGALLON, 32253293, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, (Armored), Company A, \*\*\*\*Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ostbergo, Germany. When captured German soldiers revealed the presence of a strong hostile force in a railroad tunnel near Ostbergo, Technician Fifth Grade KILGALLON, with two comrades, boldly entered the tunnel. Surprised by the fearless determination of Technician Fifth Grade KILGALLON and his companions, eighty German surrendered. Technician Fifth Grade KILGALLON'S daring feat destroyed the possibility of enemy attack on the rear of friendly installations. His courage reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

THORSTON L. MC AFEE, 35271181, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. Crossing the Saar River under heavy artillery and mortar fire Private First Class MC AFEE repeatedly hauled supplies to companies of the First Battalion during the first four days of the bridgehead operation. Private First Class MC AFEE'S courageous devotion to duty resulted in an important contribution to the success of this momentous operation. His fortitude under fire reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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MARVIN C. TUFFS, 36183871, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 25 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as driver for his regimental commander during the period 20 October 1944 to 25 April 1945, Technician Fifth Grade TUFFS performed his duty with consistent courage and devotion. Required on numerous occasions to drive through artillery, mortar and small arms fire over shell-torn roads and often under black-out conditions, Technician Fifth Grade TUFFS was not deterred by grave personal risk from serving in a skillful, tireless manner. His courageous, willing service throughout an extended phase of combat exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade TUFFS. Entered military service from Michigan.

EINER R. BEHNTZEN, 36248839, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. On the night of 7 December 1944, Private First Class BEHNTZEN was operating an assault boat on the Saar River, ferrying carrying parties with supplies to troops in pillboxes on the east bank. When the crossing site was subjected to concentrated enemy artillery fire, one man in Private First Class BEHNTZEN'S boat was killed and others were wounded. In spite of the murderous barrage Private First Class BEHNTZEN and two comrades made repeated trips across the shell-swept river, transporting the carrying-parties. Private First Class BEHNTZEN'S unwavering devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CALVIN H. BLACK, 36454002, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. On the night of 7 December 1944, Private First Class BLACK was operating an assault boat on the Saar River, ferrying carrying parties with supplies to troops in pillboxes on the east bank. When the crossing site was subjected to concentrated enemy artillery fire, one man in Private First Class BLACK'S boat was killed and others were wounded. In spite of the murderous barrage Private First Class BLACK and two comrades made repeated trips across the shell-swept river, transporting the carrying-parties. Private First Class BLACK'S unwavering devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM CONTE, 42068299, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. On the night of 7 December 1944, Private First Class CONTE was operating an assault boat on the Saar River, ferrying carrying parties with supplies to troops in pillboxes on the east bank. When the crossing site was subjected to concentrated enemy artillery fire, one man in Private First Class CONTE'S boat was killed and others were wounded. In spite of the murderous barrage Private First Class CONTE and two comrades made repeated trips across the shell-swept river, transporting the carrying-parties. Private First Class CONTE'S unwavering devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

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FLOYD C. SANDEE, 36248932, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 11 April 1945, in France and Germany. Private First Class SANDEE consistently displayed a high order of courage and determination while serving as a runner for Company C throughout the period 16 November 1944 to 11 April 1945. Making repeated trips to the First Battalion command post under enemy fire, Private First Class SANDEE heroically completed every assigned mission, even though forced on numerous occasions to search long hours at night for his objective, since its exact location was often unknown. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by him during this long and arduous period of combat exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class SANDEE. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

DONALD F. PIDGEON, 01284933, First Lieutenant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Fort D'illange, France. During the attack on Fort D'illange, First Lieutenant PIDGEON, without regard for his personal safety, crossed open terrain under severe artillery and small arms fire to assume command of a platoon when the normal leader became a casualty. Fearlessly moving to the disorganized group, he quickly directed its movement to a sheltered position from which effective fire could be delivered. Although First Lieutenant PIDGEON was wounded during the action, he refused evacuation until all other casualties had been treated and evacuated. His staunch leadership and resolute devotion to duty reflect great credit on First Lieutenant PIDGEON and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

VERNON J. LABREE, 34796519, Private, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Herringen, Germany. During the attack on Herringen, Private LABREE and two comrades provided left flank security for Company A as it approached the town. When enemy machine gun and small arms fire was delivered on the company, Private LABREE stood his ground and, fully exposed to hostile action, covered the Germans positions with automatic rifle fire. While Private LABREE boldly remained in his precarious situation, completely frustrating the enemy's attempt to deliver effective fire, a companion withdrew to guide a tank destroyer forward. Forty German soldiers and three machine guns were captured when the tank destroyer blasted the hostile strongpoint. Private LABREE'S fortitude and intrepid combat skill reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

EARL G. BRITTON, 33516510, Private, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of Merten, France. Advancing with a rifle platoon during the assault on Merten, Private BRITTON crossed four hundred yards of open, fire-swept terrain and, firing his machine gun as he moved, assisted valiantly in taking the platoon's objective. Then, seeing another platoon subjected to intense fire by a German heavy machine gun, he fearlessly crawled through searching sniper fire to a vantage point from which he destroyed the enemy weapon. His intrepid, determined actions in eliminating a menacing German emplacement reflect great credit on Private BRITTON and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

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PAUL J. HANISKO, 35050844, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. Throughout a fierce enemy attack on Company C's positions in Hamm, on 3 April 1945, Private First Class HANISKO remained at his post, delivering accurate machine gun fire on the advancing hostile armor and infantry. His courageous perseverance in the face of almost overwhelming German fire power contributed greatly in repulsing decisively the enemy assault. Private First Class HANISKO'S dauntless courage and dogged devotion to duty under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN R. KIBLER JR, 37373170, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Semecourt, France. Jeep driver for Company C, Technician Fifth Grade KIBLER displayed heroic courage, on 16 November 1944, when his vehicle struck a mine, killing two men and wounding three more. Although badly shaken by the explosion, Technician Fifth Grade KIBLER proceeded over a heavily mined road under constant artillery fire to an aid station and, after refusing medical attention, led medical soldiers back to the scene of the explosion. His courageous, devoted actions on this occasion reflect great credit on Technician Fifth Grade KIBLER and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

HERBERT H. SCHNEIDER, 36248931, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. In the attack on Hamm, Sergeant SCHNEIDER, with no regard for his own safety, boldly assaulted a German bazooka position, forcing the enemy to withdraw from his withering fire. Later that same day, Sergeant SCHNEIDER exposed himself fearlessly to fire from twelve counter-attacking Germans, and fired his machine gun into their midst, wounding three and forcing the others to flee. The intrepidity of Sergeant SCHNEIDER'S actions is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EDWARD D. HAWBAKER, 16072556, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, Staff Sergeant HAWBAKER and two other soldiers served as a reconnaissance patrol, repeatedly reconnoitering under cover of darkness the area to be attacked on the following day by Company E. On 9 April 1945, Staff Sergeant HAWBAKER and his comrades, during the course of one intelligence patrol, reached a point two thousand yards ahead of the most advanced friendly lines. The invaluable information on enemy emplacements and entrenchments gained by the three-man patrol in its many daring mission throughout this period of constant advance contributed greatly to the success achieved by Company E, reflecting distinct credit on Staff Sergeant HAWBAKER and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

HOWARD K. AGGER, 01165361, Captain, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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ROGER W. ROGERS, 36249399, 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 Wisconsin.

FRED L. BALLARD, 20929194, 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 Montana.

PAUL W. KROLAK, 36062060, 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.

WILLIS H. PAGE, 31364049, Technician Fourth 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 New York.

SAMUEL BURKHART, 32610181, Technician Fifth Grade, FD, Headquarters 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.

JAMES H. CONWAY, 36600568, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 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.

JOHN N. DEAKIN JR, 35390597, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 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 West Virginia.

WILLIAM J. THOMA, 36802646, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 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 Wisconsin.

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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:

DAVID L. CHANDLER, 34607294, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilhelmsruh, Germany. When his platoon leader and another soldier were wounded by intense flanking fire near Wilhelmsruh, Staff Sergeant CHANDLER unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon. Fearlessly advancing to the wounded men, he immediately began administering first aid while directing his platoon's attack on the resisting enemy positions. Although completely exposed to the hostile fire, Staff Sergeant CHANDLER courageously remained in his hazardous position beside the casualties until, after fifteen minutes of fierce fighting, the German soldiers surrendered. Then, Staff Sergeant CHANDLER summoned medical aid men and for two hours assisted in a valiant effort to save his comrades' lives. His gallant, resolute actions on this occasion reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant CHANDLER and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

ARVIL L. SILCOX, 17106013, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilhelmsruh, Germany. Ordering his two companions to remain concealed while he halted an advancing enemy five-man patrol, Staff Sergeant SILCOX intrepidly advanced into the open to confront the hostile soldiers. Dropping his rifle at the enemy's order, he calmly awaited the strategic moment to issue a fire order to his concealed comrades. After several minutes' interrogation by the unwary Germans, Staff Sergeant SILCOX suddenly ordered his two companions to fire. Stepping behind a tree, he avoided the resulting automatic rifle fire which killed one German, forced two to surrender and routed the remaining two. His fearless actions reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant SILCOX and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

EDWARD NICHOLS, 01304776, First Lieutenant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. After making an assault-boat crossing of the Moselle River under fierce enemy fire, First Lieutenant NICHOLS dauntlessly set out, with nine men, to storm nearby entrenchments and gain initial entrance into Metz. Dividing his men into two flanking parties, he boldly assaulted the German positions and, despite intense fire, succeeded in killing four enemy soldiers and capturing fifteen while silencing a machine gun and two machine pistols. After securing a bridgehead one hundred and fifty yards wide, First Lieutenant NICHOLS delivered effective covering fire permitting reinforcements to cross the river. His fearless, aggressive leadership and intrepid combat skill enabled his battalion to establish a

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Metz bridgehead, reflecting great credit on First Lieutenant NICHOLS and on the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CHARLES J. ARNOLD, 37209217, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Taking a position in an open window, Technical Sergeant ARNOLD heroically braved enemy panzerfaust and machine gun fire to direct his squad in repulsing a counter-attack on a nearby Fraulautern building. Although four panzerfaust rounds burst in the room he occupied, he stood his ground and accounted for five Germans and one machine gun with his accurate fire. As the enemy soldiers sought to cross the street singly or in small groups, Technical Sergeant ARNOLD'S fierce fire forced them to retreat. After fifteen minutes of bitter fighting, the hostile element ceased its futile efforts to counter-attack. The valiant leadership and gallant perseverance given by Technical Sergeant ARNOLD reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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:

OTIS C. COUSERT, 35485842, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. With the mission of laying, maintaining and repairing communication lines for Company C, Private First Class COUSERT served with distinct courage and skill during the combat operations of the period 8 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. On many occasions he was subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, but, undaunted, he successfully completed all assignments. Private First Class COUSERT'S unselfish devotion to duty and disregard for his personal safety are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Indiana.

GEORGE B. SCHOENING, 36774668, Private First Class, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 24 November 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. With the mission of laying, maintaining and repairing communication lines for Company C, Private First Class SCHOENING served with distinct courage and skill during the combat operations of the period 24 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. On many occasions he was subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, but, undaunted he successfully completed all assignments. Private First Class SCHOENING'S unselfish devotion to duty and disregard for his personal safety are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES D. TURNER, 37639109, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Poemmerich and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, Private First Class TURNER and two other soldiers served as a reconnaissance patrol, repeatedly reconnoitering under cover of darkness the area to be attacked on the following day by Company E. On 9 April 1945, Private First Class TURNER and his comrades, during the course of one intelligence patrol, reached a point two thousand

yards ahead of the most advanced friendly lines. The invaluable information on enemy emplacements and entrenchments gained by the three-man patrol in its many daring missions throughout this period of constant advance contributed greatly to the success achieved by Company E, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class TURNER and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

HOWARD E. CANRIGHT, 39327119, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pocommerich and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, Private First Class CANRIGHT and two other soldiers served as a reconnaissance patrol, repeatedly reconnoitering under cover of darkness the area to be attacked on the following day by Company E. On 9 April 1945, Private First Class CANRIGHT and his comrades, during the course of one intelligence patrol, reached a point two thousand yards ahead of the most advanced friendly lines. The invaluable information on enemy emplacements and entrenchments gained by the three-man patrol in its many daring missions throughout this period of constant advance contributed greatly to the success achieved by Company E, reflecting distinct credit on Private First Class CANRIGHT and on the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

ALVIN R. LAMB, 34374921, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ober-Limburg, Germany. On 1 December 1944, during fierce fighting near Ober-Limburg, Private First Class LAMB courageously volunteered three times to evacuate casualties in his jeep when medical facilities were overtaxed. Driving each time through heavy enemy fire he dauntlessly performed his self-imposed duty in bringing ten wounded men to points where prompt medical treatment was administered. His selfless, heroic actions on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class LAMB. Entered military service from Tennessee.

RODNEY A. BIGGS, 01060020, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 November 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout five months of combat First Lieutenant BIGGS performed his duties as mortar section leader and platoon leader with courageous determination and high skill. On one occasion, First Lieutenant BIGGS and one companion made their way several hundred yards under heavy hostile mortar and artillery fire to set up and maintain a forward observation post near Ober-Limburg, Germany. Later, in Fraulautorn, he manned an observation post for seven days under constant enemy shelling while directing fierce, effective mortar fire on German installations and personnel. The fortitude and resource leadership given by First Lieutenant BIGGS during a long, arduous combat period reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RALPH H. NELSON, 37287130, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, and 3 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. During the periods 8 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, and 3 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, Private First Class NELSON faithfully and courageously performed the duties of messenger for Company G's commanding officer. Wounded twice, Private First Class NELSON disdained the dangers of enemy fire to accomplish his missions with prompt efficiency. Private First



Class NELSON'S devoted service over long and arduous months of combat is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from North Dakota.

DALE J. HARMS, 36600275, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company C, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Technician Fifth Grade HARMS contributed greatly to the morale and combat efficiency of Company C by the resolute manner in which he performed the duty of mail orderly during the period 8 November 1944 to 31 March 1945. On many occasions he carried rations as well as mail to his embattled comrades. Technician Fifth Grade HARMS was not once deterred by the frequent peril of enemy artillery and mortar fire. His consistently courageous performance is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

FLOYD C. ROMEO, 35331927, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. With unwavering devotion to duty Technician Fifth Grade ROMEO accomplished many dangerous missions as transportation non-commissioned officer in Company C. Delivering ammunition and other supplies to his comrades during the heavy fighting of the period 8 November 1944 to 31 March 1945, Technician Fifth Grade ROMEO was not once deterred by the frequent peril of enemy artillery and mortar fire. His consistently courageous performance was integral to the combat success of his organization, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

PAUL F. BACHMAN, 15308224, Corporal, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. As a gunner corporal, Corporal BACHMAN contributed courageously to the success achieved by his battery in combat during the period 21 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Performing his duty with undeviating devotion and efficiency under enemy fire, Corporal BACHMAN'S resolute achievements reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROY F. MILKS, 16104455, Private First Class, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 21 October 1944 to 20 April 1945 Private First Class MILKS contributed courageously to the success achieved by his battery in combat by performing his duty as cannoneer with resolute devotion and efficiency. Private First Class MILKS' steadfast performance under enemy fire is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

LOREN M. TOUSLEY, 01165798, Captain, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLARD E. LINGLE, 36061307, Corporal, JMC, \*\*\*\*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 Illinois.

VICTOR B. STANG, 37286380, Technician Fifth Grade, JMC, \*\*\*\*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 Minnesota.

EDWARD J. HILL, 35356218, 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 Indiana.

LAWRENCE C. COPELAND, 17044503, Technician Fourth 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 Missouri.

JAMES C. HALL, 36247571, 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 Wisconsin.

ROY A. WILLIAMS, 32240747, 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 Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH C. LYMAN, 36249297, Technician Fifth Grade, CMP, 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 Wisconsin.

FLOYD M. BROWN, 37294856, Private First Class, 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 Minnesota.

QUINCY E. GARDNER, 37208781, 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 Kansas.

ARNOLD J. KARANKO, 31175915, 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 New Hampshire.

LOGAN ROBERTS, 35278310, 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 West Virginia.

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EUGENE KRIVITZ, 36062078, Technician Fifth 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.

JOHN A. FERRON, 36211877, Technical Sergeant, 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 Wisconsin.

LARRY L. OSBURN, 38473025, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters 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 Texas.

WYLAND B. THATCH, 37216600, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 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 Missouri.

ROBERT G. HESS JR, 33742274, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters 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 the District of Columbia.

JAMES O. GATELY, 3635824, Technician Fourth Grade, FD, Headquarters 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.

STEPHEN T. FISCHL, 32965670, Corporal, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment, (Attached this Headquarters), 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.

