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the section leader, he immediately rendered aid to the driver, then helped the section sergeant reorganize his men. On another occasion, after contact had been made with the enemy under extremely adverse conditions, Private WOOD volunteered to stay in position and maintain the contact. On the following morning he volunteered to serve as driver of the lead vehicle, the original driver having become a casualty. While driving the vehicle, he struck a mine, wounding the platoon leader and drawing immediate, intense artillery fire. Disregarding his own safety, Private WOOD rendered aid to the wounded platoon leader. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ALBERT M. OLIVIERO, 32120262, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. While on close reconnaissance for a task force, Sergeant OLIVIERO's armored car was hit by enemy artillery. He attempted to aid the men of his crew, but finding they had been killed, he attempted to move the vehicle. Finding this impossible, he moved to the armored car behind him. Without regard for intense anti-tank fire, he stood in the middle of the road and guided the driver in turning the vehicle around. He then mounted the car and guided it to a place of cover. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD J. SIMONDS (then Second Lieutenant), 0547787, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 26 February 1945. When the advance of infantry and tanks was held up at a road block, Lieutenant SIMONDS went forward under small arms and mortar fire to supervise clearing of the block. He repeatedly moved forward to remove mines, then supervised placing of a treadway bridge across a large crater. As a result of his efforts the force was able to move forward with a minimum of delay. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Master Sergeant JAMES L. ROBBINS, 33040132, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. Sergeant ROBBINS volunteered to go as a member of a tank recovery crew to bring in a vehicle under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Enroute to the disabled tank the crew encountered another tank recovery crew which had suffered from enemy artillery. Sergeant ROBBINS assisted in evacuating the wounded and continued on his mission. Although their recovery crew immediately drew enemy fire, the disabled tank was evacuated and repaired. Sergeant ROBBINS' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

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man back across the open terrain to safety. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces and reflect great credit on himself and the service. Entered Military Service from Montana.

Private First Class RICHARD E. FRANZ, 42125715, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. Private FRANZ was cannoner of a tank that was disabled by enemy fire, which also wounded the gunner. Under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire he removed the wounded gunner and assisted him to the shelter of a nearby ditch. There he attempted to administer aid to the wounded man. He then made his way across open terrain under extremely heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and led medical aid men back to the wounded man. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class DONALD C. KRONONGER, 33836793, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945, 2 April and 12 April 1945. On 5 March Private KRONONGER was personally responsible for the surrender of twenty enemy who were endangering his platoon's advance. On another occasion he returned across open fields under fire to recover equipment left behind by wounded comrades. Later he manned an automatic rifle after the rifleman had been wounded. On 12 April his aggressive actions forced surrender of several heavily armed enemy who were defending a house in the outskirts of a town. Although wounded on two different occasions, he refused evacuation on both occasions in order to continue with the action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HAROLD R. OELKE, 16121016, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. When a friendly tank was set fire by a direct hit Private OELKE went to the aid of the crew. Despite exploding ammunition on the burning tank and continuing enemy fire, he succeeded in evacuating the wounded to safety. Private OELKE acted without regard for his own safety, and his courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class HAROLD F. SCHOCK, 33593639, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. While engaged in mopping up operations in an enemy town, Private SCHOCK heard a wounded comrade call for aid. Private SCHOCK immediately manned a machine gun from an exposed position. Although wounded by enemy fire, he continued to give covering fire while medical aid men rendered aid to the wounded man and evacuated him. Private SCHOCK's action also held the enemy until elements of the company neutralized the resistance. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD S. WOOD, 36738425, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 16 February 1945 and 29 March 1945. Private WOOD was mounted on the lead vehicle of a reconnaissance patrol. When the vehicle struck a mine, seriously wounding the driver and stunning