THOMAS B. ALLEN, 35927715, Corporal, 95th Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment, (Attached this Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 500-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

WILL E. LUBANK, 0401797, Lieutenant Colonel (Then Major), INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, from 28 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lindorf, Germany. Assuming command of the sorely-emptied First Battalion, on 28 November 1944, Lieutenant Colonel LUBANK, after making an aggressive personal reconnaissance of his zone, reorganized and led each company to its assigned position. Then, he remained with the assault troops for two days, personally supervising the successful attack on the battalion objective. On 5 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel LUBANK led his battalion against fanatic enemy opposition to seize a bridgehead on the east bank of the Saar River. Living for two weeks in foxholes and captured pillboxes, he led his men with such courage and resourcefulness that daily gains were forced from a well-organized, strongly-emplaced enemy. His gallant, forceful leadership and his tireless devotion to duty throughout this difficult period reflect great credit on Lieutenant Colonel LUBANK and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN L. FIONABAGAN, 3437353, Sergeant, INF, Company B, 888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During the assault on Fort de Plangerville, Staff Sergeant FIONABAGAN's company suffered heavy casualties when subjected to vicious fire from two machine guns emplaced outside the fortress. Leading a five-man patrol to eliminate the murderous weapons, Staff Sergeant FIONABAGAN approached to within one hundred yards of the emplacements when both guns opened fire, wounding three patrol members. Intrepidly continuing, Staff Sergeant FIONABAGAN advanced to within a few yards of the gun positions and threw four grenades, silencing the two weapons. Then, crawling back under the enemy's continuing fire, he guided his men forward to treat his wounded comrade. Staff Sergeant FIONABAGAN'S gallant deed reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ALFRED A. WESTON, 16066140, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company G, 888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Basco Metz, France. When his platoon was pinned down by machine gun and sniper fire in Basco Metz, Technical Sergeant WESTON quickly located the source of fire and valiantly began moving toward the enemy positions. Effectively silencing the machine gun with a rifle grenade, he advanced toward the house containing the sniper. Then, Technical Sergeant WESTON crept into a basement window and, after searching the first floor, was unrolling the stairway when a machine

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pistol burst ripped across his wrist, smashing his watch. Whirling rapidly, Technical Sergeant WATSON fired and killed the sniper. His intrepid, valiant action at great personal risk reflects great credit on Technical Sergeant WATSON and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

RAMON L. WILSON, 01310320, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mandorf, Germany. In bitter Mandorf fighting, First Lieutenant WILSON, taking personal command of his attacking squad, relentlessly assaulted hostile positions lining the street end, despite violent mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, inflicted heavy casualties, encountering particularly fierce fire from one enemy strongpoint, First Lieutenant WILSON ordered his men to cover. Then, remaining in an exposed position, thirty-five yards from the hostile position, he directed such effective mortar on the building that two Germans were killed, four wounded and all resistance eliminated. His vigorous, aggressive leadership and his personal courage reflect great credit on First Lieutenant WILSON and on the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

OSCAR F. ZANDER, 36247659, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company G, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Hollingen, France. Although Staff Sergeant ZANDER was painfully wounded while leading his machine gun section in an attack near Hollingen he valiantly continued advancing with his men. Reaching the company objective he refused to leave the machine gun and, disregarding the great pain he suffered, placed his gun into position. Shortly thereafter, the enemy launched a determined counter-attack which was repulsed largely through the heroic efforts of Staff Sergeant ZANDER and his squad. Three hours later, he was evacuated for medical treatment in the order of his platoon sergeant. The gallant devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant ZANDER exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RICHARD F. SCHMITZ, 36600669, Sergeant, INF, Company H, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 November 1944, in the vicinity of Lindlar, France. When advance elements of the Second Battalion were halted by severe fire from an enemy held fortified house in Lindlar, Sergeant SCHMITZ bravely ran two hundred yards across open, fire-swept terrain and boldly attacked the hostile strongpoint from the rear. Fearlessly entering the house, Sergeant SCHMITZ forced the surrender of twelve completely-surprised Germans who manned two machine guns, enabling his battalion to continue its attack with minimum casualties. Sergeant SCHMITZ' intrepidity and resourcefulness under fire in reducing a powerful enemy position reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ARREST L. HIGHTOWER JR, 3434762, Sergeant, INF, Company H, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Dortmund, Germany. Setting out alone to reconnoiter an area lying along his machine gun section's right flank, left unprotected by a rapid infantry advance, Sergeant HIGHTOWER was climbing an embankment when he observed a German sniper preparing to shoot. A shouted surrender order by Sergeant HIGHTOWER brought the sniper out from his position with upraised hands, followed by five more capitulating Germans. Then, intrepidly entering a wooded area in which he observed hostile placements, Sergeant HIGHTOWER fired several rifle shots and retorted to his surrender demand. This time, nine hostile soldiers bearing three machine guns

heavy casualties on his company, on 26 November 1944, Private GILLES lost a position of comparative safety and, after fighting through several pillboxes to the side of a wooded area, then, after remaining twenty minutes in this dangerously exposed position to assist in administering plasma to the casualty, he and a medical soldier carried the wounded man to a point, over a mile distant, where evacuation by jeep was effected. His heroic, devoted actions in this case exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Private GILLES, entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. ALLEN, 3742396, Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unna, Germany. While clearing a series of road blocks, Sergeant ALLEN and his squad were forced to cover by searching sniper fire. Crawling forward alone and discovering the source of the hostile fire to be about two hundred yards away, Sergeant ALLEN made his way to a supporting tank and directed devastating fire on the obstacle. Then, approaching the next road block, the group was fired on by advancing bazooka gunners. Although wounded in the action, Sergeant ALLEN delivered such effective fire on the Germans that two were killed and the survivors routed. His resolute leadership and high personal courage reflect great credit on Sergeant ALLEN and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

THOMAS P. DIGGINS, 32286803, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Cravelotte, France. When intense enemy machine gun fire swept the area over which Private First Class DIGGINS' rifle squad and a rifle platoon advanced on 22 November 1944, a medical soldier was wounded. Heroically proceeding to their fallen comrade, Private First Class DIGGINS and another soldier administered first aid and remained, exposed to the severe hostile fire, for four hours until they were able to carry him to safety. Private First Class DIGGINS' courageous, devoted actions exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

GILBERT R. BURK SR., 34947127, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unna, Germany. Leader of an anti-tank rifle platoon clearing a series of road blocks near Unna, Private First Class BURK intrepidly aided in clearing the first obstacle despite direct enemy observation and fire. Advancing to the second block, Private First Class BURK assisted in uncoupling two freight cars barring the road and then, although slightly wounded, volunteered to secure pulleys and rope to move the cars. The courage and valiant effort given by Private First Class BURK under fire reflect distinct credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

ANDREW B. SMITH, 36356755, Private First Class, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unna, Germany. Leader of an anti-tank rifle platoon clearing a number of road blocks near Unna, on 10 April 1945, Private First Class SMITH volunteered to advance and assist in uncoupling two freight cars barring the road. When enemy fire forced him to seek cover in a nearby house, Private First Class SMITH occupied a good vantage point

surrendered. His fearless, resourceful conduct exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Sergeant HIGHTOWER. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WILLARD E. DOWNER, 36966611, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynow, Germany. During an attack on a strongly-held enemy position in a wooded area near Rhynow, on 7 April 1945, Private First Class DOWNER'S platoon was subjected to murderous enfilade fire by a hostile machine gun. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class DOWNER crossed fifty yards of coverless terrain under the constant, raking fire and hurled a grenade into the machine gun nest, killing four Germans and enabling the platoon to seize its objective without further loss. Private First Class DOWNER'S gallant actions in destroying a menacing enemy position at the risk of his life reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

11. 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:

RAYMOND J. KOEHLING, 37925534, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. Displaying a consistently high order of courage and initiative, Staff Sergeant KOEHLING executed his assigned missions skillfully and efficiently during the period 27 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. Serving successively as ammunition bearer, first runner and leader of an eighty-one millimeter mortar squad, he heroically ignored personal hardship and danger to assist in delivering close mortar support for assault troops during the Metz and Saarlautern campaigns and during the encirclement and clearing of the Ruhr valley. Staff Sergeant KOEHLING'S courageous, inspiring devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ALEX SZABO, 31193249, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 and 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Wesel, Germany. On 24 March 1945, Private First Class SZABO piloted an assault boat during the initial crossing of the Rhine River near Wesel. Meeting fierce artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, after succeeding in unloading a fully equipped machine gun squad on the east bank, he was forced to leap into the river and remain, with only his head above water, for half an hour before resuming his dangerous mission. For thirty-six hours, Private First Class SZABO made trip after trip across the great stream, transporting troops and ammunition and returning with captives and prisoners. His valiant, persevering actions reflect great credit on Private First Class SZABO and on the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

ARTHUR H. GIBBS, 33938823, Private, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of Boulay, France. When a thunderous artillery and mortar barrage inflicted

from which he observed hostile bazooka gunners approaching. Quickly firing before the Germans were able to bring their weapons into action, he killed three and forced the remainder to retreat. His fearless actions on this occasion reflect great credit on Private First Class SMITH and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ANGELO BIANCATO, 32591137, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 December 1944 to 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ensdorf. During a critical phase of house-to-house fighting in Ensdorf, Staff Sergeant BIANCATO repeatedly braved enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire to coordinate his platoon's attack on both sides of the street along which it advanced. Although any movement invariably drew deadly fire, Staff Sergeant BIANCATO courageously led his attacking squads in every assault. On one occasion, he personally killed a German operating a flame thrower and wounded his assistant during one attack. Staff Sergeant BIANCATO'S inspiring leadership and valorous devotion to duty throughout this difficult period exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ZOLA L. BRADLEY, 34590092, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of West Tannen, Germany. When withering machine gun and sniper fire halted the advance of a platoon in Company G, leaving the group pinned down in a precarious situation, Staff Sergeant BRADLEY unhesitatingly led his squad toward the hostile fire by a covered route. Many yards away from the objective, he was faced with completely open terrain, but Staff Sergeant BRADLEY intrepidly advanced with his men across the coverless area, using marching fire. The relentless assault demoralized the enemy and forced a withdrawal, freeing the platoon from the murderous enfilade fire. The aggressive, courageous leadership given by Staff Sergeant BRADLEY on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

MARSHAL C. BARGAN, 36062305, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 19 October 1944 to 15 April 1945 Technician Fifth Grade BARGAN'S courageous efforts and high technical skill in maintaining the organic vehicles of Company G and in driving through enemy fire to deliver hot food and supplies to front line troops contributed outstandingly to the battle success of his organization. At Fraulautern, Technician Fifth Grade BARGAN heroically drove his ration-laden vehicle across the Saar river bridge under almost constant shelling to supply his embattled comrades. His resolute, untiring devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade BARGAN. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN A. MUST, 01308380, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in Germany. As weapons platoon leader in Company G throughout the period 1 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, First Lieutenant MUST displayed a consistently high degree of courage and resourcefulness under fire. Exercising great personal initiative in all tasks assigned or voluntarily undertaken, he performed his hazardous duties skillfully and calmly. First Lieutenant MUST'S outstanding leadership and devoted, heroic service during an extended



period of combat contributed greatly to the success achieved by Company G, reflecting distinct credit in line and exemplifying high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

JOHN STANUL, 6543926, First Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

LAWRENCE C. RHOADES, 627744, Master Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES O. MANNING JR, 61170471, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

WILLIAM M. BERRY, 61176352, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

ROBERT C. JAMES, 61176077, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

ADAM R. COGHELAN, 37420773, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Service Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

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AWARD OF THE BRASS STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRASS STAR MEDAL By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 60044, 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:

SAMUEL SILVERSTEIN, 01052117, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company H, 888<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1st Airborne Division, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 January 1945, in the vicinity of Herborn, Germany. Observing another officer hit by sniper fire while securing an open area, one hundred yards wide, Second Lieutenant SILVERSTEIN without regard for his own life left his covered position and went to the aid of the wounded man, rushing under the continuing fire to the side of the casualty, who sustained a severe leg wound, he heroically carried the helpless man fifty yards to safety and medical attention. The fortitude and devotion to a wounded comrade displayed by Second Lieutenant SILVERSTEIN at the risk of his life reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JOSEPH E. HUSSELBURG, 35480592, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 888<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France, and Esdorf, Germany. On 16 November 1944, First Sergeant HUSSELBURG personally led his wire teams through heavy artillery and mortar barrages, over unknown terrain, to establish communications with all the attacking companies participating in the Third Battalion's initial assault in the battle for Metz. Throughout this arduous campaign and the ensuing drive to the Saar, he continued his courageous, untiring efforts, succeeding in maintaining expert communications for his organization despite fierce enemy resistance and difficult weather conditions. His intrepid, capable service reflects great credit on First Sergeant HUSSELBURG and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

RANDOLPH G. HUBER, 37237323, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 888<sup>th</sup> 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 Esdorf, Germany. Crossing the Saar river in the wake of the Third Battalion's assault troops, Sergeant HUBER established and maintained an ammunition and ration distribution point on the east bank. Braving violent enemy artillery and mortar fire every night during the period, Sergeant HUBER made repeated trips to load supply trucks across the river and over a shell-pounded field, five hundred yards wide, into Esdorf. Sergeant HUBER'S valiant devotion to duty in maintaining a supply point under extremely hazardous circumstances exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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ALNEY L. DAVIS, 34445925, Staff Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of Insdorf, Germany. On outpost duty in an Insdorf house on the night of 6 December 1944, Staff Sergeant DAVIS heard an enemy patrol approaching Company I's positions. Boldly stepping into the street, although armed only with a pistol, he first challenged in the direction of the advancing group and then, firing as he moved, ran toward the Germans. Utterly demoralized by Staff Sergeant DAVIS' aggressive action, the ten-man patrol fled in confusion, leaving one dead, two motorcycles and a twenty-millimeter gun. His timely, fearless conduct on this occasion exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant DAVIS. Entered military service from Georgia.

WILLIAM G. FOHL, 36247500, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of Insdorf, Germany. Assuming command of a rifle platoon when his company was engaged in constant, bitter fighting in Insdorf, Technical Sergeant FOHL rapidly reorganized his group and aggressively led the platoon in an attack on a group of houses containing hostile snipers. Crossing a railroad track raked with machine gun and twenty-millimeter fire Technical Sergeant FOHL resolutely pressed the attack, executing his plans with veteran skill and driving the enemy from the objective buildings. His vigorous, resourceful leadership, and great personal courage reflect distinct credit on Technical Sergeant FOHL and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RODOLPH F. FILLER, 32810766, Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Idorn, Germany. Throughout a determined counter-attack against Company I, on 7 April 1945, Sergeant FILLER, carrying his heavy radio, accompanied his commanding officer as he moved among the assault platoons, heroically exposing himself to machine gun and sniper fire to maintain unbroken communications. Then, when the company moved forward in an attack on its next objective, Sergeant FILLER again disregarded his own safety, braving automatic weapons and small arms fire to permit the accurate adjustment of fire on hostile positions. The courage and determination given by Sergeant FILLER under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

JOSEPH J. GULAS, 35310330, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost Tunnel, Germany. While the rifle platoon to which his mortar section was attached participated in a furious fire fight near Ost Tunnel, on 5 April 1945, Technical Sergeant GULAS reconnoitered the sector for mortar positions and observation posts, disregarding the great personal danger to find advantageous positions. Then, emplacing his weapons quickly, he proceeded to direct effective fire on the hostile entrenchments, reducing materially the enemy resistance and facilitating the platoon's advance to its objective. Technical Sergeant GULAS' resolute, skillful leadership reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

EDWARD F. W. HOLTZ, 37208369, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagen, Germany. When forward elements of Company L, advancing toward a Lippe Canal railroad bridge, were halted by

soldiers were wounded and thirty were forced to surrender. Staff Sergeant **WILSON** bravely, intrepidly participated in greatly facilitating his platoon's advance notwithstanding great credit in his and on the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

**WALTER W. WITTE**, Jr., 3540505, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Manders, Germany. On 5 December 1944, Sergeant **WITTE** displayed courageous initiative when the supply line was cut off under his command and was hit by an enemy mortar shell while covering the retreat and five men were wounded. Despite the mortar barrage pounding the bridgehead, Sergeant **WITTE** effected the evacuation of the casualties to an aid station, himself personally carrying one man the entire four hundred yards. His heroic, devoted actions under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Sergeant **WITTE**, entered military service from Ohio.

**WALTER G. WIL**, 3359123, Private First Class, 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 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During the period 15 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, Private First Class **WIL** performed his duties as a line soldier in a consistently heroic manner. Throughout the battle for Metz, he fearlessly installed and repaired wire lines to the attacking expansion, consistently exposing himself to enemy mortar and shell fire to maintain continuous communication. Private First Class **WIL** was wounded in action while boldly seeking to lay wire to the command post of an assault element under intense hostile fire. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class **WIL** under hazardous conditions reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

**WALTER G. WISSALL**, 3533326, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Driving a wire jeep throughout a hard and arduous job of combat, Private First Class **WISSALL** on many occasions braved mortar and rifle fire barrage while performing his duties with unflinching skill and courage. On 10 April 1945, Private First Class **WISSALL** continued laying wire although tenaciously pursued by enemy artillery barrage, driving over barbed-wired terrain under the heavy shellfire to complete his mission and return his vehicle and valuable signal equipment to his platoon. The heroic, intrepid service given by Private First Class **WISSALL** exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

**WALTER G. WITTE**, 01165716, Captain, FA, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

**WALTER W. WITTE**, Jr., 0377565, Captain, FA, Headquarters, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 March 1945 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

HAROLD T. OLTHOFF, 36600575, Technical Sergeant, PA, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 October 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM M. JENKINS, 01745121, Captain, MG, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 1 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

WALTER H. HENNING, 32231543, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 January 1945 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

LEONARD V. JOHNSON, 0425537, Captain, GI, Headquarters, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 28 January 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

STANLEY S. MROGOWSKI, 10094503, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE H. JONES, 35485960, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

DANIEL T. HOUSTON, 34078999, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

SHeldon GILBERTON, 36357316, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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heavy rifle fire from enemy positions across the bridge, Technical Sergeant HOLTZ quickly indicated posts for the light machine gunners and assigned fire missions. Then, fearlessly running, as an enemy rifle under intense fire, he took up an ~~enemy position~~ ~~to observe his platoon's~~ ~~position~~, directing fire from a barrage of such effectiveness that the enemy was forced to quit his entrenchments. Technical Sergeant HOLTZ' heroic, resolute actions in causing his company to cross the Lippe Canal against greatly reduced resistance exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Kansas.

EDWARD B. DOUGLAS, 01285216, First Lieutenant, INF, Company K, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost-Tunnen, Germany. Leading his platoon relentlessly forward during Company K's attack on Ost-Tunnen, First Lieutenant DOUGLAS urged his men to continue their advance in spite of intense machine gun and rifle fire. Using marching fire, his platoon overran the enemy positions, capturing thirty prisoners, and continued its determined pursuit of the Germans withdrawing into Ost-Tunnen. Then, taking advantage of the momentum attained by his command, First Lieutenant DOUGLAS led the platoon in a direct attack on the town, meeting only scattered resistance and taking many prisoners. His vigorous, intrepid leadership reflects great credit on First Lieutenant DOUGLAS and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES L. C. COOKSEY, 34739642, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company L, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wambel, Germany. Displaying heroic qualities of leadership when his squad was pinned down by vicious hostile flak and sniper fire while attacking Wambel, Sergeant COOKSEY arose and, standing in the midst of the heavy fire, signalled his men to follow him. Inspired by his daring, the squad followed in an advance so swift and unexpected that several artillery positions were overrun before the enemy could withdraw its weapons. Sergeant COOKSEY'S bold, resolute leadership on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Tennessee.

MENSEL I. BOYD, 36507887, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 20 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 Technical Sergeant BOYD performed his duties as platoon sergeant with high skill and courage, his aggressive reconnaissance of forward areas for gun positions and replacing of guns under fire being constantly inspiring to his men. In the Saar River crossing, he personally supervised the placement of each gun while exposed to a terrific artillery and mortar barrage. Although a prime mover was hit during the movement, Technical Sergeant BOYD fearlessly led his guns into excellent positions from which effective supporting fire was delivered. His heroic leadership and resolute devotion to duty reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant BOYD and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM L. LAWRENCE, 03086837, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, ~~8888~~ Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lohausenholz, Germany. During an attack by his platoon on an enemy pocket of resistance holding up the advance of Company H, First Lieutenant LAWRENCE was directing the movement of his men from a

completely exposed position when he was struck and seriously wounded by a sniper's bullet. Heroically refusing evacuation, he continued to supervise his platoon's efforts until a safe point was reached from which the remaining men still present was evacuated. First Lieutenant LAMBERT'S skillful, persevering leadership and heroic devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and are in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

JOSEPH A. SEZEMANIK, 37176226, Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Nausdorf, Germany. Protected by a smoke screen, Sergeant SEZEMANIK and his squad crossed an open space covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire to assault an enemy strong point. Vigorously pushing the attack Sergeant SEZEMANIK led his men relentlessly forward until the strong point was taken. Then, although the screening smoke had cleared, he intrepidly remained under the continuing fire to recover and carry to safety a wounded comrade, lying in the fire-swept street. Sergeant SEZEMANIK'S fearless, resolute actions exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Louisiana.

WALTER H. BROWN, JR., 32792411, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost Tannen, Germany. On 5 April 1945, a number of Private First Class BROWN'S platoon was seriously wounded and lay in front of the platoon's positions near Ost Tannen. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class BROWN made his way across an open space and, in the face of heavy small arms fire, administered first aid to the wounded men. Then, realizing the precarious situation, he continued participating in the bitter fire fight, covering his comrades' position until nightfall made evacuation possible. The fortitude and heroic devotion displayed by Private First Class BROWN in saving a wounded man's life reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LESLIE H. LASHINBERG, 61285292, First Lieutenant, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ost Tannen, Germany. As First Lieutenant LASHINBERG'S platoon approached its objective near Ost Tannen, heavy enemy small arms fire was encountered, forcing the group to take cover in a shelter ditch. Realizing that rapidly-approaching daylight would expose his men to direct hostile observation, First Lieutenant LASHINBERG organized immediately and, ordering marching also, led the platoon in a powerful assault which overran and reduced the objective. The daring, aggressive leadership given by First Lieutenant LASHINBERG on this occasion exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ELMER E. BYRNE, 35490735, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Turnerberg, Germany. On 9 April 1945, Staff Sergeant BYRNE'S platoon attacked well-emplaced enemy positions over open ground swept by intense small arms fire. When two squads were immobilized by the enemy's fire, Staff Sergeant BYRNE cleverly led the third squad in a flanking attack to divert the enemy's attention and permit the platoon to continue advancing. Choosing a concealed route and outflanking the German element, he quickly placed his men into commanding positions and opened such effective fire that four enemy

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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 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:

THOMAS H. PICKELL, 6966038, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Inantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 April 1945, in the vicinity of Vockshausen, Germany. On reconnaissance to gain information on enemy deployment, Staff Sergeant PICKELL's patrol met heavy machine gun and small arms fire. When his jeep, immobilized by a punctured tire, was subjected to such intense fire that the machine gunner was driven from his post, Staff Sergeant PICKELL without hesitation manned the gun. Remaining exposed during thirty minutes of severe fighting, he assisted valiantly in taking twenty-six prisoners and in revealing to the advancing rifle troops an enemy trap. His gallant, intrepid actions in eliminating a powerful enemy strongpoint are in keeping with the traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant PICKELL. Entered military service from Georgia.

THOMAS G. DOWNING, 32347140, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Inantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Scholz, Germany. When his machine gun platoon directly supported a rifle company's attempt to seize a bridge over the Lippe Canal, Private First Class DOWNING was directed to place a gun in action on an embankment near the bridge. Ordering his comrades to remain covered, Private First Class DOWNING fearlessly pushed his weapon to the top of the embankment where, exposed constantly to hostile panzerfaust and sniper fire, he quickly opened fire. His heroic efforts in conjunction with other supporting fire, demoralized the enemy troops, forcing them to surrender in large numbers and enabling the rifle company to establish the vital bridgehead. Private First Class DOWNING's gallantry under fire reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

GEORGE SMITH Jr, 36859929, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*Inantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rhynow, Germany. Seizing an automatic rifle from a wounded enemy, Private First Class SMITH intrepidly advanced alone toward an enemy position from which was pinning down his squad in a wooded area near Rhynow. He moved forward, he continued his dogged progress until he reached the trenchment. Then, pouring fire into the position, Private First Class SMITH killed two German soldiers and immediately relieved the critical situation. His initiative and courage given by Private First Class SMITH are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

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II. WARD, JOSEPH CUB, OF MERIT FOR FEAT. MEDALS: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-43, as amended, and Executive Order, No. 9738, U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the bronze star medal is awarded to the following:

CHARLES E. FINCH, 3512441, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company 1, 1st Infantry Division, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Metz, France, when the bullet from his own machine gun or enemy mortar shell hit him, Staff Sergeant FINCH fearlessly took an exposed position in the attack to locate the remaining weapons, quickly discovering the source of fire, he was directing effectively the killing of hostile emplacements when he was killed by a direct hit on his observation post. Staff Sergeant FINCH'S inspiring, heroic actions and selfless devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect lasting honor on his honored military service from California.

ROBERT D. GEFZ, 35411237, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company 1, 1st Infantry Division, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Bismark, Germany for three consecutive nights, Staff Sergeant GEFZ led carrying parties in ferrying operations across the river under cover of six hundred yards of coverless terrain under constant artillery and mortar shelling to deliver supplies to his company, fighting in hand-to-hand combat, fearlessly crossing the vital transitions and sections at the river bank, Staff Sergeant GEFZ inadvertently was awarded the group to the front line to insure proper distribution. He died, on 10 December 1944, of wounds received while engaged in an enemy's hazardous mission. The fortitude and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant GEFZ reflect lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. WARD OF MERIT FOR FEAT. MEDALS: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-43, as amended, and Executive Order, No. 9738, U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the bronze star medal is awarded to the following:

WILLIAM G. TRUITMAN, 34123357, Private First Class, I.D., Company B, 1st Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, from 15 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in France and Germany. Serving as a litter bearer with the first aid company and as an ambulance driver for an aid station, Private First Class TRUITMAN repeatedly and without hesitation exposed himself to enemy fire, during the period 15 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, to accomplish his duties as missions. On several occasions he boldly evacuated casualties across the battlefield and over rivers in assault boats, making possible the prompt administration of medical treatment to the wounded. His extreme courage and skill under fire are in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect distinct credit on Private First Class TRUITMAN. Entered military service from South Carolina.

HENRY J. LOU, 37209992, Private First Class, I.D., Company B, 1st 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 Bismark, Germany. During the period 15 November 1944 to 15 December 1944 Private First Class LOU served as a litter bearer with the first aid company engaged in the

EDWARD H. KOCH, 20254595, Private, FA, Company B, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kuesen, Germany. From 5 April 1945 to 10 April 1945 Private KOCH fearlessly acted as liaison due to the impossibility of maintaining wire or radio communications between a tank destroyer section and the assault infantry. His courageous, untiring efforts in successfully maintaining liaison between the two elements in spite of great personal risk reflect distinct credit on Private KOCH and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

ALFRED A. HUEFFNER, 20254403, Sergeant, FA, Company A, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kuesen, Germany. Although enemy tanks and mortars were shelling the entire sector held by an infantry platoon to which his tank destroyer platoon was attached, Sergeant HUEFFNER fearlessly moved his section into position on an exposed hillside. Training his guns on a hostile observation post and on several German tanks, he delivered thirty-five rounds of such devastatingly effective fire that the enemy post was destroyed and the tanks utterly routed. Sergeant HUEFFNER'S resolute, skillful leadership on this occasion is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

EDWARD J. DEDDINS, 0182218, First Lieutenant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 July 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. Leader of a tank destroyer platoon throughout ten months of bitter fighting, First Lieutenant DEDDINS demonstrated high courage and combat skill, coordinating the men under his command into a cohesive, effective fighting unit. His bold, aggressive leadership and complete understanding of each operation enabled his platoon to accomplish its missions rapidly and with minimum losses, reflecting distinct credit on First Lieutenant DEDDINS and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

LEWIS S. HUEGGER, 01822617, First Lieutenant, FA, Company B, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. Executive officer of Company B from 1 July 1944 to 15 April 1945, First Lieutenant HUEGGER distinguished himself by his courageous, unstinting devotion to duty. On many occasions called upon to relieve platoon leaders temporarily, he invariably executed his missions with great skill. Once, while a platoon was retiring under heavy artillery fire after completing a mission, a gun and its crew received a direct hit. Quickly organizing an evacuation party, First Lieutenant HUEGGER heroically succeeded in recovering the casualties and the gun in spite of the continued shelling. His intrepid, resolute devotion to duty throughout a long and difficult combat period reflects great credit on First Lieutenant HUEGGER and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JACK GILMAN, 33198035, Technician Fourth Grade, ED, Medical Detachment, for heroic achievement in connection with military

Entered military service from Kansas.  
WILLIAM W. KELLY, 20251550, Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), PA, Company B, \*\*\*Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 June 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. As a staff sergeant for Company B during the period 30 June 1944 to 20 April 1945, Technical Sergeant KELLY displayed a high order of skill and courage in the performance of his duty, playing a vital role in leading the vehicles of his unit in operation throughout a period of almost constant movement. Technical Sergeant KELLY on several occasions repaired tank destroyers while under direct enemy observation and fire. His courage and devotion to duty over a long and arduous combat period contributed greatly to the success achieved in battle by Company B, reflecting high credit on Technical Sergeant KELLY and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

COLLE WILBANKS, 34210616, Private First Class, PA, Company I, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Remen, Germany. On 9 April 1945, the tank destroyer of which Private First Class WILBANKS was radio operator and assistant driver was subjected to fire by hostile guns and was temporarily disabled when it received a direct hit. Although he was wounded in the blast, Private First Class WILBANKS doggedly remained in the destroyer and continued to operate his radio under the continuing enemy fire until the vehicle was removed to a place of safety. Private First Class WILBANKS' resolute, heroic actions on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from South Carolina.

WILLIAM E. BRADY, 33213906, Technician Fifth Grade, PA, Company B, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Remen, Germany. On 9 April 1945, the tank destroyer driven by Technician Fifth Grade BRADY was temporarily disabled when it was struck by a shell delivered at close range by an enemy direct fire weapon. Although wounded and exposed to the devastating fire which destroyed several nearby friendly tanks, Technician Fifth Grade BRADY doggedly remained at his post until the destroyer was removed to a place of safety. His heroic unwavering courage in the face of enemy mortar fire reflects great credit on Technician Fifth Grade BRADY and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

WILLIAM H. HANBLY, 35316290, Sergeant, PA, Company I, \*\*\*Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Remen, Germany. When his tank destroyer received a direct hit by an enemy high velocity shell, killing one crew member, wounding another and temporarily disabling the vehicle, Sergeant HANBLY quickly directed his driver to a position in defilade. Contacting nearby tanks and destroyers, he advised them of the dangerous sector and took command of local soldiers to conduct the casualty and remove the body of his dead comrade. When enemy artillery fire again began falling in the area, Sergeant HANBLY hurriedly moved the destroyer to a completely concealed position, sparing his crew and vehicle from possible further shelling. Sergeant HANBLY's tenacious, fearless conduct reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

...The following have been displayed by Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM ... high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect distinct credit in line. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

WILLIAM VIET, 32117335, Technician Fourth Grade, E.D., Medical Detachment, \*\*Tent Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 15 August 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. He received a citation attached to the combat platoon of Company A during the period 15 August 1944 to 15 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade VIET displays his personal courage and unwavering devotion to duty while executing and executing his combat command under fire. His unflagging energy and skillful, resolute performance of duty under extremely hazardous conditions reflect great credit on Technician Fourth Grade VIET and are in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES J. ... 31068643, Technician Fourth Grade, E.D., Headquarters Company, \*\*Tent Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 12 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

PAUL ... 32017313, Private First Class, E.D., Company A, \*\*Tent Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 29 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER ... 20254753, Technical Sergeant, E.D., Headquarters Company, \*\*Tent Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES ... 32116201, Technical Sergeant, E.D., Headquarters Company, \*\*Tent Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 July 1944 to 12 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

WALTER ... 33172515, Technical Sergeant, INF (Armed), Service Company, \*\*Tent Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 July 1944 to 12 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

GEORGE ... 025679, Captain, 1st, Company A, \*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 10 April 1945. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

WALTER ... 35115946, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 May 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

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ARNOLD H. HUGHES, 37450110, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 January 1945 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

WALTER D. HUGHES, 36250200, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 January 1945 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

EDWARD E. HUGHES, 31332125, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

LEONARD E. HUGHES, 37280070, Private First Class, INF, Company G, Second Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN E. HUGHES, 36000140, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, Second Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 October 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

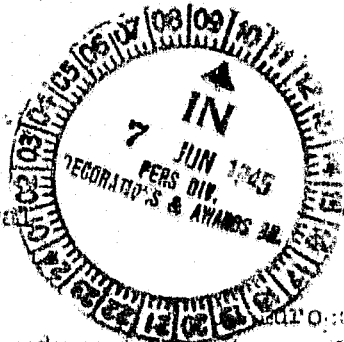
ROBERT E. HUGHES, 36359317, First Sergeant, INF, Company B, Second Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER E. HUGHES, 15105041, Private First Class, INF, Company G, Second Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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FIELD OF HONOR SPECIAL By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 60045, as amended, and Executive Order No 34, 1st Edition U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

GEORGE W. ZACHARY, 35033024, Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

ALFRED E. OLSON, 37293626, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

PHILIP E. PATTON, 3710167, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 November 1944 to 5 December 1944. Entered military service from South Dakota.

ALFRED G. HANDE, 37190290, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 12 November 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

ROBERT W. CHRISTIAN, JR., 34766396, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

DONALD E. SMITH, 16072510, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 24 November 1944 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Vernon E. GULPINCSON, 37294341, Staff Sergeant, INF, Service Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

ROBERT E. COLBY, 18102923, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Service Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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JOHN P. LEIDY, 0461440, Captain, MG, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EMILIO H. YESKIE, 36246743, Master Sergeant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOSEPH CONVIVANT, 35332250, Staff Sergeant, 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 Indiana.

JAMES A. WILLARD, 35387200, Technician Fifth Grade, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JOHN E. DOWDALL, 17058089, Private First Class, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

GRACE WHEELERS, 35316212, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 November 1944 to 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

HOWARD D. GILBERT, 35465017, Technician Fourth Grade, 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 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

CHARLES C. TULL, 35315942, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

FRANKLIN E. GANZ, 31411081, 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 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

JOE L. GIANES, 37213261, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

LYNN F. RUGBY, 37039269, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious

ALFRED PROVCHAK, 11037003, Technician Fifth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

VICTOR A. ELWITTE, 36249539, Technician Fifth Grade, QIC, \*\*\*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 Wisconsin.

CHARLES H. GARDNER, 37236518, Technician Fourth Grade, QIC, \*\*\*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 Minnesota.

LEONARD GIRTZ, 37239000, Technician Fourth Grade, QIC, \*\*\*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 Minnesota.

FRANCIS J. GONICK, 02594197, First Lieutenant, QIC, \*\*\*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 Illinois.

ROBERT H. WELLS, 03307501, Technician Fifth Grade, QIC, \*\*\*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 Illinois.

CHARLES H. GROTZEL, 35040001, Technician Third Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of Major General TWADDELL:

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Chief of Staff

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JAMES R. MESSER, 36249053, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 November 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HARRY E. COLLINS, 36357576, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

DJIE J. VAN HATTEN, 36878155, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

MARVIN J. MCALEE, 36249777, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOSEPH A. BENNETT, 36393510, Staff Sergeant, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

MALCOLM J. GUINANE, 36357531, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM T. SIMON, 35464790, Technical Sergeant, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 18 October 1944 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER, 33465336, Private, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

DANIEL E. GIBBERT, 36603321, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

LESLIE P. MC HATTAN, 36200913, First Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 April 1945 to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ALFRED NOVACHEN, 11027008, Technician Fifth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

VICTOR A. HAWITTEK, 36249539, Technician Fifth Grade, QAC, \*\*\*\*quarter-master Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CHARLES H. GUNDRON, 37286518, Technician Fourth Grade, QTC, \*\*\*\*quarter-master Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

LEONARD GINTZ, 37289066, Technician Fourth Grade, QAC, \*\*\*\*quarter-master Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

FRANCIS P. COHLICK, 02594197, First Lieutenant, Q C, \*\*\*\*quarter-master 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.

FRANCIS D. WELLS, 3352201, Technician Fifth Grade, QAC, \*\*\*\*quarter-master 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.

CHARLES H. GLOTZAN, 35042284, Technician Third Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\* Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR  
 SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
 SECTION III - AWARD OF ONE LEAF CLUSTER  
 SECTION IV - AWARD OF SECOND ONE LEAF CLUSTER

I. Award of Silver Star: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 31, Hq. Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS, O1325975, First Lieutenant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 333rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 22 and 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Buschdorf, Germany. After successfully maintaining a smoke screen over the Rhine near Griedrichsdorf on 22 March 1945, First Lieutenant CUMMINGS proceeded to Oberflorich with a group of men and spent the entire night preparing the next day's operations. The following morning, while instituting the smoke screen, he and his men were harassed by heavy hostile fire which rapidly gained in intensity. Throughout a terrific full-hour bombardment, First Lieutenant CUMMINGS continued to direct maintenance of the screening smoke until the mission was successfully completed. Then, proceeding to the rally point and discovering two men to be missing, he boldly returned through the barrage and after a two-hour search, located them. His gallant and heroic actions reflect great credit on First Lieutenant CUMMINGS and on the military service entered military service from Kentucky.

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:

ROY FLOYD, O3165729, Captain, FA, Headquarters, 333rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Dortmund, Germany as an artillery observer during the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, Captain FLOYD exposed himself repeatedly to enemy fire to obtain forward observation points to direct shelling in support of infantry assault troops. Well placed supporting fire delivered by Captain FLOYD in many instances forced the enemy to surrender in large numbers, permitting friendly elements to seize important objectives with minimum loss. Captain FLOYD's aggressive, skillful actions throughout a period of highly mobile operations reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service entered military service from Illinois.

ROY E. SMITH, 35486523, Corporal, FA, Headquarters Battery, 333rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany, during the period 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945 Corporal SMITH performed his duties as battalion agent with great courage and resourcefulness, on many occasions

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boldly carrying vital messages to the battalion command post through heavy shelling. His daring initiative and unflinching devotion to duty throughout an extended combat period are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Corporal SMITH. Entered military service from Kentucky.