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Staff Sergeant GEORGE E. McCOOL, 17020634, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Sergeant McCOOL directed fire against the enemy from the turret of his tank until all ammunition had been exhausted. He then moved his tank to a position of safety. Leaving the tank, he dismounted under small arms and artillery fire to assist aid men in removing wounded from the field. Without regard for heavy enemy fire he made numerous trips in an open field to carry wounded to an aid station. He also pointed out targets to tanks that were still in action, allowing them to give the wounded and the aid men protective fire. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Sergeant HAROLD A. BENSON, 32869730, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. When enemy artillery disabled his tank making it impossible to move forward, Sergeant BENSON dismounted. Standing at the front of the vehicle under continuing artillery and heavy small arms fire, he guided the tank driver, in reverse, to a covered position. Although forced to seek cover several times from the small arms fire, he continued his action until the vehicle was in position to fire. He then directed fire from the tank against enemy positions. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant JOHN R. CALL, 39914031, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. While his platoon was pinned down by enemy artillery fire, Sergeant CALL maneuvered his tank, under heavy fire, into a position to deliver effective counter-fire on the enemy gun positions. By his courage and skill he neutralized several of the enemy weapons and enabled his own forces to continue their advance. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Utah.

Sergeant HAROLD J. JACOBS, 37475884, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. While advancing with a small task force, given the mission of securing an enemy town, the force drew a heavy concentration of tank, artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant JACOBS, realizing his ammunition would endanger his entire platoon in the event of a direct hit, dismounted. Despite intense small arms fire he succeeded in uncoupling the trailer but was pinned down by the fire. While seeking cover he sighted an enemy tank, responsible for most of the enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety he returned to his vehicle, directed the driver into position, and placed a direct hit on the enemy tank forcing it to start withdrawing. When the enemy tank moved to an exposed position it was put out of action. Sergeant JACOBS' action and quick thinking prevented numerous casualties and enabled his force to take its objective. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD L. BAINBRIDGE, 32868324, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Sergeant BAINBRIDGE's tank was disabled in an open field exposed to enemy fire. Ordering the crew to dismount, Sergeant

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BAINBRIDGE remained with the vehicle and, after it had been hit by two additional rounds of anti-tank fire, succeeded in moving the vehicle to a covered position. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade TONY LOPEZ, 38049224, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. Sergeant LOPEZ volunteered to go as a member of a tank recovery crew to secure a disabled tank under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. While on this mission Sergeant LOPEZ assisted evacuation of the wounded of a tank recovery crew. He then continued to the disabled tank. Despite heavy concentrations of enemy fire the vehicle was successfully evacuated, repaired, and returned to action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM J. SCHNEIDER, 33594463, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. Sergeant SCHNEIDER voluntarily accompanied a tank recovery crew under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Enroute to a disabled tank he assisted in evacuation of the wounded of another tank recovery crew who had suffered from artillery fire. Sergeant SCHNEIDER then continued on his mission and, despite artillery fire and small arms action, the tank was recovered, repaired and returned to action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal EARL C. WILLIAMS, 33707942, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. When his tank commander became a casualty, Corporal WILLIAMS dismounted under intense small arms and artillery fire to help carry him to a position of safety. He then returned to his partially disabled tank and drove it into position where its weapons could be utilized. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade WALTER J. ANDERSON, 31328139, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Corporal ANDERSON, a troop clerk, volunteered to join a combat platoon. In the following action the platoon was forced to withdraw from its position due to heavy enemy cross fire. While moving from the position it was discovered one platoon member was wounded and unable to move out with his unit. Corporal ANDERSON voluntarily returned to the danger area, located the wounded man, and evacuated him to a position of safety. Corporal ANDERSON's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES B. DAVIS, 35727518, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 23 February 1945. Corporal DAVIS, driver for a forward observer, carried messages from a forward observation post to the rear while under