EDWARD M. SUTHERSTON, 37286434, Staff Sergeant, FA, Headquarters Battery \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany. Staff Sergeant SUTHERSTON displayed a high order of skill and courageous initiative while performing his duties as chief of the survey section during the period 20 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, the accuracy of his operations resulting in excellent survey control being furnished the fire direction center. In many instances Staff Sergeant SUTHERSTON unhesitatingly braved hostile observation and intense artillery and mortar fire to complete his assignments. The heroic devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant SUTHERSTON throughout a long, arduous period of battle reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER W. HANON, 39210673, Technician Fifth Grade, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 31 January 1945, in the vicinity of Wadgassen, Germany. Member of a forward observer section, Technician Fifth Grade HANON voluntarily went out into the vicious mortar and machine gun fire to establish and maintain communications between his battery and battalion headquarters during operations near Wadgassen. On several occasions at Wadgassen, he fearlessly braved terrible mortar barrages, by day and by night, to repair wire communications severed by the heavy shelling. Technician Fifth Grade HANON'S great personal courage and understatement in performing his hazardous duties with consistent skill throughout a difficult period of combat reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

CHARLES T. MC COMICK, 01185238, Second Lieutenant, FA, Battery C, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nord-Dinker, Germany. On 3 April 1945, Second Lieutenant MC COMICK'S forward observer party was advancing with tank-infantry assault forces in an attack on Nord-Dinker when two tanks burst into the area upon being hit by hostile fire. Quickly seeking cover behind a hay stack, Second Lieutenant MC COMICK intrepidly set up his radio and adjusted fire of the mortar and the nearby team. Confronted by an enemy tank which approached to within a few yards of his position, he boldly directed fire on the tank, scoring it with four rounds without missing. Then, Second Lieutenant MC COMICK remained at his post adjusting a ten-minute barrage to cover the withdrawal of the assault troops. His bold, resolute conduct reflects great credit on Second Lieutenant MC COMICK and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JIMMY C. COLLINS, 04468777, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lisen, Germany. Forward Observer for Battery B, First Lieutenant COLLINS displayed outstanding courage and

traits of the military service and reflect distinct credit in First Lieutenant COLLINS. Entered military service from New York.

LEWIS Z. ZEFFERMAN, 6114573, Captain, P., Battery A, 888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of Itzenharr, Germany. While reconnoitering the area and his battery near Itzenharr, Captain ZEFFERMAN and his reconnaissance party were subjected to heavy mortar barrage. Calm proceeding with his thorough reconnaissance despite the barrage, Captain ZEFFERMAN carefully selected a well-organized series of positions and then unobtrusively led through the position to his battery into position without loss of men or material. The bold leadership and conspicuous devotion to duty given by Captain ZEFFERMAN on this occasion reflect distinct credit on him and are in keeping with high tradition of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

FRANK S. SHANKO, 37299439, Private First Class, P., Battery A, 888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 March 1945, in the vicinity of Urdingen, Germany. Radio operator with a reconnaissance party, Private First Class SHANKO was critically wounded as he carried his radio into Urdingen in the attacking infantry. Undeterred by his wounds, he covered over hundred yards through the hail of hostile bullets and, with a bloody forehead, refused to submit to evacuation until directly ordered otherwise. Private First Class SHANKO's devoted, heroic devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DANIEL E. MC HANSON, 35622895, Technician Fourth Grade, P., Headquarters Battery, 888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Through his repair of radios and other operations, Technician Fourth Grade MC HANSON performed his duties as radio technician with high skill and courage under fire, succeeding through his untiring efforts to maintain the radio equipment of several observation and liaison sections in superb condition. On many occasions, Technician Fourth Grade MC HANSON proceeded to forward crucial parts of retreating infantry companies under artillery and mortar fire to repair units necessary for the adjustment of supporting fire. The valiant, distinguished service given by Technician Fourth Grade MC HANSON reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

STAFF SERGEANT CLAUDE G. GILLES, 37213413, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 11 November 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Staff Sergeant GILLES distinguished himself by his aggressive, heroic conduct as mortar section sergeant during the period 11 November 1944 to 20 April 1945. When the mortar battalion withdrew from its staff, on 20 December 1944, his prompt delivery of mortar protective fire on the overhanging high ground forced the retreat of the enemy. GILLES rendered valiant firing heavily in the withdrawing troops. The staunch determination and valiant initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant GILLES throughout the various phases of combat reflect distinct credit on him and are in the mili-

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ary service. Entered military service from Kansas.

CLIFFORD H. MILLER, 3916955, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 April 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. Serving as squad leader and, later, as platoon leader for Company F during six months of hazardous combat operations, Staff Sergeant MILLER displayed high qualities of leadership and resourcefulness. Throughout the clearing of the Ruhr valley, he fearlessly led his platoon over land through heavy enemy fire to seize difficult objectives readily, utterly disregarding the great personal risks to accomplish his assignments. His staunch leadership and unflinching devotion to duty during the period 19 October 1944 to 27 April 1945 reflect distinct credit on Staff Sergeant MILLER and on the military service. Entered military service from California.

THOMAS W. MULLER, 3692305, Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leuze, Germany. Severely wounded while on outpost duty with the other soldiers, Sergeant MULLER continued to fight doggedly when his position was isolated during an enemy attack. After his platoon initiated a counter-attack, ending the situation, Sergeant MULLER, accompanied by a comrade, was leading his way toward Company F's command post when his comrade was hit by a mortar's bullet and rendered helpless. Despite his weakened condition, Sergeant MULLER courageously carried the wounded man into his company's position. His heroic, devoted actions on this occasion are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Sergeant MULLER. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN E. MULLER, 36157762, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leuze, Germany. As a member of a squad which was wounded while repulsing a hostile counter-attack against a Company F unit, Private First Class MULLER moved out into still-intense rifle fire to accompany the company to a point where medical treatment was available. Wounded himself by a mortar's bullet as he assisted his comrade, Private First Class MULLER covered his comrade's wounds before attempting to reach safety. Further, the two wounded men were able to reach their company position. His courage and heroic determination in saving his powerful weapon for use during an enemy counter-attack reflect great credit on Private First Class MULLER and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES A. MULLER, 39799405, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leuze, Germany. Lead scout of a reinforced rifle squad on night patrol to establish contact with the enemy, Private First Class MULLER, heavily alert, heard three Germans occupying a ditch behind a barbed wire perimeter. Without hesitating, Private First Class MULLER opened fire on the enemy soldiers lying in ambush and killed all three. This action, which resulted in a tactical ambush by a Soviet unit, reflects credit on the military service and reflects great

A Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is attached to the following:

GEORGE F. COULIBSKI, 39905261, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagen, Germany, when half of Company L became isolated by a 150 mm mortar fire, in advancing across a field before Hagen, Staff Sergeant COULIBSKI remained the fire-fighter to obtain smoke pots for screening his company's movement. Accordingly, one of the pots was knocked from his hands by an enemy bullet, but Staff Sergeant COULIBSKI persisted in his dangerous mission and the company crossed the field without casualties. Later, Staff Sergeant COULIBSKI led a carrying party on three trips to bring in machine gun, mortar and rifle ammunition. His heroic performance of duty and gallant reflections merit credit on Staff Sergeant COULIBSKI and on the military service he rendered in military service from Ohio.

WILLIAM P. SMITH, 01295323, Captain, INF, Company F, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hagen, Germany, and Bornheim, Germany, leading Company F's attack force south of Hagen, Captain SMITH vigorously led Company F in the prompt reduction of two pockets of resistance which lay behind the sector. On 9 April 1945, when his company encountered direct eight-eight millimeter and 150 mm fire, Captain SMITH guided his troops to cover, skillfully reorganized them and repulsed the attack, suffering only three casualties. The successful, aggressive leadership which he consistently gave is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Captain SMITH. Merited military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT H. STEINER, 36245920, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company E, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommernich and Dammund-Brackel, Germany. When his platoon leader was wounded by mortar fire, Technical Sergeant STEINER took command without hesitation and led his comrades in a persistent attack on an enemy pocket which had resisted Company E's advance. On one occasion, Technical Sergeant STEINER purposely exposed himself to hostile observation in order to keep the enemy's automatic rifle from being repositioned. The fearless, cool leadership given by Technical Sergeant STEINER is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Merited military service from Wisconsin.

JAMES C. BILLINGS, 01300536, First Lieutenant, INF, Company H, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommernich and Dammund-Brackel, Germany. The calm, aggressive leadership given his platoon by First Lieutenant BILLINGS contributed greatly to the success of Company H's drive from Pommernich to Dammund-Brackel. His uncanny selection of firing points throughout this crucial action resulted in a minimum of casualties within his platoon while the enemy suffered heavily. The staunch, encouraging conduct displayed by First Lieutenant BILLINGS is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Merited military service from Mississippi.

ROBERT E. OLSON, 0528359, First Lieutenant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommernich, and Dortmund-Brackel, Germany. The calmly aggressive leadership given his platoon by First Lieutenant OLSON contributed greatly to the success of Company E's drive from Pommernich to Dortmund-Brackel. His uncanny selection of firing points throughout this grueling action resulted in a minimum of casualties within his platoon while the enemy suffered heavily. The staunch, encouraging conduct displayed by First Lieutenant OLSON is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Washington.

WILLIAM F. FIN, 02001045, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommernich, and Dortmund-Brackel, Germany. The calmly aggressive leadership given his platoon by Second Lieutenant FIN contributed greatly to the success of Company G's drive from Pommernich to Dortmund-Brackel. His uncanny selection of firing points throughout this grueling action resulted in a minimum of casualties within his platoon while the enemy suffered heavily. The staunch, encouraging conduct displayed by Second Lieutenant FIN is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from California.

WILLIAM H. HAMIL, 36413622, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarter Company, Third Battle Division, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Vackelhausen, Germany. When his platoon encountered a strongly-entrenched enemy force threatening the flank of the platoon with which he was serving as wireman, Sergeant HAMIL boldly advanced to engage the hostile force with rifle fire. His fearless, single-handed action stunned the enemy, causing an officer and four enlisted men to surrender, and completely relieving the pressure on the platoon's flank. Sergeant HAMIL's courageous, aggressive conduct reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HAROLD E. HERRWOOD, 36243083, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Dortmund, Germany. In an attack on strong enemy positions near Dortmund Staff Sergeant HERRWOOD'S platoon leader was wounded and the platoon was pinned down. With no regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant HERRWOOD exposed himself to the withering enemy fire, inspiring his comrades with bold determination, and they assaulted the German strong point relentlessly, capturing eight eighty-eight millimeter weapons and several machine guns. The confident, fearless leadership given by Staff Sergeant HERRWOOD is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

IVAN P. JAMISON, 0124436, First Lieutenant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.



antry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 September 1944 to 7 October 1944. Entered military service from England.

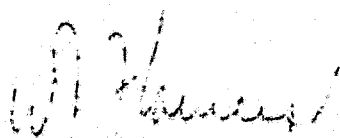
IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL By direction of the President, and under the provisions of P.L. 506-26, as amended, and Executive Order No. 34, 149, Ninth U. S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

JOHN W. BROWN, O351500, Captain, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Fism, Germany. During the attack on Fism Captain Brown volunteered to lead a patrol over unpopulated streets to the chief of police whose surrender, along with that of the hundred armed policemen, was desired. Although the chief of police refused to surrender, Captain Brown was able to convince him that German civilians must not fire on the American soldiers. The fortitude and initiative which he displayed on this occasion reflect great credit on Captain Brown and on the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

By command of Major General T. D. L. L.

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**AWARD OF THE DISTRICT:** In accordance with the provisions of the President, and under the provisions of the 600-45, as amended, and Executive Order, No. 14, 34, 35, Ninth U.S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

**WILLIAM A. THOMPSON, 38027604, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frankfort, Germany. When he had covered a lot of ground since nine hours of a hard and intense enemy artillery fire in a isolated rifle position, Private First Class THOMPSON was advised not to try to find a position of the probability of a machine gun position. Died during this close action, Private First Class THOMPSON removed the cover and moved stealthily to the rear, within fifty yards of the machine gun position. There, he boldly planted the mine, forming an effective obstacle for enemy recovery. Private First Class THOMPSON'S heroic decision to die reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with the ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.**

**LESTER M. WILLARD, 36411004, Private First Class, INF, German Company, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. During the period 26 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, Private First Class WILLARD served valiantly under enemy fire as a forward reconnoiterer. By lying and surviving essential wire lines to German Company's observation posts he contributed remarkably to the combat achievements of his organization. Private First Class WILLARD'S intrepid performance throughout long and arduous months of combat reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.**

**HAROLD R. MCMAHON, 38077447, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. On the occasion of the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, Staff Sergeant MCMAHON served valiantly to maintain the line of communications between the front and rear command sections. His staunch devotion to duty under enemy fire greatly facilitated the employment of powerful mortar fire against strategic positions. Staff Sergeant MCMAHON'S heroic achievements over long and arduous months of combat reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.**

**ROBERT L. LUGAS, 36258245, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, 888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, Staff Sergeant LUGAS led an elite mortar squad in the destruction of many strong German positions.**

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: In accordance with the provisions of the President, and under the provisions of Act 500-45, as amended, and Executive Order No. 12, Inc. Ninth U.S. Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

**WILLIAM A. STEVENSON, 32207604, Private, First Class, INF, 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 1st Airborne Division, 1st Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of the Rhine, Germany. While he had covered a line of five machine gun positions under intense enemy artillery fire to an isolated rifle squad, Private First Class STEVENSON was advised not to fire. He fired because of the probability of a tank in the gun position. Dying in this close combat, Private First Class STEVENSON removed his eyes and rendered them to the rear, within fifty yards of the hostile machine gun. Thus, he boldly planted the mine, for its own effective effect, for enemy purposes. Private First Class STEVENSON'S absolute decision to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.**

**ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, 31411004, Private First Class, INF, 6th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 26 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. During the period 26 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, Private First Class WILLIAMS served valiantly under enemy fire as air force reconnaissance driver, by driving and servicing essential vehicles to German Germany's observation posts to be established near the front. His performance throughout long and arduous months of duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.**

**ROBERT L. FORTNEY, 32277447, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, 1st Infantry Division, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. On 8 November 1944, Staff Sergeant FORTNEY was ordered to maintain the line of communications between the front and the rear. His staunch devotion to duty under enemy fire, courageously facilitated the employment of mortar fire against strong hostile positions. Staff Sergeant FORTNEY'S heroic achievements over long and arduous months of combat reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.**

**ROBERT L. LUCAS, 36358295, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, 1st Infantry Division, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, Staff Sergeant LUCAS led an 81 millimeter mortar squad in the destruction of many strong German positions.**

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Frequently he occupied forward observation posts, under enemy shell and gas fire as well as artillery concentrations, in order to most accurately direct the fire of his company. Staff Sergeant Ingham's staunch devotion to duty and vigorous leadership over the men trying to hold a post reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Amaluk V. La MARCHE, 3560156, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Cannon Company \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. As jeep driver and mechanic, Technician Fifth Grade La Marche contributed considerably to the accomplishment of Cannon Company, in the arduous days of combat from 20 October 1944 to 12 April 1945. Under fire from many hostile arms he invariably fulfilled the missions to which he was assigned. His fortitude and initiative reflect great credit on Technician Fifth Grade La Marche and typify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOHN H. GUNDEL, 32392919, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as mortar crewman, Private First Class Gunzel participated in the arduous fighting of the period from 3 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Private First Class Gunzel repeatedly distinguished himself by performing his duty resolutely under enemy fire. When a strong German counter-attack struck his company's positions along the Saar River, Private First Class Gunzel, declining to leave his artillery and mortar concentrations near his own rear, delivered accurate fire, until the enemy troops withdrew. His steadfast devotion to duty over and over, trying to hold a post reflects great credit on Private First Class Gunzel and on the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

JAMES D. FLAIGIS, 35450474, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Private First Class FLAIGIS repeatedly distinguished himself in the individual actions of the period from 20 October 1944 to 30 April 1945 by the fearless manner in which he accomplished the hazardous missions of a wireman. On one occasion, at St. Quentin, when the enemy shelling severed an observation position, he bravely repaired it in the midst of an artillery barrage. Private First Class FLAIGIS courageously fulfilled his duty in keeping with the traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Kentucky.

WALTER H. DE FRAZ, 13208135, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Aachen, Germany. Under intense enemy fire Private First Class De Fraz risked his life to go to the aid of another soldier who lay wounded on the ground twenty-five yards from a building which offered protection from the hostile attack. Private First Class De Fraz fearlessly crawled his way to the building, while the enemy fire continued, and his life was saved. His heroically unselfish act reflects great credit on Private First Class De Fraz and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

...ater, on 29 November 1944, when he led his mid-tank gun against the formidable defense of powerfully counter-attacking tanks and infantry. The staunch, skillful leadership which he gave in this engagement was an important factor in the success. Technical Sergeant HAVLICKER'S fortitude and daring reflect great credit on him and on the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAYMOND HILLER, 3543847, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany, including continuously at his own command the heaviest enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class HILLER repeatedly distinguished himself in the decisive actions of the period 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. His intrepid devotion to duty resulted in the destruction of many strong enemy positions. Private First Class HILLER'S heroic achievement and fearless conduct reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

WILLIAM J. CHURCH, JR., 16101377, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 22 December 1944 to 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sersultern, Germany. In order to facilitate the delivery of exceptionally accurate mortar fire on enemy strong points near Sersultern, Staff Sergeant CHURCH courageously moved over terrain covered by hostile snipers to observation posts which were frequently under heavy enemy artillery fire. His intrepid performance as a forward observer was particularly instrumental in the destruction of enemy positions. Staff Sergeant CHURCH'S fearless devotion to duty reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

WARREN G. HANSEN, 36085315, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altsulderf, Germany. In order to eliminate the enemy position which was held by a number of German troops, Technician Fifth Grade HANSEN and another soldier crawled a long distance within twenty yards of the enemy machine guns. Taking up a hold position in open terrain, Technician Fifth Grade HANSEN and his comrade fired four rounds at the tank. Later that evening the tank was abandoned by the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade HANSEN'S courageous initiative reflects great credit on him and on the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

LEWIS A. FRENCH, 35086718, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 16 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sersultern, Germany. In the bitter fighting at Sersultern and Sersultern, from 5 December 1944 to 16 January 1945, Private First Class FRENCH repeatedly distinguished himself under heavy enemy fire as a messenger. With magnificent courage he voluntarily exposed himself to an intense artillery concentration in order to repair a severed line of communication. As a result of his intrepid performance he sustained a severe wound, which was reported on the line he had

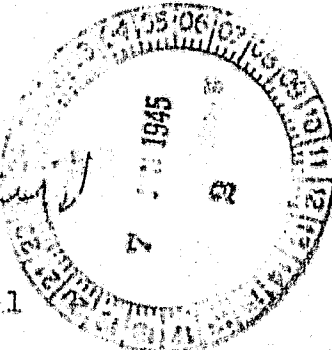
heroically repaired, was annihilated. Private First Class IRZEMICZYK'S heroic achievements reflect great credit on the entire military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

LESLIE R. SWANER, 3629843, Private First Class, TEF, Company D, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations of the Army, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. In the face of powerful enemy ground assaults on our positions in St. Barbara, Private First Class SWANER's gallantry and machine gun, furnishing steady protection for friendly rifle squads, when hostile tanks approached his position, Private First Class SWANER is hereby credited for the following infantry to come with reserve, when it suddenly and such an accurate and surprising stream of machine gun fire that the Germans fell back. His fearless devotion to duty is hereby Private First Class SWANER'S great credit on his and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

CHARLES L. THORNTON, 6166204, First Lieutenant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*  
Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations of the Army, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Torze, Germany, when the 1st Infantry Division relieved the company during an attack on enemy positions near Torze, First Lieutenant THORNTON established three strong outposts forward of his own. One outpost, consisting of three men, was almost immediately attacked by a squad of German Infantry soldiers and was in grave danger of complete destruction until First Lieutenant THORNTON halted the force of the assault by well-aimed mortar and tank destroyer fire. Then, personally leading his men through a successful counter-attack, he killed several Germans and routed the survivors, relieving the pressure on the important outpost. His staunch leadership and heroic actions are hereby credited with high credit on the military service and reflect great credit on First Lieutenant THORNTON. Entered military service from Texas.