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intense small arms, artillery and mortar fire. When the communications line was severed by artillery fire, he moved out under direct observation and small arms fire to take an important message to a rear post, permitting artillery to be placed on an important enemy target. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD J. DOOLEY, JR., 32852616, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Corporal DOOLEY, serving as gunner with a provisional combat platoon, voluntarily returned to a position from which his platoon had just been forced by intense enemy fire. There he located a wounded comrade and under mortar, artillery and small arms fire, returned with this wounded man to a position of safety. His heroic action, without regard for his own safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWIN A. MROSS, 35607723, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 1 May 1945. Without regard for his own safety, Corporal MROSS drove his ambulance forward, under blackout conditions and over roads patrolled by guerilla bands, to evacuate a wounded soldier. As he approached the wounded man's unit he realized that his vehicle would not be recognized as friendly. Corporal MROSS dismounted and advanced, identifying himself to the outpost guard. As a result of his quick thinking and calm action the wounded soldier was evacuated safely. Corporal MROSS' action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE YAKIN, JR., 35695394, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. When one of the leading vehicles of a task force was disabled by mortar fire and members of its crew were wounded, Corporal YAKIN, without hesitation, drove his one-quarter ton vehicle under heavy mortar fire and evacuated the wounded. He made three trips to the damaged vehicle, rendering aid to the wounded and evacuating them to an aid station. His courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES J. DESMOND, 31328256, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Private DESMOND, while serving as attached engineer with a task force, voluntarily rode forward in an exposed position to place a treadway bridge across a canal. Without regard for artillery, mortar and sniper fire, he assisted in putting the bridge into position, then remained on guard to direct traffic of a combat command until all had successfully crossed the canal. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Private First Class JOHN J. McCORMICK, 33592901, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. During a heavy artillery and mortar barrage three

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infantrymen riding on a tank were wounded while seeking cover. Private McCORMICK, with complete disregard for his own safety, dismounted from his tank and administered aid, then helped the wounded men to cover. His devotion to duty and personal courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private WILLIAM A. ALLEN, 33659695, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 4 April 1945. Private ALLEN, bow gunner in a medium tank, dismounted because of limited observation. He made his way under heavy mortar and artillery fire to the top floor of a nearby building. Through effective adjustment of fire he was responsible for destroying one heavy enemy tank and forcing another to withdraw, thus allowing the attacking forces to continue their advance. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Private DUFFIELD W. YACKS, JR., 36544027, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 March to 9 March 1945. While serving with a forward observation party, Private YACKS twice remained on duty at his radio despite intense mortar and artillery fire which drove others to cover. His courage and devotion to duty aided materially in rendering successful artillery support and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated, to:

Sergeant CHARLES D. ANDERSON, 33092481, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Captain JAMES B. EURE, 0416566, Field Artillery, United States Army. 19 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

Captain HURDLE E. McDANIEL, JR., 0366538, Infantry, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Captain THOMAS N. SNYDER, 0350361, Infantry, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant THOMAS A. BROOKS, 01018456, Cavalry, United States Army. 2 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant GEORGE M. KOVACHY, JR., 01014746, Cavalry, United States Army. 14 June to 16 June 1944 and 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant WILBUR T. LATSHAW, 01011777, Infantry, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 26 April 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant HENRY F. RIVERS, 01999789, Infantry, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 12 December 1944 and 5 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Florida.

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First Sergeant RUSSELL W. VANCE (then Staff Sergeant), 34149976, Armored, United States Army. 16 June 1944 to 25 October 1944 and 22 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM SMITH, 36311251, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant VERNON E. JOHNSON, 36317304, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Sergeant VICTOR G. CONLEY, 35267161, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 12 August 1944 and 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Sergeant MELVIN S. CRON, 39004911, Armored, United States Army. 17 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from California.

Sergeant EVERON H. DALLAS (then Private, Private First Class and Technician Fifth Grade), 34652411, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

Sergeant BRUCE E. ELLIOTT, 36311128, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 4 August 1944 and 29 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Sergeant FRANCIS G. ESPOSITO, 32589471, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant STEVE J. HOFFER (then Corporal), 33143059, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant HOWARD V. PHILLIPS, 36164705, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Sergeant THOMAS J. VIZACARO, 33143294, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT J. BUTTERFIELD, 32192537, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.



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Technician Fourth Grade PETER J. FADELLA, 12041715, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN J. GUINEY, 32292009, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade LEE O. JENKINS, 38095903, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade MARSHALL MARTIN, 34165370, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade KENNETH C. MCKENZIE, 37131712, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM S. MERKERT, 35252467, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT B. PADGETT, 36230919, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN E. RESAR, 35281372, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE J. RISTAU, 32902740, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANCIS G. THOMAS, 18053211, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade ERNEST C. WINZENREID, 35271695, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH A. WOODWARD, 36299304, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Corporal EILERT H. HOLM, 39317394, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

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Corporal HILLMAN C. CROWELL, 37504999, Field Artillery, United States Army. 15 April to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Corporal PRESTON S. GRUBB, 37514949, Field Artillery, United States Army. 3 April to 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Corporal ANTHONY E. KROEGER, 35268276, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Corporal MERLIN D. LE BON, 36164860, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Corporal VIRGIL MICHAEL, 35261452, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 18 December 1944 and 30 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Corporal LAWRENCE J. O'HERRON, JR., 16063800, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Corporal GEORGE M. SMITH, 39618414, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from Montana.