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the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. Under intense enemy fire Corporal BUCHHEIM risked his life to go to the aid of another soldier who lay wounded on a stretcher twenty-five yards from a building which offered protection from the hostile artillery. Corporal BUCHHEIM fearlessly carried his comrade to the building, until the enemy fire continued, and his life was saved. His heroic deed reflected credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

LEONID BAKER, 3001341, Corporal, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. When he saw another soldier lying wounded under enemy fire, Corporal BAKER, with a comrade, advanced to the stricken man's side and despite the continuing enemy fire, carried him to a building where he participated in the administration of first aid. The fortitude which he displayed on this occasion reflected credit on Corporal BAKER and typified the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM L. BROWN, 16002499, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Augustdorf, Germany. When he saw another soldier lying wounded under enemy fire, Private First Class BROWN, with a comrade, advanced to the stricken man's side and despite the continuing enemy fire, carried him to a building where he participated in the administration of first aid. The fortitude which he displayed on this occasion reflected credit on Private First Class BROWN and typified the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN G. BROCKS, 16002404, Sergeant (When Private First Class), INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Franklert, Germany. With the task of demolishing an enemy pillbox in which two automatic weapons were employed, and which was held by an enemy-held pillbox, Sergeant BROCKS took it in his own hands and placed his signal to the main side of the house. In the face of intense enemy fire he placed a demolition charge against the wall and attached it. Following the explosion, Sergeant BROCKS led his comrades in a successful assault which utterly routed the German occupants. The fortitude and resourcefulness displayed by Sergeant BROCKS is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER E. BRACKMANN, 30712474, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 15 January 1945, in the vicinity of Scharleuborn-Rodon, Germany. When the brick-lined outpost of Private First Class BRACKMANN'S squad was pummeled by enemy mortar shells, Private First Class BRACKMANN stood in the face of hostile machine gun and rifle fire and directed the fire of our mortars on the German position. As our shells registered on the enemy mortar, Private First Class BRACKMANN shot two Germans with his rifle. Later, this gallant soldier carried a wounded comrade across a street interdicted by enemy rifle and machine gun fire to a point of safety. Private First Class BRACKMANN'S conduct in battle is in keeping with the highest ideals of the military service.

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and reflects great credit on him, Entered military service from New York.

LIVING ELYDA, 3055111, Priv to First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 21 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frankfurt, Germany, with American troops and the high command of the First Class ELYDA participated brilliantly in the maintenance of communications between the First Battalion command post and the troops which consisted of strong enemy positions at Frankfurt, from 21 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, his expert and skillful performance of a vital duty in the face of hostile machine gun fire and artillery shelling is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class ELYDA. Entered military service from Illinois.

I. P. HOOK, 38423305, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frankfurt, Germany, when while on an enemy patrol he reached his outpost at Frankfurt, Private First Class HOOK, observing that the Germans erected obstacles in an attempt to prevent the American troops from eliminating the hostile force of one. Hurling a grenade and firing his rifle rapidly, he boldly engaged the five Germans by himself. Fighting with great courage, Private First Class HOOK killed two of the Germans and wounded one. His heroic actions and gallantry, his magnificent partook and expert combat skill which he displayed on this occasion reflect great credit on Private First Class HOOK and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN D. ANDERSON, 3011441, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sarlembaum-Hoden, Germany, when his observation post at Sarlembaum-Hoden was under constant artillery fire, Sergeant ANDERSON intrepidly remained on the shell-plunged terrain, carrying out his duty. This fearless action was a vital part of the American effort to break through the enemy's defenses from 27 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. His partook and expert combat skill which he displayed on this occasion reflect great credit on Sergeant ANDERSON. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN G. MAJOSI, 30702300, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sarlembaum-Hoden, Germany. Under the initiative and leadership of Private First Class MAJOSI proceeded under heavy enemy fire to the officer commanding the troops who had isolated Private First Class MAJOSI to assist in the counter-attack at Sarlembaum-Hoden. In spite of the fact that he and his comrades were outnumbered Private First Class MAJOSI convinced the German officer that he should surrender himself and his men. The dramatic act by which Private First Class MAJOSI extricated his men from a critical situation reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from at Virginia.

JOHN R. SMITHSON, 3146402, Technical Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 November 1944, in the



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SECTION IV - Award OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 posthumously to:

WILLIAM J. GONOSKI, 31461527, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oerlinghausen, Germany. Assuming command when his squad leader was killed during an attack near Oerlinghausen, Private First Class GONOSKI hastily reorganized and ordered his men to continue advancing on their objective, the crest of a ridge. Against a fanatical defense by the entrenched enemy, the squad battled on, led by the daring, relentless advance of Private First Class GONOSKI. Finally, he fell fatally wounded under the fierce hostile fire, but his valiant determination inspired his comrades to continue their advance until the objective was taken. His gallant leadership and unwavering devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect lasting honor on Private First Class GONOSKI. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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:

WUFFIN J. BUTCHER JR., 38317790, Private First Class, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Langsdorf, Germany. Automatic rifleman, Private First Class BUTCHER was advancing with his platoon through intense enemy tank, machine gun and panzerfaust fire when he realized that a comrade was missing. Although painfully wounded, Private First Class BUTCHER without regard for himself set out alone to seek the missing soldier. After searching for ten minutes in the continuing heavy fire, he found his comrade, seriously wounded and unable to walk. Steadfastly ignoring his own pain, Private First Class BUTCHER carried the casualty more than one hundred yards to a covered position where medical attention was available. His valiant, devoted actions reflect great credit on Private First Class BUTCHER and on the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

HERBERT WOHL, 37292989, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company B, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Prusilautern, Germany. When severe automatic fire from pillboxes seriously hindered his platoon's advance, Staff Sergeant WOHL intrepidly inched his way to the rear of the bunker and persuaded the garrison to surrender. The occupants of another nearby pillbox, upon witnessing their comrades' capitulation, believed them.

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selves surrounded and immediately surrendered, enabling Staff Sergeant WOHL'S platoon to make a rapid advance in which many Germans were killed and several machine guns were captured. Staff Sergeant WOHL'S exploits doubt reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of A. C. 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:

HOWIE J. PFILFER, 3329010, Corporal, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Uerdingen, Germany. Approaching the outskirts of Uerdingen, Corporal PFILFER'S lead jeep was suddenly fired on by a strong enemy force. Corporal PFILFER stopped the vehicle and with his comrades began to return the savage hostile fire. An anti-tank grenade struck the jeep, and one of Corporal PFILFER'S comrades fell, seriously wounded. Disregarding his own safety, Corporal PFILFER crawled out in the face of the withering onslaught, but before he could reach the stricken soldier, Corporal PFILFER was killed by an enemy bullet. His heroic devotion to a comrade's life reflects lasting honor on Corporal PFILFER and is in keeping with the highest ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, and under the provisions of A. C. 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 L. BILBIE, 35464568, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, and Dortmund, Germany. Throughout a rapidly moving and fluid situation, from 5 April 1945 to 14 April 1945, Private First Class BILBIE and his observation team furnished vital information on enemy deployment and on the advances of friendly troops to the Second Battalion's commander. Resourcefully and aggressively selecting advantageous observation points, even though often under the eyes and fire of the enemy, Private First Class BILBIE maintained visual and personal contact with friendly forward elements and was at the same time in wire communication with the battalion command post. Private First Class BILBIE'S intrepid actions under fire contributed materially to the success achieved during this period by his organization, reflecting great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ALEX R. LANHAM, 35437868, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 15 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of Insarraf, Germany. Leader of an anti-tank squad, Staff Sergeant LANHAM was providing protection for the Second Battalion at a time when, during bitter fighting in Insarraf, the supply problem became most critical. Voluntarily organizing a carrying party, he fearlessly led the group even successive nights through intense artillery and small arms fire to the bank of the Saar river to return over the hazardous route with vital supplies. His heroic leadership and fearless actions in maintaining his battalion's supplies

under most trying conditions reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant LAMMEL and on the military service. Entered military service from west Virginia.

NICK COMARITA, 35232253, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 April 1945 to 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Loeven, Germany. During clearing operations in the Ruhr Valley, from 1 April 1945 to 15 April 1945, Private First Class COMARITA served with heroic devotion to duty as a member of a wire team laying wire for a Second Battalion observation post immediately behind front line troops. Disregarding the artillery and sniper fire falling constantly about him, Private First Class COMARITA boldly mounted trees and poles to install overhead wire crossings out of the way of maneuvering tanks. His calm, fearless actions in assisting in the maintenance of continuous communications between battalion headquarters and the advance observation post reflect great credit on Private First Class COMARITA and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

JAMES A. RICHARDSON, 39562338, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oberladen, Germany. On 10 April 1945, when his anti-tank squad was immobilized by intense sniper fire at Oberladen, Staff Sergeant RICHARDSON, courageously braving the searching fire, proceeded to an ammunition supply point and secured several rounds of anti-tank gun ammunition. Resolutely returning through the hail of bullets, he directed accurate shelling on the enemy positions and quickly neutralized the harassing sniper fire. Staff Sergeant RICHARDSON'S bold initiative and courageous devotion to duty on this occasion are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from California.

KENNETH C. BAINES Sr, 33903129, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. During the period 5 December 1944 to 19 December 1944 Private First Class BAINES maintained the First Battalion's forward ammunition distribution point on the east bank of the Saar River. For two weeks he repeatedly made river crossings under fire, by raft and by assault boat, to supply ammunition of all types to troops fighting on the bridgehead. His fearless, devoted performance of a difficult assignment reflects great credit on Private First Class BAINES and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

VICTOR D. BROWNBLOCK, 16072761, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company F, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 April 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. During the period 19 October 1944 to 27 April 1945 staff sergeant BROWNBLOCK performed in a consistently heroic and resolute manner the successive duties of platoon guide, communications sergeant and platoon sergeant. In each capacity his outstanding resourcefulness and never-failing courage under hostile fire were important factors in insuring the successful accomplishment of the many hazardous missions assigned to Company F over a long, arduous combat period. His capable leadership and inspiring devotion to duty exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant BROWNBLOCK. Entered military service from Illinois.

H. J. MOORE, 35549463, 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 11 November 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany. Sergeant MOORE displayed bold, intrepid devotion to duty as an ammunition bearer in Headquarters Company, Second Battalion during five months of combat. In both the Moselle and Saar River crossings, he accompanied assault elements to operate forward ammunition and ration distribution points under fierce enemy shelling. On 9 April 1945, Sergeant MOORE and five other men braved still-incisive rifle fire to remove demolitions from a newly captured bridge near Lorche, Germany. Completely disregarding the screaming small arms action, Sergeant MOORE succeeded in neutralizing two five-hundred pound bombs and in removing over one thousand pounds of other explosives placed on the structure. The fortitude and heroic devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant MOORE reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES J. CLARK, 11379277, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Emsdorf, and Han, Germany. Serving as a radio telephone operator during the period 3 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, Private First Class CLARK displayed steadfast devotion to duty while maintaining continuous communications with Cannon Company's gun position. On several occasions he also fearlessly braved heavy shell fire and enemy observation to repair breaks in wire lines, enabling the observer party to maintain steady fire on enemy positions. His heroic, determined actions contributed materially to the success achieved in combat by his organization, reflecting great credit on Private First Class CLARK and on the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

DAVID I. TOBIN, 35411256, Staff Sergeant (Then Private), INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 October 1944 to 12 May 1945, in France and Germany. Staff Sergeant TOBIN courageously and determinedly performed the successive duties of ammunition bearer, mortar gunner and mortar section sergeant throughout the bitter combat engaged in by Company H from 16 October 1944 to 12 May 1945. On one occasion during the Metz campaign, Staff Sergeant TOBIN remained at his mortar, placed on the top of a hill, two hundred yards away from the enemy, firing on his target until all hostile resistance ceased. The skillful leadership and determined devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant TOBIN throughout an extended period of combat reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROSCOE L. JOHNSON, 37694311, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. During the period 5 December 1944 to 19 December 1944 Private First Class JOHNSON served faithfully and courageously as a lineman, contributing materially to the success achieved by our units at Saarlautern. In spite of severe enemy artillery and mortar shelling, Private First Class JOHNSON many times crossed the Saar River to repair severed lines of communication. His unflinching devotion to duty reflects great credit on Private First Class JOHNSON and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

MIKE MILOVICH, 33438219, 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 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Lisdorf, Germany. Hauling ammunition over a shell-torn road to troops holding the Saar bridgehead at Lisdorf, Private First Class MILOVICH repeatedly distinguished himself during the period 4 December 1944 to 21 December 1944. At least once a day he made the trip from Nou Foreuilor, detoured neither by the hazards of blackout driving nor by the menace of enemy shell fire. Private First Class MILOVICH'S resolute performance throughout an important and violent phase of combat reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J. YURSCO, 33042586, 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 April 1945 to 8 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hems, Germany. In order to lay wire from the battalion observation post to companies attacking Hems, Private First Class YURSCO fearlessly exposed himself to hostile fire. When the lines of communication were destroyed by enemy artillery shelling, he risked his life to repair them. Due largely to Private First Class YURSCO'S intrepid vigilance communications between the battalion command and company commanders were constantly maintained. Private First Class YURSCO'S stalwart devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

WALTER J. RUSAK, 33627280, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company C, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hems, Germany. While holding a vital underpass near the Idapo Canal bridge way by the First Battalion, Staff Sergeant RUSAK and his platoon were counter-attacked by German forces consisting of a half-track and the trucks laden with infantrymen and explosives, supported by tanks. Although wounded by tank fire, Staff Sergeant RUSAK fearlessly remained in the underpass, delivering such effective fire that the advancing vehicles were destroyed and the counter-attack repulsed with heavy losses. His heroic, unwavering devotion to duty under fire reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant RUSAK and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

ALFRED L. LARSON, 37007226, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*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 Lisdorf, and Insdorf, Germany. During the period 4 December 1944 to 22 December 1944 First Sergeant LARSON brilliantly directed the administrative functions of his company despite the exigencies of a difficult combat situation. In addition, he generously and voluntarily led carrying parties across the Saar river to deliver supplies to the attacking riflemen. Although wounded in one of these vital missions, he refused to be evacuated and heroically continued performing his duties until his company was relieved. First Sergeant LARSON'S high courage and staunch, skillful leadership reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

OWEN B. MORRILL JR., 31468691, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for her is achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kolmarst, Germany. Observing a large German ammunition truck approaching his position on a road near Kolmarst, Private First Class MORRILL immediately began delivering machine gun fire on the vehicle. Undaunted by searching small arms fire and by a concentration of artillery air bursts, he intrepidly continued firing on his target until the truck exploded with terrific force. Private First Class MORRILL'S superb combat skill and determined efforts on this occasion exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

LOUIS POLL, 01057732, First Lieutenant, GAC, Headquarters Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, (Attached to Headquarters), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

LIAI. WHITE, 34374922, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 14 November 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

VERNON L. NIXON, 34005163, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 14 November 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ANDREW J. WIEZMAN, 36249439, Technician Fifth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, on 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ROBERT H. IVEY, 024479, Captain, INF, 465th Infantry, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 6 December 1944 to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of Major General TWADDELL:

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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:

DENNIS R. LEE, O1176100, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During a rifle company's advance on Fort St. Julien, on 18 November 1944, fearful hostile mortar fire forced the column to dig in and seek cover. First Lieutenant LEE, artillery forward observer, boldly disregarded the mighty barrage and continued moving forward, crawling in a shallow ditch until he reached the crest of a hill from which the mortar positions were visible. Then, he proceeded to adjust mercilessly effective artillery fire on the hostile emplacements, neutralizing them completely and enabling the infantry to resume its drive. First Lieutenant LEE'S fearless, resourceful conduct under hazardous conditions reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

CHARLES J. RAYMOND, O1181092, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery B, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. On 17 November 1944, when First Lieutenant RAYMOND observed two eighty-eight millimeter gun crews preparing to fire on an advancing rifle company, he unhesitatingly proceeded through sweeping machine gun fire to a position on a coverless knoll. Quickly adjusting fire on the menacing guns, he forced the crews to flee before firing a single round. Then, braving direct twenty-millimeter fire blasting the immediate area, he remained to deliver several artillery concentrations on Chieulles, the infantrymen's objective. The gallantry and superb combat skill displayed by First Lieutenant RAYMOND exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from New York.

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 G. GOODE JR., 16097990, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France and Germany. As a scout and observer, Private First Class GOODE performed his duties with great courage and never-failing alertness. Throughout the period 27 November 1944 to 10 March 1945 he furnished the regimental commander with accurate, timely information on the tactical situation and, in addition, fearlessly occupied exposed observation posts to assist in designating artillery targets. Private First

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Class GOODIE'S aggressive and courageous actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

NOBERT G. GOHMANN, 37286131, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 December 1944 to 23 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. During the period 5 December 1944 to 23 January 1945 Technician Fifth Grade GOHMANN displayed a high order of courage and skill while serving as a lineman. On 20 January 1945, he and three comrades went out into a fierce enemy artillery barrage accompanying a powerful counter-attack and dauntlessly installed and repaired wire lines under the thunderous shelling. His staunch unremitting devotion to duty throughout an arduous phase of combat contributed substantially to the combat efficiency of his organization, exemplifying high traditions of the military service and reflecting distinct credit on Technician Fifth Grade GOHMANN. Entered military service from Minnesota.

PHIL F. GILAS, 37420903, Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 22 January 1945, in the vicinity of Boulay, France, and Saarlautern, Germany. As leader of an intelligence and reconnaissance squad, Sergeant GILAS maintained close contact with attacking battalions, furnishing invaluable information to his regimental commander on the ever-changing situation during the period 27 November 1944 to 22 January 1945. On one occasion, when a comrade in charge of a Saarlautern observation post was killed by artillery fire, Sergeant GILAS immediately assumed command and, despite continued heavy shelling, remained in his dangerous location until the mission was successfully completed. His bold, aggressive leadership and staunch devotion to duty are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Sergeant GILAS. Entered military service from Iowa.

VINCENT FURRIE, 35316112, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 27 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, in France and Germany. Aggressively performing his duties as assistant leader of an intelligence and reconnaissance squad during 27 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, Private First Class FURRIE also voluntarily led patrols on several dangerous missions. While his assignment was driving to the Rhine River near Rheinhausen, he bravely delivered machine gun fire on straggling German planes from his position in a jeep, persevering in his efforts until the planes were forced to cease their attack. Private First Class FURRIE'S fortitude and staunch leadership reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

FREDERICK D. HOFFMANN, 0503802, First Lieutenant, INF, Service Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uckange, France. First Lieutenant HOFFMANN displayed leadership and initiative of an outstandingly heroic nature during the bridgehead operations of the Moselle River, near Uckange. Throughout three days of bitter fighting, he courageously directed the evacuation of his regiment's casualties while under almost constant enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. His relentless determination and inspiring leadership at a difficult time exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on First Lieutenant HOFFMANN. Entered military service from New York.



FREDERICK H. WUIS, 36993347, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Wesol, Germany. On 24 March 1945, Private First Class WUIS piloted an assault boat during the initial crossing of the Rhine River near Wesol. Meeting heavy artillery and mortar fire, he made trip after trip across the great stream, transporting troops and ammunition. Throughout the entire operation Private First Class WUIS handled his craft with complete mastery, executing all his missions without casualties or damage to the boat. His valiant, persevering actions reflect great credit on Private First Class WUIS and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

HENRY S. GRANDISA, 36772943, Corporal, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Member of a bazooka team attached to a rifle company during the assault on Fraulautern, Corporal GRANDISA rendered invaluable support to the attacking elements. During much of the period when bazooka fire constituted the only effective supporting fire, Corporal GRANDISA gave unstintingly of himself, on one day firing over one hundred and twenty rounds at widely-dispersed targets. His heroic disregard for his own safety and resolute devotion to duty throughout a climactic period of combat reflect great credit on Corporal GRANDISA and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

HOWARD R. COLLINS, 33229959, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Member of a bazooka team attached to a rifle company during the assault on Fraulautern, Private First Class COLLINS rendered invaluable support to the attacking elements. During much of the period when bazooka fire constituted the only effective supporting fire, Private First Class COLLINS gave unstintingly of himself, on one day firing over one hundred and twenty rounds at widely-dispersed targets. His heroic disregard for his own safety and resolute devotion to duty throughout a climactic period of combat reflect great credit on Private First Class COLLINS and on the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

KENNETH J. KING, 3728396, Technical Sergeant (Then Sergeant), INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 1 January 1945, in France and Germany. Leader of a pioneer squad, Technical Sergeant KING performed his duty with great skill and courage during the period 8 November 1944 to 1 January 1945. On 13 November 1944, he crossed the Moselle River near Uckange, armed with a bazooka, to furnish anti-tank protection to his beleaguered battalion, isolated in Bartrange. On three occasions, he supervised and personally assisted in the construction of three vital bridges, braving enemy small arms fire much of the time to complete the essential structures. Technical Sergeant KING'S valiant, resourceful leadership reflects great credit on him and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

ROBERT W. SPENCER, 42092445, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, and Fraulautern, Germany. As platoon guide during the attack on St. Barbara, Staff Sergeant SPENCER performed his duty resolutely, controlling his comrades' fire and directing stragglers to strategic positions in the fire fight. On 10 December 1944, he boldly maintained contact between assault and supporting elements of Company A during the first stages of the Fraulautern assault. The heroic manner in which Staff Sergeant SPENCER accomplished his hazardous assignments during a long, arduous period of combat reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

FREDERICK W. STAFFORD, 37421145, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 30 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, and Fraulautern, Germany. When his platoon leader was wounded in the assault on St. Barbara, Technical Sergeant STAFFORD assumed command and resolutely continued the attack. Leading the platoon in difficult fighting at Saarlautern and Fraulautern, he performed his duties with courageous distinction, keeping casualties at a minimum through his superior leadership but pressing the attack relentlessly at all times. His valiant leadership and staunch devotion to duty are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant STAFFORD. Entered military service from Iowa.

GEORGE F. GRIFFITH, 35411299, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. During the initial stages of the battle for Fraulautern, Staff Sergeant GRIFFITH, commanding an assault squad, led his men in the difficult and hazardous task of clearing houses, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy while displaying his squad so skillfully that no losses were suffered. At all times advancing well to the front of his group, on many occasions he succeeded in clearing buildings without exposing any of his men. The high qualities of leadership and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant GRIFFITH reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

CASIMIR J. JAJKO, 36600622, Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 24 December 1944 to 26 January 1945, in France and Germany. Serving during the Saarlautern campaign as a jeep driver, Sergeant JAJKO constantly drove over well-pounded roads to deliver supplies and ammunition to his platoon, at the same time furnishing information on enemy positions enabling his company to close with the enemy. At Fraulautern, he served outstandingly as first gunner of a machine gun squad, providing fierce, effective support for attacking riflemen on numerous occasions. Sergeant JAJKO's courageous actions under enemy fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Illinois.

EDWIN M. HADING, 42009113, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barbara, Germany. Acting as liaison between the leading rifle company and its supporting machine gun platoon, Corporal HADING and forward assault elements encountered fierce machine gun and

sniper fire during the advance on St. Barbara, realizing the necessity of securing additional supporting firepower, Corporal HAINING intrepidly made his way through the raking fire to the heavy machine gun platoon leader. Although grievously wounded on a later attempt, he stoically continued on his way and succeeded in transmitting the vital information necessary for the relief of the rifle company. The heroic, determined effort given by Corporal HAINING on this occasion reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

EDWARD B. GOSZKILWICZ, 3645264, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When wire communications with the regimental command post were severed by enemy shelling, Technician Fourth Grade GOSZKILWICZ courageously remained in his one-quarter ton truck, operating a radio in the midst of an artillery barrage. Disdaining the ever imminent danger to his own safety, he continued to perform his duty until flying shrapnel disabled the radio. Technician Fourth Grade GOSZKILWICZ'S heroic devotion materially aided in controlling an important attack on enemy positions at Saarlautern. His unwavering fortitude reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FRANK R. DI GASPANO, 36725966, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. When wire communications with the regimental command post were severed by enemy shelling, Technician Fifth Grade DI GASPANO courageously remained in his one-quarter ton truck, operating a radio in the midst of an artillery barrage. Disdaining the ever imminent danger to his own safety, he continued to perform his duty until flying shrapnel disabled the radio. Technician Fifth Grade DI GASPANO'S heroic devotion materially aided in controlling an important attack on enemy positions at Saarlautern. His unwavering fortitude reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JAMES G. HODGES, 33850923, Private First Class, 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. Under artillery, mortar and small arms fire Private First Class HODGES crossed a Saar River bridge, laying cable which provided communications for elements of the regiment on either side of the river. His intrepid performance of duty in the midst of terrible fire made possible the transmission of orders which facilitated the defense of the bridgehead area and the vigorous prosecution of the attack. Private First Class HODGES' fearless conduct is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Maryland.

MAX FRANKEL, 37340381, Private First Class, 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. On many occasions during the period 27 November 1944 to 16 December 1944 Private First Class FRANKEL braved fire from enemy arms in order to promptly deliver messages between command posts of the Second Battalion.

Frequently the hazard was increased by the infiltration of enemy patrols, but Private First Class FUNKEL was never deterred from accomplishing resolutely all missions assigned to him. His courageous conduct is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Colorado.

LEONARD COHN, 32699829, Private First Class, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

JOHN H. PARKER, 16070687, Private, INF, Company J, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from ~~Illinois~~.

ALFRED A. KORNBLUM, 36249331, Corporal, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

BERNARD E. EMMERSON, 37287004, Corporal, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

ALBERT I. GILLUM, 36475184, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*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.

VICTOR E. D'ANGELO, 31347581, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 October 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

HARRY R. SEGNER, 01165565, Captain, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 21 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 posthumously to:

GILBERT S. SAHLEN, 34378932, private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ellinson, Germany. When elements of Company K were halted by a heavy stream of fire from a house in Ellinson, Private First Class SAHLEN ran across an open field raked by machine gun fire to the house. Entering, he pressed his single-handed assault on the enemy, firing his automatic rifle steadily until all the Germans surrendered. Because of private First Class SAHLEN'S fearless actions his platoon's mission was promptly accomplished with a minimum of casualties. Private First Class SAHLEN died on 11 April 1945, of wounds received in action. His indomitable courage reflects lasting honor on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

HERSHEL W. CROOK, 38154135, Private First Class, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Uma, Germany. The leader of the platoon to which private First Class CROOK was attached was wounded by artillery fire and lay on ground exposed to continuous enemy shelling. With no regard for his own safety, private First Class CROOK went to the wounded officer and administered first aid. In the terrible barrage private First Class CROOK was himself wounded. But he remained with his patient until evacuation was possible. Then, in spite of his own wound, he helped other soldiers conduct the evacuation. private First Class CROOK'S unsurpassable fortitude is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III. 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:

Lt. Col. G. JOHNSTON, 17058673, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Staff Sergeant JOHNSTON distinguished himself by his aggressive, heroic conduct as leader of an eight-man millimeter squad during the period 18 October 1944 to 16

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April 1945. In addition to directing close, accurate mortar supporting fire throughout six months of combat, he on several occasions bravely braved enemy shelling to evacuate wounded soldiers from the battlefield. The outstanding qualities of leadership, resourcefulness and devotion to his men shown by Staff Sergeant JOHNSON under hazardous conditions reflect great credit on him and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

ARNOLD M. SCHAEFER, 3432325, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lamsbach, Germany. As a member of a patrol clearing wooded areas near Lamsbach, on 1 April 1945, Private First Class SCHAEFER on two occasions proceeded over one hundred yards of open ground under direct enemy observation and heavy artillery and rifle fire to guide aid men to comrades wounded during the bitter fire fight. His fearless, devoted actions in securing prompt medical attention for two wounded men at great personal risk reflect distinct credit on Private First Class SCHAEFER and exemplify high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

MARVIN G. COENHAVER, 36569401, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilhelmshafen, Germany. Hearing a German patrol approach, Private First Class COENHAVER and another comrade took a concealed position and remained vigilantly alert while a third soldier halted the hostile group. With his automatic rifle ready, Private First Class COENHAVER waited until the soldier, after being discovered by the patrol, suddenly gave the order to fire and stopped behind a tree. Then, Private First Class COENHAVER immediately opened fire, killing one German, forcing two to surrender and routing the remainder of the patrol. His alert actions and brilliant combat skill reflect distinct credit on Private First Class COENHAVER and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

THOMAS E. THOMSON, 36249183, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. As driver for a mortar squad during the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, Private First Class THOMSON distinguished himself by his courageous, resolute devotion to duty. Repeatedly delivering vital ammunition and supplies to his squad under fierce enemy fire, he was not deterred by the ever imminent danger from successfully completing all assigned missions. The perseverance and fearless devotion to duty given by Private First Class THOMSON contributed substantially to the combat efficiency of his organization, exemplifying high traditions of the military service and reflecting distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

ALBERT H. SCHMIDT, 14116395, Corporal (Then Private), INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 Corporal SCHMIDT displayed heroic devotion to duty while serving as ammunition bearer in Company H, at all times ignoring adversity and personal danger to maintain adequate supplies of ammunition. At Heindels Wood, on 9 November 1944, upon observing an enemy machine gun crew preparing to fire on advancing rifle troops, he promptly directed accurate mortar fire on the menacing weapon, destroying both gun and crew. Corporal SCHMIDT's resourceful, courageous actions throughout a long, arduous combat period

reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

ROY L. HONNEMAN, 35333237, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. In addition to serving steadfastly as an ammunition bearer during the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, Private First Class HONNEMAN repeatedly volunteered to act as a wireman, radio operator and forward observer, fulfilling his self-chosen tasks with unflinching courage and skill. On 7 December 1944, he voluntarily crossed the Saar river with assault elements and, serving as a radio operator, courageously remained at his post under intense enemy fire for several days. Private First Class HONNEMAN'S versatility and heroic devotion to duty reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

MARK H. GIGOWSKI, 16046200, Private First Class, INF, Company H, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 Private First Class GIGOWSKI'S intrepid, devoted service as a gunner contributed greatly to the combat success achieved by Company H. On 9 November 1944, in the bitter Hannibal's Wood engagement he and a comrade established, under heavy enemy fire, wire communications to a forward observation post. Then, after carrying several wounded men to a point where medical aid was available, Private First Class GIGOWSKI delivered a withdrawal order to machine gun units of the company and boldly led his comrades through violent fire to their new positions. His courageous devotion to duty exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class GIGOWSKI. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JOSEPH S. MASON, 37740663, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Bad Lauterbach, Germany. To re-establish vital communication disrupted by violent shelling during a determined enemy counter-attack, on 20 January 1945, Private First Class MASON intrepidly went out into the thunderous barrage zone, braving the constant fire for five hours, succeeded in repairing all lines. Later, when additional wires were severed, he again proceeded to locate and repair the severed communication lines under the continuing fire, although infiltrating snipers made his task doubly hazardous. His tenacity of purpose and high courage on this occasion reflect great credit on Private First Class MASON and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

ROBERT E. ORKSON, 36959783, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. During the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 Private First Class ORKSON served as a wireman with unusual skill and courage, maintaining a consistently high degree of efficiency despite the hazards and severities of winter combat. Throughout six months of combat, he repeatedly braved intense enemy fire to install and repair wire communications, his valiant efforts contributing substantially to the maintenance of superb communications for his battalion. His fortitude and determination exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Private First Class ORKSON. Entered military service from Michigan.

SEALTON W. STRICKLAND, 34003124, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. As leader of an anti-tank squad during the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, Staff Sergeant STRICKLAND furnished invariably effective flank protection against enemy armor for the Second Battalion. For three days, he intrepidly directed his squad in holding the only anti-tank positions in the Saar River bridgehead, near Fraulautern. On 31 March 1945, in the drive to encircle the German forces in the Ruhr Valley, Staff Sergeant STRICKLAND and his men, while racing ahead of an armored column to set up road blocks, daringly halted an enemy convoy and captured many prisoners. His resolute leadership and fearless devotion to duty reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant STRICKLAND and on the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

WALTER B. HUNT, 35235125, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Technician Fifth Grade HUNT performed his duties as driver for an anti-tank squad during the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 with consistent skill and courage. Ignoring at all times personal hardship and danger, on several occasions he towed the squad's fifty-seven millimeter gun through heavy enemy fire to points where effective flank protection for the Second Battalion was furnished by his comrades. Technician Fifth Grade HUNT'S heroic devotion to duty throughout many months of arduous combat exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

ALFRED ANDT, 35362482, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout the fierce offensive action participated in by the Second Battalion during the period 18 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 Staff Sergeant ANDT served with heroic courage as leader of an anti-tank squad, furnishing at all times highly effective flank protection to assault elements. In the drive to encircle the Ruhr Valley, Staff Sergeant ANDT and his squad, while racing before an armored column to set up road blocks, encountered two enemy convoys in the night to force the hostile vehicles to halt, one German armored car in the first convoy and three trucks in the second were destroyed. Staff Sergeant ANDT'S intrepid combat skill and bold leadership reflect distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOEL L. ELS, 34388284, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 25 November 1944, and 25 March 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Serving as messenger and assistant squad leader during the period 18 October 1944 to 25 November 1944, Staff Sergeant ELS performed his duties with courageous devotion until wounded in action on 25 November 1944. Returning to his organization on 25 March 1945, he distinguished himself by his heroic deeds as squad leader. On 31 March 1945, while leading his men through a fearful mortar barrage to reach Company E's objective in Bronschhofen, he was wounded by rifle fire but resolutely continued in directing the clearing of enemy-held houses until his evacuation was ordered. His valiant devotion to duty exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects



great credit on Staff Sergeant Ellis. Entered military service from South Carolina

JOHN L. CLARK, 31423333, Private, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 18 October 1944 to 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France, and Bully, France. During the period 18 October 1944 to 25 November 1944 Private Clark performed his duties with great personal courage and initiative, braving intense enemy fire repeatedly to complete all assigned missions. On 19 November 1944, crossing the Moselle River in the first assault boat to land in Metz, he intrepidly led his men under fierce enemy fire in a bold assault on an enemy-occupied hillside and captured fourteen Germans and two machine guns while securing a left flank for the essential breakthrough. Private Clark's staunch, heroic leadership reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

LEO F. BOCHESLAG, 3548518, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. When all wire lines were severed by intense artillery and mortar fire soon after the Third Battalion's attack at Metz, Private BOCHESLAG, on 9 November 1944, Technician Fourth Grade BOCHESLAG valiantly remained at his radio hour after hour to furnish essential communications. Despite the furious artillery activity in his immediate area, he performed his duties superbly, receiving and relaying mortar and artillery missions. His courageous, heroic actions exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on Technician Fourth Grade BOCHESLAG. Entered military service from Indiana.