Corporal ALFRED SNIKE, 32192912, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES W. ALEXANDER, 34778833, Field Artillery, United States Army. 7 March to 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY D. BOYD, 39317358, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTHONY A. FERRO, 39397003, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN R. FITZSIMMONS, 35281587, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD R. FUNK, 35014910, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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Technician Fifth Grade ALEXANDER J. GIRNIUS, 22312985, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JOE B. HALL, 34165510, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY KNAPP, 32291855, Armored, United States Army. 6 June to 17 June 1944 and 22 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILSON M. MAY, 38379080, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade LOVIE E. McINTOSH, 36073625, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. MCKEE, 37514700, Field Artillery, United States Army. 5 April to 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH V. POWELL, 37537255, Armored, United States Army. 19 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD TEFFETELLER, 14047194, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE H. WALKER, 38096068, Medical Department, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class RAYMOND W. BIGELOW, 36429381, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class RAYMOND A. BOTTRON, 39504656, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from California.

Private First Class LOUIS J. DI CLEMENTI, JR., 32725015, Armored, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class ROBERT M. HANBY, 32952614, Field Artillery, United States Army. 7 March to 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Delaware.

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Private First Class RALPH G. KELLEY, 32726387, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class HARRY E. LECUYER, 37707232, Field Artillery, United States Army. 5 April to 9 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Private First Class JUNE P. STERLING, 16067997, Armored, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Private JOHN M. S. IRVING, 35053657, Field Artillery, United States Army. 5 March to 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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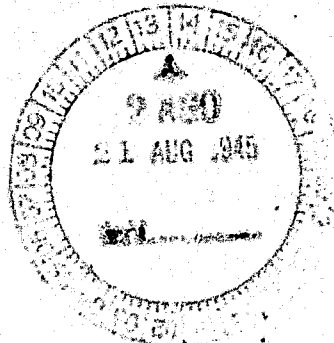
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD O. MOMANY, 36422341, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 6 June 1944. When radio communications were destroyed by enemy action during an extremely difficult beach landing, Corporal MOMANY courageously maintained liaison by personally carrying messages to company commanders. He made innumerable trips along the entire length of the fire-swept beach, exposed to heavy, sustained small arms, mortar and artillery fire. On one of these missions he was wounded by mortar fire, but continued with his missions until evacuated to a hospital ship. His courage and complete devotion to duty, without regard for his own safety, reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant MALCOLM C. O'BRIEN, 35271825, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 6 June 1944. When his battalion commander's radio was destroyed during landing operations on the French coast, Sergeant O'BRIEN maintained liaison by personally carrying messages to company commanders. He made innumerable trips along the entire length of the fire-swept beach. Although wounded by enemy rifle fire, he insisted on continuing with his mission, being evacuated only on direct order from his superior officer. The leadership and devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant O'BRIEN aided in establishment of American forces upon the beach. His personal bravery and outstanding courage reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant GORDON D. CROUSE, 36311154, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. Sergeant CROUSE, a tank commander, led an assault on an enemy town. After destroying several enemy positions, his tank was disabled by enemy fire and Sergeant CROUSE was wounded. Disregarding his own wounds he left his disabled tank and ran to the support tank, whose commander had been injured. Taking command of this vehicle, he continued the advance, completing his mission. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois)