WILLIAM H. BATES, 37200103, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. Braving the heavy artillery and mortar bombardment which severed his company's wire lines in many places during an enemy counter-attack, Private First Class BATES, carrying a reel of wire, proceeded into the midst of the vicious fire to re-establish essential communications. Assisted by another soldier, he succeeded despite the deadly barrage and the hazards of infiltration attacks in laying wire from each anti-tank gun to the command post of his section carefully chosen to provide maximum protection for the wire. Private First Class BATES' intrepid, courageous conduct at a critical time reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

WILLIAM H. BATES, 20114192, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken, Germany. Advancing with his machine gun squad to relieve a Company K squad isolated during a sustained enemy counter-attack, Private First Class BATES unhesitatingly seized the weapon when the first runner fell wounded. Intrepidly moving alone over a fire-swept inter-section, he set up his gun in an exposed vantage point and fired on the enemy positions with such devastating effect that many Germans were killed or wounded and the survivors forced to withdraw, thus relieving the encircled squad. His fearless, heroic conduct reflects great credit on Private First Class BATES and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

WILLIAM BARN, 12147903, Technician Fifth Grade, Sig C, \*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

MILTON A. ZIMMEL, 37128570, Technician Fifth Grade, Sig C, \*\*\*Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

LEWIS J. SLIDING JR, 3226172, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

FRAZIS F. S. PARSONS, 33742210, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from the District of Columbia.

DONALD W. J. SMITH, 17106601, Technician Fourth Grade, FD, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DON R. MENDALL, 35156595, Sergeant, GM, Military Police Platoon 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

ALBERT THURMAN, 37287606, Corporal, GM, Military Police Platoon, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

MELVIN W. HILTON, 36350245, Technical Sergeant, GM, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*Wingfield Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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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:

LE ROY DIKSTRA, 36357564, Corporal, INF, Company B, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Esdorf, Germany. When the footbridge over which he had been carrying supplies collapsed under heavy enemy shelling, Corporal DIKSTRA heard a comrade cry for help from the cold, swift current of the Saar. Without pausing to remove his equipment, Corporal DIKSTRA plunged into the water. His fearless action drew fire from enemy machine guns and rifles, and in a few moments a thunderous barrage of German artillery descended on the site. Corporal DIKSTRA's heroic effort in the face of certain death reflects lasting honor on him and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER L. FERRARI, 35713122, Private, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, Private Ferrari started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of Private Ferrari's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the demolition wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private Ferrari was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN D. GRIFFIN, 33617479, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, Private First Class GRIFFIN started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of Private First Class GRIFFIN's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the demolition wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private First Class GRIFFIN was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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RICHARD G. HILL, 3594051, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank private HILL started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of private HILL's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the detonation wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private HILL was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PHILIP E. HILT, 3477270, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank private HILT started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of private HILT's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the detonation wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private HILT was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOE C. JOHNSON, 34904220, Private, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, private JOHNSON started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of private JOHNSON's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the detonation wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private JOHNSON was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Tennessee.

JOSEPH A. LAMBLA, 31452016, Private, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, private LAMBLA started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of private LAMBLA's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the detonation wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private LAMBLA was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

PAUL F. MILLER, 35927508, Private, 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, which was known to be mined, and seize a bridgehead on the east bank, private MILLER started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of private MILLER's comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the detonation wires the Germans set off prepared charges which de-

stroyed the bridge. Private WILBE was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

GEORGE W. VAUGHN, 34799143, Private, INF, Company I, 488th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Lotz, France. When his platoon was ordered to cross a Moselle River bridge which was known to be mined, and a bridgehead on the east bank, private VAUGHN started across in spite of fierce machine gun and twenty millimeter fire. Four of Private VAUGHN'S comrades reached the German-held bank, but before they could find the demolition wires the Germans set off prepared charges which destroyed the bridge. Private VAUGHN was instantly killed. His completely courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects lasting honor on him. Entered military service from Florida.

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, 3 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following:

GEORGE L. MATURICH, 02006545, Second Lieutenant, INF, Company B, 488th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lipzburg, Germany. When a squad of his platoon was pinned down by heavy rifle and machine gun fire, Second Lieutenant MATURICH crawled under the withering enfilade for one hundred yards, reaching a position from which he could return the enemy's fire. There, he delivered a steady stream of fire on the hostile strongpoint, killing several Germans and forcing the others to withdraw. As a result of Second Lieutenant MATURICH'S heroic feat the platoon objective was promptly taken. The fearless leadership and superb combat skill which he displayed are in keeping with the highest ideals of the military service and reflect great credit on Second Lieutenant MATURICH. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROBERT C. WILLS, 35411257, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company D, 488th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nord Lunen, Germany. During the bitter fight for Nord Lunen, Staff Sergeant WILLS distinguished himself by the fearless, brilliant skill with which he led an eighty-one millimeter mortar section. Entering a house ahead of rifle elements, he killed one German and captured two before setting up his observation post. Then, in the midst of a hail of enemy rifle bullets, he directed such accurate mortar fire that seventy-two Germans were killed. His intrepid conduct in battle reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant WILLS and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

SIGMUND A. LISETH, 0500541, First Lieutenant (Then Second Lieutenant), INF, Company C, 488th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Micholz, Germany. Although injured, First Lieutenant LISETH rejoined his platoon as Company C moved into a night-attack on strong enemy positions near Micholz. Fierce flanking fire was received near the town, and supporting tanks engaged the enemy, firing over the heads of First Lieutenant LISETH'S platoon. With great calm First Lieutenant LISETH drew his men around the dangerous supporting fire and up to the exposed right flank of Company C. Then, to insure the flank, he reconnoitered a wooded area, capturing an eighty-eight millimeter gun and crew. The gallant leadership given by First Lieutenant LISETH reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

JAMES H. SWINNEY, 36280757, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 13 April 1945, in the vicinity of Gaisels, Germany. When a sudden barrage of time fire exploded just above the heads of a group of combat scouts, the driver of a tank destroyer was severely wounded. While his comrades sought cover, Private First Class SWINNEY picked up the wounded man and stumbled sixty yards through a furious hail of shrapnel to a school house. Inside, Private First Class SWINNEY by himself so skillfully administered first aid that the wounded soldier's life was saved. The great calm courage displayed by Private First Class SWINNEY is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

JOHN L. O'NEAL JR, 0290009, Captain, INF, Headquarters, First Battalion \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Florke, Germany. When the command post of the First Battalion was successfully counterattacked, Captain O'NEAL rode a tank destroyer toward the hostile force, firing the vehicle's fifty calibre machine gun with steady accuracy. Fourteen Germans were killed or wounded by Captain O'NEAL'S bold delivery and the remainder of the enemy force fled. At this point a tank gun opened fire on the command post. With brilliant alertness, Captain O'NEAL turned his machine gun on the crew, planting it down and directing the weapon's destruction with ninety millimeter fire. Captain O'NEAL'S quick, fearless, thorough actions reflect great credit on him and typify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

LEO HANDEL, 32058040, Private, INF, Headquarters Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lippeberg, Germany. Armed with an M-1 rifle, Private HANDEL by himself approached an enemy position across the Lippe river. Approaching the guard quietly from the flank, Private HANDEL seized him and pushed him into a room where seven Germans were sleeping. Keeping the first prisoner silent, Private HANDEL waved the surprised guerilla and herds it to friendly lines. The audacity and courage which enabled Private HANDEL to capture eight Germans without assistance are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ALAN V. KINSLOW, 01302836, First Lieutenant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lippeberg, Germany. On the east bank of the Lippe river First Lieutenant KINSLOW organized and boldly led an assault on a strongly defended farm which resisted advancing elements of the First Battalion. Meeting intense fire, First Lieutenant KINSLOW carefully deployed his men, personally leading a group of four to the rear of the German position. Closing promptly and powerfully with the stubborn hostile force, First Lieutenant KINSLOW himself shot to death four of the Germans, causing the survivors to surrender. The staunch leadership and high order of courage displayed by First Lieutenant KINSLOW reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

ALLEN D. LASBITT, 37738920, Private First Class, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of La Roche, France. The rifle platoon in which Private First Class LASBITT served as an automatic rifleman was attacking a strongly defended chateau when withering machine gun fire was received from the flank, causing:

several casualties. Without orders, Private First Class NESBITT changed his direction and advanced into the face of the hostile fire. Firing his automatic rifle steadily, Private First Class NESBITT killed four Germans, captured two and eliminated the hostile machine gun. His resolute, fearless action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class NESBITT. Entered military service from Missouri.

JAMES M. SCOTT, 3433796, Sergeant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Drensteinfurt, Germany. In the face of heavy enemy panzerfaust and small arms fire, Sergeant SCOTT advanced on German entrenchments at the far edge of an open field. Tanks in support of Sergeant SCOTT'S company had been halted by the furious enemy fire, but Sergeant SCOTT was not deterred. Hurling hand grenades, he and two comrades closed relentlessly with the enemy force, and in fifteen minutes, the fanatic hostile resistance was completely destroyed. Eighteen Germans were killed and twenty surrendered. The daring and intrepidity of Sergeant SCOTT'S actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

FRANCIS H. MARCEY, 33883986, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Drensteinfurt, Germany. In the face of heavy enemy panzerfaust and small arms fire, Private First Class MARCEY advanced on German entrenchments at the far edge of an open field. Tanks in support of Private First Class MARCEY'S company had been halted by the furious enemy fire, but Private First Class MARCEY was not deterred. Hurling hand grenades, he and two comrades closed relentlessly with the enemy force, and in fifteen minutes, the fanatic hostile resistance was completely destroyed. Eighteen Germans were killed and twenty surrendered. The daring and intrepidity of Private First Class MARCEY'S actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

III. 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 Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

OSCAR T. KING, 42060389, Private First Class, INF, Company G, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 31 March 1945, in the vicinity of Drensteinfurt, Germany. In the face of heavy enemy panzerfaust and small arms fire, Private First Class KING advanced on German entrenchments at the far edge of an open field. Tanks in support of Private First Class KING'S company had been halted by the furious enemy fire, but Private First Class KING was not deterred. Hurling hand grenades, he and two comrades closed relentlessly with the enemy force, and in fifteen minutes, the fanatic hostile resistance was completely destroyed. Eighteen Germans were killed and twenty surrendered. The daring and intrepidity of Private First Class KING'S actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following:

GEORGE W. LOIBAU, 31080270, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company D, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of Sarrelautern, Germany. When two gallant attempts by other men failed to rescue a soldier who had fallen from a shell-pounded bridge into the Saar River, Technical Sergeant LOIBAU climbed over the bridge-rail and grasped his comrade about the waist and one arm. Then, in spite of enemy shelling which added terribly to the dangers of a cold, rainy, black night, Technical Sergeant LOIBAU guided his comrade to the outstretched hands of other soldiers on the bridge. Technical Sergeant LOIBAU's heroic, life-saving action reflects immeasurable credit on him and exemplifies a clear devotion to the highest ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JAMES A. WILLARD, 35387200, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, \*\*\*\* Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 10 May 1945, in the vicinity of Lunenburg, Germany. On 10 May 1945, Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD acted with calm gallantry when a comrade, accidentally igniting a quantity of gasoline, became enveloped with flames. Holding the panic-stricken soldier, Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD unhesitatingly tore off his burning shirt and field jacket and quickly beat out the flames covering his trousers with bare hands. Although he himself was burned in several places while performing his heroic deed, Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD prevented serious injury and permanent disfigurement to his comrade. Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD'S valiant, timely action reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

ASTRUK MERTIS, 31353064, Private, LD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Scharlautern-Rosen, Germany, when an intense mortar barrage inflicted heavy casualties on troops of the unbattered Third Battalion, Private MERTIS valiantly went to the aid of wounded soldiers lying exposed to the constant shelling. Making trip after trip, he carried many casualties from the battlefield even though shrapnel ripped through his pack and clothing on several occasions. Later, observing a casualty in an open field being fired on by an enemy sniper, Private MERTIS was heroically removing the wounded man to safety when he received wounds of which he died, on 24 January 1945. His fearless, devoted actions reflect lasting honor on Private MERTIS and on the Medical Department, United States military service from Massachusetts.

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. GLOGAN, 35437774, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Utterly disregarding his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade GLOGAN left his covered position to go to the aid of two men, severely wounded in a barrage which halted a First Battalion convoy on an exposed hillside. Unable to locate litter bearers or an ambulance after he administered medical treatment, he resolutely commandeered a vehicle and, assisted by the driver, heroically evacuated the two casualties through the continuing barrage to an aid station. Technician Fourth Grade GLOGAN'S prompt, courageous actions under fire are in keeping with high traditions of the Medical Department and reflect distinct credit on him. United States military service from West Virginia.

RAYMOND J. LA FIVE, 36249624, Staff Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. During the attack on Fort Gumbetta, Staff Sergeant LA FIVE without regard for his own safety went to the aid of a wounded rifleman, lying in an exposed position. Crawling forward under his squad's covering fire to the casualty, he gallantly removed the man to a place of safety where he administered first aid. Then, he signaled litter bearers and supervised his comrades' prompt evacuation. His valiant and generous deed in saving the life of a wounded soldier reflects

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great credit on Staff Sergeant LAFLINE and on the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM R. GREGG, 12164474, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Kallingen, Germany. When informed that his platoon leader was lying seriously wounded in a precarious location near the enemy lines, Sergeant GREGG immediately set out through thick fog and intense enemy small arms fire to locate the fallen officer. Persisting in his advance, although impeded by a tank trap, he finally discovered the casualty and also a wounded rifleman. Sergeant GREGG promptly administered first aid and then, ignoring a weighty enemy barrage, carried both men to a safe place, where he stood guard over the casualties until their evacuation was effected. His courageous, selfless devotion to his wounded comrades reflects great credit on Sergeant GREGG and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

EDWARD J. KUCIUK, 35315958, Corporal, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. A member of Cannon Company's fire direction center, Corporal KUCIUK contributed notably to the delivery of accurate, exact fire in support of the attacking rifle companies, repeatedly volunteering for hazardous duty as a radio operator, an observer in searchlight, Corporal KUCIUK braved intense mortar shelling to transmit the direction of more than a ton of mortar rounds of fire. Although two mortar rounds scored direct hits on his observation post, he courageously remained at his post throughout the action. Corporal KUCIUK'S heroic, relentless devotion to duty is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

CHARLES E. HUTCHISON, 0541769, Second Lieutenant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 April 1945 to 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Holme River Dam, Germany. In the operations to clear the area south of the Holme Dam, Second Lieutenant HUTCHISON served courageously and skillfully as forward observer with the Second Battalion, moving constantly with forward elements in spite of hostile machine gun and sniper fire to observe and adjust cannon fire. His valiant, dauntless actions in directing accurate fire on the enemy contributed not only to the complete success gained by the Second Battalion, reflecting great credit on Second Lieutenant HUTCHISON and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

WALTER O. LALINE, 37292920, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company H, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Seelenturnham, Germany. Observing a four-man enemy patrol, led by an officer, cut-flank in his mortar position, Sergeant LALINE crawled behind screening shrubbery to intercept the Germans. Reaching an advantageous position, he opened fire with his carbine, killing the officer and three men and taking the wounded survivor prisoner. Then, keeping his captive under guard, Sergeant LALINE returned to continue directing mortar fire. The resourcefulness and courage displayed by Sergeant LALINE under fire exemplify high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JAMES J. SHOCKLY, 35471739, Private First Class, INF, Company L, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Setting out alone to eliminate a hostile observation post and machine gun located in a building near the Company's forward area, Private First Class SHOCKLY carefully moved through a minefield and, under intense artillery and mortar fire, approached the enemy stronghold. Then, boldly unexploding two satchel charges alongside the building, he detonated the explosives which completely destroyed the hostile installation. Private First Class SHOCKLY'S valiant, resolute devotion to duty under extremely hazardous circumstances reflects great credit on him and is in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HOWARD H. GROSSBLCK, 37112050, Technician Fourth Grade, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lohain, Germany. When a jeep stalled in a river ford during an enemy mortar barrage, blocking completely an important road, Technician Fourth Grade GROSSBLCK voluntarily drove a truck to the scene in an attempt to remove the obstacle. Wading into the river under the constant shelling, he attached a winch cable to the stalled vehicle and succeeded in pulling it from the ford, thus freeing a vital supply route for traffic. His daring, calm action under fire is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Technician Fourth Grade GROSSBLCK. Entered military service from Iowa.

ANTHONY J. WILK, 32593273, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Returning under a mortar barrage to Cannon Company's command post, Private First Class WILK and a comrade reached a position of comparative safety when they observed that a third member of their forward observer team was missing. Gallantly returning into the furious shelling, the two men discovered their comrade, seriously wounded, lying exposed to the heavy barrage. With mortar fire constantly menacing them, Private First Class WILK and his companion carried the wounded man several hundred yards to the rear to a point where he was speedily evacuated. His fearless, devoted act reflects great credit on Private First Class WILK and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WILLIAM L. HOWELL, 6656240, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 14 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern-Roden, Germany. Returning under a mortar barrage to Cannon Company's command post, Private First Class HOWELL and a comrade reached a position of comparative safety when they observed that a third member of their forward observer team was missing. Gallantly returning into the furious shelling, the two men discovered their comrade, seriously wounded, lying exposed to the heavy barrage. With mortar fire constantly menacing them, Private First Class HOWELL and his companion carried the wounded man several hundred yards to the rear to a point where he was speedily evacuated. His fearless, devoted act reflects great credit on Private First Class HOWELL and on the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

**EARNEST L. BUCH**, 35431616, Private First Class, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Serving as wire chief for Cannon Company for upward six months of combat, Private First Class BUCH personally installed and repaired observation post wire lines under fierce enemy artillery and mortar shelling. During the Metz campaign, he remained on continuous duty at one observation post for four days, continuously braving mortar fire to maintain unbroken communications. Private First Class BUCH'S resourceful, intrepid devotion to duty during a long and arduous period of combat is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on him. Entered military service from Kentucky.

**VINCENT CORSO**, 36216995, Staff Sergeant, INF, Cannon Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. During the period 20 October 1944 to 12 April 1945 Staff Sergeant CORSO'S strength, courage and determination to keep his kitchen with Cannon Company and survive through it under a day, regardless of position and enemy shell-fire, contributed substantially to the high morale of his organization. On numerous occasions near Sarrebourg, the kitchen was subjected to enemy shelling, but Staff Sergeant CORSO'S resolve was not shaken by the over-pressant menace. His heroic, devoted service reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant CORSO and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

**CHARLES J. LAHIS**, 01324026, First Lieutenant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Throughout six months of arduous combat First Lieutenant LAHIS displayed heroic qualities of leadership and intrepidity as a platoon leader in Anti-Tank Company. On one occasion, he fearlessly preceded through a heavy barrage of one of his men, wounded during bitter Fraulautern fighting. After skillfully administering first aid, First Lieutenant LAHIS evacuated the casualty at great personal risk to an aid station. The valiant, resolute leadership given by him during a long, arduous period of battle exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit on First Lieutenant LAHIS. Entered military service from Georgia.