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Sergeant ENRIQUE MARIANI (then Corporal), 32193241, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 27 July 1944. As his tank reached its objective Sergeant MARIANI observed the tank to his rear hit and burst into flames. Without regard for his own safety, he dashed across an open field under heavy small arms and artillery fire to the burning vehicle. There, despite exploding ammunition, he succeeded in removing two seriously wounded men and moving them to safety. His courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant KENNETH V. WILLIAMS, 16025149, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 6 June 1944. Sergeant WILLIAMS landed his tank on an enemy held beach. While engaging an anti-tank gun position his vehicle was hit and Sergeant WILLIAMS was wounded. Disregarding his wound, he continued the attack, destroying the emplacement. He then advanced, destroying numerous machine gun positions which were holding up advance of the infantry. When his tank hit a mine Sergeant WILLIAMS, still ignoring his wound, continued to fight on with his company, refusing evacuation until the following day. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal JOHN R. MCGOWAN, 32590640, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 September 1944. When two tanks were knocked out by enemy fire, three wounded men were left lying in full view of the enemy, unable to move to safety. Corporal MCGOWAN, without regard for his own safety, left the protection of his tank. He moved across the open field, under intense small arms and artillery fire, and moved the wounded to the rear of his tank and out of danger. By this action he saved the lives of his comrades. His devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH D. LAMATTINA, 32572955, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 11 July 1944. Corporal LAMATTINA drove his half-track vehicle forward under light mortar and artillery fire. Upon arrival in the new position he moved to a concealed position and camouflaged it. Then, as a heavy artillery barrage opened up, he voluntarily supervised placing and concealment of other vehicles. Without orders he went to the aid of men preparing a mortar position. When the mortar barrage suddenly increased he took cover in the partially prepared position. Upon learning that several of his comrades had been wounded, he left this covered position and went to their aid, without regard for the extremely heavy fire. He moved the wounded to cover, rendered aid, and then went for medical aid men. Corporal LAMATTINA's conduct was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Sergeant WAYNE B. YOUNGBLOOD, 34187616, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in

Germany on 7 March 1945. While participating in an advance against an enemy town, Sergeant YOUNGBLOOD's tank was hit twice by enemy tank fire. He ordered surviving members of his crew to dismount and move to cover. He then returned to the tank, removed the seriously wounded cannoneer from the vehicle and carried him to safety, despite exploding ammunition in the vehicle. Sergeant YOUNGBLOOD, without regard for continuing enemy fire, went for help of medical corpsmen to give aid to the wounded. Returning, he assisted in rendering first aid and evacuation of the wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ERNEST O. PADGETT, 34121671, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 17 December 1944. As Sergeant PADGETT was retiring on orders, in the face of an extremely heavy enemy attack, he sighted an isolated group of infantrymen, obviously unaware of the tactical situation and in a dangerous position. Unable to reach these men with his tank, Sergeant PADGETT dismounted. Despite heavy artillery and small arms fire he reached the men, led them to his tank, and then covered their safe withdrawal. His initiative, judgement and cool courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant SALVATORE W. SANTORO, 12041763, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 September 1944. Sergeant SANTORO manned an observation post for a mortar platoon supporting tanks in the attack on strongly fortified enemy positions. On three occasions he observed from a position fully exposed to the enemy, under direct artillery fire, to direct laying of smoke screens for the withdrawal of tank platoons. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant DONALD R. METZGER (then Corporal), 35543042, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 31 January 1945. Sergeant METZGER, while moving to the rear under intense artillery and small arms fire, halted his vehicle to go to the aid of wounded and exhausted infantry soldiers. Without regard for his own safety he moved five men to the rear deck of his tank, covering them with his own jacket and all other available covering to protect them from the cold. He then evacuated these men, saving them from further suffering and possible death. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant LEONARD B. WHITE, 39104501, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 17 December 1944. When his tank became disabled during an advance, Sergeant WHITE dismounted without regard for enemy fire. He attempted to repair the vehicle. He then crossed open fields under intense sniper and small arms fire to a disabled tank, under direct observation of the enemy. There he secured necessary parts,

returned, and still under artillery fire, repaired his tank and again got it into action. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade VIRGIL L. BROWNING, 36311077, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 July 1944. When a round jammed in his tank gun, the gunner dismounted to remove it, but was wounded by artillery fire. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant BROWNING immediately dismounted. He moved the wounded gunner to safety across an open field exposed to enemy artillery. His courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM J. FISCUS, 33151681, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 20 June 1944. Sergeant FISCUS volunteered to go as a member of a tank recovery crew to secure a disabled tank, located on the forward slope of a hill, under direct fire from the enemy. Without regard for his own safety he drove his recovery vehicle across an open field, dismounted, and supervised evacuation of the tank. Although forced to take cover under his vehicle because of artillery fire, he succeeded in evacuating the tank and returning it to his company area. His courage, skill and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade RAFAEL LANDROVE, 38091160, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 6 June 1944. During the attack on an enemy-held beach, the tank which Sergeant LANDROVE was driving was disabled by enemy artillery. Without regard for his own safety he dismounted and under artillery, mortar and small arms fire, succeeded in repairing the vehicle. As a result of his courage and devotion to duty his crew was able to continue its advance, destroying important enemy emplacements. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade TONY MORGANDO, 36311078, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 2 February 1945. Sergeant MORGANDO was driving a tank with a dozer blade, clearing the advance of a tank column. When the vehicle struck a mine, disabling it, Sergeant MORGANDO dismounted. Without regard for heavy artillery and small arms fire he repaired it, suffering a severe hand injury while so engaged. Disregarding his injury he returned to his vehicle and continued with his mission. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal HENRY GROSS, JR., 33230608, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. After his tank was destroyed by direct fire at close range, Corporal GROSS was captured by the enemy. He demanded to be taken to the officer commanding twelve enemy gun positions. There he persuaded the officer that his position was completely surrounded and faced imminent destruction. Artillery from American lines began dropping into this position, lending credence to his story.



Exposed to this fire, Corporal GROSS continued to talk with the enemy officer until he agreed to leave the position, and with 150 men, followed Corporal GROSS under white flags to friendly lines. Corporal GROSS' courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal HERMAN G. RAY, 34611300, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. Without regard for his own safety, Corporal RAY dismounted under heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire. He then cleared a faulty round from the gun on his tank. Because of this action his weapon was out of action for only a short time and gave essential fire power in support of a task force. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Corporal HOWARD E. RILEY, 37073477, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 18 December 1944. Corporal RILEY made a foot reconnaissance to locate two enemy tanks reported in the vicinity. Under constant small arms and artillery fire, he located the tanks in a concealed position. He then returned to his tank, manned his gun, and destroyed the two hostile vehicles. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade VERDIE M. GUEST, JR., 34710294, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 18 April 1945. When the tank which Corporal GUEST was driving was hit by rocket fire and disabled while advancing across a strategically important bridge, it was abandoned and the crew sought shelter. Despite the cautions of his tank commander, Corporal GUEST returned to the tank, investigated the damage, and repaired it. The crew then returned and soon silenced several machine gun positions, enabling infantry elements to advance and secure the bridge. Corporal GUEST's extreme devotion to duty without regard for his own safety reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Private First Class RUSSELL R. DWINCHICK, 33461258, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. Private DWINCHICK, while engaged with three enemy tanks, ran low on ammunition. Although the tank in which he was serving was immobilized by a direct hit, he continued firing until his supply of ammunition was exhausted. Without regard for his own safety, Private DWINCHICK then made his way across an open field, under heavy enemy fire, to a disabled tank. There he secured additional ammunition, returned to his own vehicle, and continued the fight until he forced the enemy to withdraw. His courage and devotion to duty, without regard for his own safety, reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEONARD MANGOLD, 32930982, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 27 July 1944. Private MANGOLD, gunner, was serving in a tank disabled by

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enemy fire. Although slightly wounded himself, he aided the tank commander and ammunition loader, both seriously wounded, to safety. He evacuated them across open fields that were under intense artillery and small arms fire. Private LANGOLD then returned to the disabled vehicle in search of other wounded. Upon completion of this mission he returned to his two wounded companions and attended their wounds until relieved by medical aid men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