**EDWARD F. BRUZ**, 37443422, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 20 October 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. As an anti-tank platoon sergeant during the period 20 October 1944 to 18 April 1945, Technical Sergeant BRUZ displayed unflinching initiative and silent devotion to duty, his smart leadership contributing substantially to the combat success achieved by his unit. In the battle for Sarrebourg, he braved heavy artillery and mortar fire on many occasions while making careful, expert reconnaissance for gun positions. Invariably, his creative, thorough plans for anti-tank defense proved highly effective. Technical Sergeant BRUZ'S resourceful, heroic leadership reflects distinct credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

**WILLIAM P. BLWILEY**, 35465015, Technical Sergeant, INF, Anti-Tank Company, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 November 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France and

Germany. During a long period of arduous combat Technical Sergeant BEVERLY displayed a high order of courage as he directed his nine platoon in the removal of road blocks and in the clearing of mine-fields. Once, while deactivating mines preparatory to removing a roadblock hindering the advance of tank destroyers, the group was subjected to severe artillery fire, steadfastly remaining despite the constant shelling, Technical Sergeant BEVERLY calmly continued at his task and, by his cool heroism, inspired his men to complete the essential mission. His intrepid leadership and heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Technical Sergeant BEVERLY. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN T. WOODS, 35108120, Staff Sergeant, Co, Company A, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

JOHN J. HARGINGTON, 13088650, Technician Fourth Grade, Co, Headquarters and Service Company, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RAMOND H. OSMAS, 36352970, Technician Third Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, \*\*\*\*Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

LLOYD G. HALL, 37159324, Technician Third Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ALBERT J. VASILE, 17106530, Technician Fifth Grade, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JAMES A. GARVIN, 36146189, Sergeant, Ord Dept, \*\*\*\*Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

ALBERT F. MILVOLT, 20152277, Staff Sergeant, INF, Headquarters, Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Vermont.

JOHN TRIVELI, 15075610, Technician Fourth Grade, MD, Medical Detachment, Headquarters, Special Troops, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

OWEN H. HEMMILL, 16093125, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

NESTOR B. MOOS, 17134073, Private First Class, INF, 95th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

HOWARD L. MADROUET, 37613486, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

BENJAMIN F. JONES, 37613554, Technician Fifth Grade, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

HAROLD L. CLARK, 37237616, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JAMES H. ANDERSON, 33719554, Private First Class, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 November 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. 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, Fifth 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:

JAMES H. MATSBOUGH, 36357485, First Sergeant, INF, Headquarters Company, 95th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 December 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General TWADDE:

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SECTION I - *...* SILVER STAR  
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1. BRONZE 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:

WALTER GREEN, 01297109, First Lieutenant, INF, Company G, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilhelmshafen, Germany. To relieve an isolated platoon, First Lieutenant Green was leading his platoon through a wooded area near Wilhelmshafen when confronted by heavy small arms fire pouring through a ten-foot wire fence. Intrepidly climbing over the barrier and inspiring his men to follow him, he immediately closed with the enemy and personally shot to death four Germans while directing his platoon's attack. Fiercely continuing the bold advance, First Lieutenant Green and his men finally made contact with the isolated platoon after killing twelve enemy soldiers and capturing two. First Lieutenant Green's aggressive leadership and fearless devotion to duty reflect great credit on him and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

FRANK J. GIULIANO, 42009387, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. While attacking a Fraulautern building and pillbox housing mutually-supporting machine guns, Staff Sergeant GIULIANO, covered by his squad's fire, made a single-handed assault on the house and captured six surprised Germans with their machine gun. With his men again furnishing protective fire, Staff Sergeant GIULIANO daringly approached the blind side of the bunker and skillfully placed a demolition charge. Then, he returned to his squad and, immediately after the explosion, led it in a assault which forced fifteen stunned enemy soldiers to surrender. The gallant resourcefulness and leadership given by Staff Sergeant GIULIANO reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ROSS G. WRIGHT, 37481359, Private First Class, INF, Company K, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Entering a maze of twisting tunnels under a Metz hospital after hearing unusual sounds, Private First Class WRIGHT was proceeding into the air labyrinth when he was challenged by an enemy soldier. Quickly concealing himself, he ordered the German to surrender. Receiving no answer, Private First Class WRIGHT intrepidly threw two grenades and then began firing his rifle furiously. Almost immediately, he observed many hostile soldiers advancing with white handkerchiefs visible. His fearless, resolute action in accounting for three enemy dead and twenty-three prisoners is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Private First Class WRIGHT. Entered military service from Iowa.

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LEO W. THOMAS, 37591506, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 27 December 1944, in the vicinity of Frankfurt, Germany, when his platoon's advance was halted by severe machine gun fire from a nearby pillbox, Sergeant THOMAS, carrying a satchel charge, daringly crept alone across an open field toward the bunker. Inching his way into close range, he first threw a grenade into the pillbox, silencing the machine gun instantly. Then, approaching the bunker and placing his explosive charge in an aperture, he dashed for cover after igniting the fuse. Immediately following the explosion, Sergeant THOMAS entered the pillbox through its demolished wall and captured the four surviving members of the garrison. Five Germans lay dead on the floor. His fearless deed reflects great credit on Sergeant THOMAS and on the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

JOSEPH I. FLOTHUSSETT, 16093923, Sergeant, INF, Company A, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. Voluntarily moving through a hail of machine gun and sniper fire to act as a leader of a squad fighting near Metz, Sergeant FLOTHUSSETT was told upon arriving at the squad position that seven men were trapped by machine gun fire in a house three hundred yards away. Unhesitatingly Sergeant FLOTHUSSETT proceeded under merciless fire to the house and ascertained the location of the hostile gun emplacement. Then, returning over the hazardous route, he skillfully led his squad in a flanking attack on the enemy position and destroyed the machine gun, killing two Germans and capturing the two surviving crew members. Sergeant FLOTHUSSETT'S valiant actions reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

PAUL L. BALLS, 36184585, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Köchen, Germany. During a powerful counter-attack against the Saarbrücken-Köchen bridgehead, Staff Sergeant BALLS observed a hostile patrol infiltrating friendly lines. Quickly moving his observation point through intense enemy fire to a better point of vantage, he began directing mortar fire on the enemy. The patrol hastily sought protection in a ravine. Unhesitatingly leaving his observation position to crawl near the ravine, Staff Sergeant BALLS boldly opened fire with his carbine, killing three Germans and capturing the five survivors. His gallant initiative and fierce tenacity of purpose reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant BALLS and on the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES F. FIELDS, 34445114, Private First Class, INF, Company M, \*\*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrücken-Köchen, Germany. When an infiltrating enemy patrol succeeded in reaching a house despite the heavy fire of his machine gun section, Private First Class FIELDS fearlessly volunteered to attempt to eliminate the hostile group. Making his way through several partially destroyed houses to within close range, he opened rifle fire on the Germans, killing three. The five survivors, completely demoralized by Private First Class FIELDS' intrepid action, surrendered with all their equipment, including two panzerfausts, one machine gun and one flame thrower. The gallantry displayed by Private First Class FIELDS under fire fits in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him. Entered military service from Georgia.



ALBERT MONTENAYOR, 28675440, Private First Class, INF, Company C, 4888th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Katze, Germany. While combat during Company C's advance through a sparsely-wooded area near Patrop, Private First Class MONTENAYOR sighted an enemy twenty-millimeter gun, fully manned and ready to fire, its crew still unaware of the approaching riflemen. Fearlessly darting toward the emplacement alone, throwing grenades and firing his rifle at the gun, Private First Class MONTENAYOR, by his swift, bold charge, so startled the Germans that the entire crew surrendered without resistance. His valiant, alert actions reflect great credit on Private First Class MONTENAYOR and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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

HEINRICH STASSMUTH JR., 01178632, First Lieutenant, FA, Battery A, 4888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 1 March 1945 to 7 March 1945, in Germany. Boldly remaining with advance infantry elements as forward observer during a period of highly mobile operations, on one occasion First Lieutenant STASSMUTH braved the vicious fire of two machine guns pinned down an assault group and crawled to the top floor of a building, within one hundred yards of the enemy positions. There, under direct hostile observation and fire, he adjusted artillery shelling which destroyed both weapons and enabled the infantry to continue its advance. Later, he daringly ran fifty yards through a mortar barrage to bring such devastating fire on the hostile positions that an isolated squad was relieved. First Lieutenant STASSMUTH's heroic devotion to duty exemplifies high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Ohio.

HOWARD M. JILLA, 37213436, Corporal, FA, Battery A, 4888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in Germany. Corporal JILLA displayed a high order of courage while serving as wireman and assistant radio operator of Battery A's forward observer team, succeeding by his heroic actions in maintaining communication and liaison between the artillery observer and infantry assault troops. In one instance, when riflemen were pinned down under particularly intense machine gun and mortar fire, Corporal JILLA stood fully exposed to enemy action and relayed fire commands from the observer to the radio operator until the resulting artillery fire completely destroyed the enemy weapons. His valiant, intrepid conduct under fire reflects great credit on Corporal JILLA and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

GEORGE C. CANNA JR., 31430805, Corporal, FA, Battery A, 4888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nord Lunern, Germany. During an enemy counter-attack against Nord Lunern in which Corporal CANNA'S forward observer team was directing artillery support for an embattled rifle company, the observation post was subjected to accurately heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. Notwithstanding the constant menace, Corporal CANNA set up his radio in an open window on the top floor of the battered building and established contact with battalion headquarters, enabling the forward observer to place effective fire on the enemy. His bold, determined performance under perilous conditions is in keeping

with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Corporal CANAN. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JONES DOLCI, 33433752, Private First Class, FA, Battery B, 333rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Boldly crossing thirty yards of open terrain, in utter darkness, Private First Class DOLCI and four comrades entered a circuitous passageway leading to a strong enemy pillbox which defended infantry positions in Fraulautern. Hearing German conversation, Private First Class DOLCI courageously remained at the steel door of the bunker while a comrade went to summon four engineer soldiers who quickly blasted away the massive barrier. Then, fearlessly entering the bunker as soon as poisonous fumes had cleared, the group discovered two dead Germans and another seriously wounded. Private First Class DOLCI'S intrepid actions in the elimination of a powerful enemy fortification reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GADAGE KNUFZSCHMIDT, 38150374, Sergeant (Then Private First Class), INF, Company G, 333rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Boldly crossing thirty yards of open terrain, in utter darkness, Sergeant KNUFZSCHMIDT and four comrades entered a circuitous passageway leading to a strong enemy pillbox which defended infantry positions in Fraulautern. Hearing German conversation, Sergeant KNUFZSCHMIDT courageously remained at the steel door of the bunker while a comrade went to summon four engineer soldiers who quickly blasted away the massive barrier. Then, fearlessly entering the bunker as soon as poisonous fumes had cleared, the group discovered two dead Germans and another seriously wounded. Sergeant KNUFZSCHMIDT'S intrepid actions in the elimination of a powerful enemy fortification reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

THOMAS P. BRINDLE, 37373315, Private First Class, INF, Company G, 333rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Boldly crossing thirty yards of open terrain, in utter darkness, Private First Class BRINDLE and four comrades entered a circuitous passageway leading to a strong enemy pillbox which defended infantry positions in Fraulautern. Hearing German conversation, Private First Class BRINDLE courageously remained at the steel door of the bunker while a comrade went to summon four engineer soldiers who quickly blasted away the massive barrier. Then, fearlessly entering the bunker as soon as poisonous fumes had cleared, the group discovered two dead Germans and another seriously wounded. Private First Class BRINDLE'S intrepid actions in the elimination of a powerful enemy fortification reflect great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

ROBERT J. MADDOCK, 36982146, Sergeant, INF, Company G, 333rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. Boldly crossing thirty yards of open terrain, in utter darkness, Sergeant MADDOCK and four comrades entered a circuitous passageway leading to a strong enemy pillbox which defended infantry positions in Fraulautern. Hearing German conversation, Private First Class MADDOCK courageously remained at the steel door of the bunker while a comrade went to summon four engineer soldiers who quickly blasted away the massive barrier.

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EARL F. GRUBB, 16097243, Technical Sergeant, INF, Company A, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 19 November 1944 to 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of Metz, France. After Company A suffered heavy casualties at Balmanc, Technical Sergeant GRUBB led fort survivors, as an element of Task Force 444, in the final phase of the attack on Metz. At Fort Sollerodt, in Metz, Technical Sergeant GRUBB was shot by a sniper shortly thereafter, a terrific blast shook the fort, inflicting heavy casualties. Despite his own painful wound, Technical Sergeant GRUBB, commanding evacuation, went to his injured comrades and helped evacuate them. His heroically unselfish devotion to duty is an keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on Technical Sergeant GRUBB. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

FRANK A. HUTTON, 11105132, Private First Class, INF, Company A, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. With his twin brother, Private First Class HUTTON voluntarily set out to fortify the exposed flank of a rifle platoon. In spite of intense artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class HUTTON strung barb wire across routes which could be used by infiltrating hostile patrols. At especially vulnerable points the two men improvised booby traps from phosphorus grenades. The defense installed by them proved impenetrable to the anticipated enemy action. For later that night four wounded Germans were captured along the flank. Private First Class HUTTON'S courageous, skillful achievement reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT M. HUTTON, 11105134, Private First Class, INF, Company A, 8888th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Saarlautern, Germany. With his twin brother, Private First Class HUTTON voluntarily set out to fortify the exposed flank of a rifle platoon. In spite of intense artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class HUTTON strung barb wire across routes which could be used by infiltrating hostile patrols. At especially vulnerable points the two men improvised booby traps from phosphorus grenades. The defense installed by them proved impenetrable to the anticipated enemy action. For later that night four wounded Germans were captured along the flank. Private First Class HUTTON'S courageous, skillful achievement reflects great credit on him and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and Executive Order 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:

ABRA H. HIGGS, 35438176, Technician Fourth Grade, FA, Battery A, 8888th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in Germany. Serving at

chief of Battery A's forward observer section, Technician Fourth Grade HICKS maintained unbroken communications between the artillery observer and battalion headquarters throughout six days of fierce action. On three occasions, when infantry assault troops were pinned down by intense enemy fire, he completely disregarded his own safety to crawl forward and set up communications. His dauntless, courageous actions in thus enabling the forward observer to deliver devastating artillery fire on the hostile strongpoint reflect distinct credit on Technician Fourth Grade HICKS and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

IVAN T. BANNON, 36184988, First Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant), FA, Battery A, \*\*\*Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 April 1945 to 7 April 1945, in Germany. Serving as chief of Battery A's forward observer section, First Sergeant BANNON maintained unbroken communications between the artillery observer and battalion headquarters throughout six days of fierce action. On three occasions, when infantry assault troops were pinned down by intense enemy fire, he completely disregarded his own safety to crawl forward and set up communications. His dauntless, courageous actions in thus enabling the forward observer to deliver devastating artillery fire on the hostile strongpoint reflect distinct credit on First Sergeant BANNON and are in keeping with high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

CLIFFORD A. JONES, 0353169, Major, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 September 1944 to 7 October 1944. Entered military service from Nevada.

JEROLD J. HARTLICH, 01165740, Major, FA, Headquarters, 95th Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 16 September 1944 to 7 October 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

By command of Major General TWADDELL:

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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:

GORDON ANDERSON, 37277028, Private First Class, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. When a rifle platoon was held up by machine gun fire, Private First Class ANDERSON mounted his machine gun in an exposed position in order to fire directly on the hostile weapon. An enemy panzerfaust hit Private First Class ANDERSON'S gun, demolishing the tripod and stunning Private First Class ANDERSON, but with indomitable courage and determination he picked up the receiver and mounted it on a window sill. From this point, his devastating fire silenced the German machine gun. His fearless gallantry in battle reflects great credit on Private First Class ANDERSON and verifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILSON G. GREEN, 36184934, Corporal, INF, Company D, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against the enemy, on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. When machine gun fire from a factory building pinned down assaulting rifle elements, Corporal GREEN advanced by himself on the building. Firing his rifle steadily, he approached the machine gun. In good range, he boldly hurled a grenade, knocking out the hostile weapon and enabling the riflemen to proceed to their objective. The gallantry of Corporal GREEN'S single-handed action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Michigan.

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:

HARRY CARTER, 17053051, Private, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hamm, Germany. When a strong hostile patrol attacked his platoon's position near Hamm and crept powerfully past the outpost, Private CARTER, with no regard for his own safety, left cover to face the enemy's fierce fire. Emptying five magazines of automatic rifle ammunition at the oncoming Germans, Private CARTER stopped the assault by his own fearless action. The great fortitude and daring of his conduct is in keeping with high traditions of the military service, reflecting immense credit on Private CARTER. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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ELBRIDGE L. LAKE, 36249173, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of Manvillers, France. When enemy mortars opened fire on a squad which was pinned down by small arms fire, Staff Sergeant LAKE courageously made his way over shell-swept terrain to the menaced squad and led it from its untenable position. A member of the squad was hit by mortar shell fragments. Risking his own life, Staff Sergeant LAKE helped to administer first aid while the enemy shelling continued. His staunch, fearless leadership in a critical situation reflects great credit on Staff Sergeant LAKE and exemplifies high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

RICHARD E. SIEGMAN, 16093196, Staff Sergeant (Then Technician Fifth Grade), INF, Company I, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Baderf, Germany. Taking over the duties of supply sergeant when his predecessor was killed in action, Staff Sergeant SIEGMAN performed heroic service throughout twelve days of bitter fighting at our base river bridgehead. Heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire did not deter him from closely supervising the breakdown of supplies on the river bank, nor from participating gallantly in the evacuation of the wounded. His unflagging energy and devotion to duty under powerful enemy fire are in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on Staff Sergeant SIEGMAN. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JAMES L. HARRAGE, 34444778, Staff Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommernich and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way reluctantly from Pommernich to Dortmund, Staff Sergeant HARRAGE consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Staff Sergeant HARRAGE'S conduct in battle is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from Georgia.

CLARENCE B. GUTTEL, 37094365, Sergeant, INF, Company E, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Pommernich and Dortmund, Germany. During the period 4 April 1945 to 16 April 1945, while Company E fought its way reluctantly from Pommernich to Dortmund, Sergeant GUTTEL consistently distinguished himself as a fearless and devoted leader. His calm, intrepid conduct under heavy enemy fire was a great encouragement to his comrades. His resourceful initiative in leading patrols deep into enemy territory contributed materially to the decisive accomplishment of numerous missions. Sergeant GUTTEL'S conduct in battle is in keeping with high traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him. Entered military service from North Dakota.

RAYMOND W. KJELBERG, 16174761, Sergeant, INF, Company L, \*\*\*Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany. In the face of intense mortar and small arms fire Sergeant KJELBERG fearlessly went to the aid of another soldier whose foot was blown off by a German mine. After administering

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