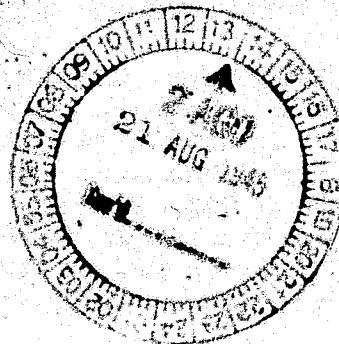
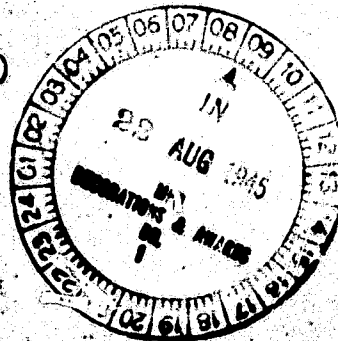
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant WALTER A. J. MARTENS, 01016501, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Lieutenant MARTENS personally led his reconnaissance platoon at the head of a task force. When his armored car, in the lead position, came under fire, he manned a machine gun and wiped out two enemy positions. Continuing the advance, his force came under artillery and mortar fire. He located two enemy anti-tank weapons, directed his fire on them, and notified following tanks of their position. His harassing fire forced the anti-tank gun crews into the open where they were destroyed by the tank which came up to aid the reconnaissance platoon. Although wounded himself, Lieutenant MARTENS refused medical aid until his task force was ordered to hold its position later in the day. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM McCLAIN (then Staff Sergeant), 33668208, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Holland and Germany on 26 February 1945 and 28 March 1945. When the radio operator was fatally wounded, Sergeant McCLAIN voluntarily returned more than four hundred yards under intense fire to secure the radio equipment and maintain communications with the main force. Later he returned over the same route to secure food for his platoon. On another occasion Sergeant McCLAIN voluntarily went alone, under cover of darkness, into territory from which his platoon had been forced to withdraw because of superior forces. He reconnoitered a bridge across a canal and gained necessary information which enabled another company to successfully cross. He then led a patrol into enemy territory. Without regard for his own safety he advanced to give aid to a wounded member of the patrol. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant VERNON H. SCHACHT, 37078442, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. While leading his section on dismounted mopping-up action, Sergeant SCHACHT eliminated several enemy soldiers who were attempting to bring their light machine guns into action. While engaged with one enemy soldier, Sergeant SCHACHT saw a machine gun about twenty-five yards away starting to swing fire on the patrol to his left. He charged the machine gun and captured its crew. His action and personal courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Sergeant JOHN M. STENGER, JR., 33668235, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. Sergeant STENGER was serving with a machine gun platoon. When a call came from forward elements that a radio was urgently needed, he volunteered to take the radio forward through heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. He accomplished this mission alone only after passing through a town still occupied by the enemy. He was forced to fight his way through the town, and was under constant sniper fire. Without regard for his own safety, he continued forward until his mission was accomplished. His personal courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal FRANCIS L. PARTLETON, 33565283, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Corporal PARTLETON volunteered to lead a small patrol behind enemy lines with a mission of setting up an observation post. When the patrol was pinned down by artillery fire, he exposed himself fearlessly in order to find a covered route forward. When his platoon was later given the mission of gaining contact with the enemy, Corporal PARTLETON volunteered to maintain this contact, allowing the remainder of the platoon to withdraw to safety. His courage, initiative and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

Private First Class LOREN DOUGLAS, 36776944, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. Private DOUGLAS, assistant gunner in a machine gun platoon, carried a radio under heavy enemy fire to a forward command post, thereby providing vital communication with supporting elements. When three half-track vehicles of another platoon were disabled by mines, he voluntarily went forward under artillery and mortar fire, and aided in towing the vehicles to safety and clearing a path for advancing tanks. Later, while voluntarily reconnoitering a route around a mine field, he encountered a group of enemy soldiers. Wounding the leader, he succeeded in taking the remainder prisoners. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class CLAYTON ESTABROOK, 31317955, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Private ESTABROOK, as a member of a combat patrol, advanced more than three hundred yards under intense fire, in order to direct rocket fire at three enemy tanks, forcing their withdrawal. He then assisted in knocking out a machine gun position, and with rifle fire, disabled an enemy staff car and caused casualties among its occupants. Later he was serving with another patrol which was ambushed. Private ESTABROOK, without regard for his own safety, remained with a wounded companion, rendering aid and moving him to a place of safety. He then returned to the rear under fire to secure aid for his comrade. His actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maine.

Private First Class CHARLES R. LEACH, 35228174, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Private LEACH, an ammunition carrier in a machine gun platoon, volunteered to man a machine gun on a light truck during the advance on an enemy-held city. Ambushed by the

enemy, he immediately opened fire, neutralizing hostile machine gun positions and enabling his patrol to withdraw. Later while serving as machine gunner on a one-quarter ton truck, he exposed himself to sniper fire in order to assist in the capture of 870 prisoners with equipment and several artillery pieces. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Private First Class ROBERT P. WILLIAMS, 14024899, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When members of his unit were subjected to sniper fire, Private WILLIAMS voluntarily left the defense area and began examining houses, dug-outs and other positions where snipers might be found. While so engaged he was fired upon and forced to take cover. Despite this fire, Private WILLIAMS advanced upon the enemy positions and called upon its occupant to surrender. Upon receiving further fire in reply, Private WILLIAMS dashed for the entrance of the dug-out. As a result of his initiative and courage an SS Lieutenant was taken prisoner. Private WILLIAMS' initiative and personal courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and one Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ALBERT M. OLIVIERO, 32120262, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. Sergeant OLIVIERO volunteered to go with a patrol into an enemy town, in an effort to secure surrender of troops there. After encountering an enemy patrol, the surrender of a company of enemy soldiers was accomplished. His initiative and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant VANNIE M. ALBANESE (then Second Lieutenant), 01327698, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. Lieutenant ALBANESE led his platoon at the point of an attack on a strongly-held enemy position. He secured a forward position in the face of severe small arms fire. Although wounded in this action he continued the advance of his platoon and was successful in clearing his objective and capturing more than thirty prisoners. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Second Lieutenant JOHN MARTINEK (then Technical Sergeant), 02012191, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945 and 28 March 1945. Throughout a bitterly contested action against a strong enemy position, Lieutenant MARTINEK, then serving as a platoon sergeant, displayed complete disregard for his own safety in leading his platoon. In a later action his platoon was one of the

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leading elements in heavy action. He directed his platoon's attack in a superior manner. Although three of his five vehicles were lost to enemy fire, he successfully completed his mission, then directed evacuation of the wounded and the damaged vehicles. His personal bravery and skill were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT M. HENSLER, 37514766, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 31 March 1945. Sergeant HENSLER led a patrol to aid and evacuate three wounded tank crew members who had taken cover from heavy artillery fire. While on the mission a member of the patrol detected an artillery piece and Sergeant HENSLER directed fire upon it until it was destroyed. His skillful, courageous leadership enabled the patrol to return safely to friendly lines. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JACK J. ACKERMAN, 20949612, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 April 1945. As leader of a patrol, Sergeant ACKERMAN moved into enemy-held territory in order to establish a suitable point of observation. In spite of heavy artillery and mortar fire, he remained in position, adjusting artillery fire and pointing out enemy positions to advancing infantry. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant JOHN H. JENDRICKS, JR., 33619642, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Sergeant JENDRICKS led a patrol to evacuate injured tank and infantrymen. Without regard for his own safety he led his patrol over 150 yards of open terrain in the face of heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire to the injured men. His personal courage and initiative assisted materially in the evacuation of the wounded. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. SCHMIDT, 32696340, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 4 April 1945. When the lead tank of a task force was knocked out by enemy fire, Sergeant SCHMIDT dismounted his squad from their half-track vehicle, located the source of fire and eliminated it. He then led the squad, alone, into an enemy-held town in the face of heavy small arms fire, cleared many houses of enemy troops, and captured more than fifty prisoners. He thus cleared the way for the advance of the task force. Many times Sergeant SCHMIDT exposed himself to enemy fire in order to locate enemy positions. His actions and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Staff Sergeant JAMES C. WHITE, 34880943, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. When his company was urgently in need of ammunition Sergeant WHITE took a half-track vehicle through intense artillery fire to secure

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it. Enroute he halted under direct fire to evacuate a wounded man. After securing the ammunition he returned over the same route and personally supervised the distribution to the company. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Sergeant STEVE E. FABIAN, 35276640, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. At the lead of a task force, Sergeant FABIAN's armored car encountered machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant FABIAN manned his machine gun and layed harassing fire until members of his platoon could withdraw to safety and tanks could move up to eliminate the opposition. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant THOMAS M. FARRELL, 35053581, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 19 April to 21 April 1945. Using his squad in support of tanks, Sergeant FARRELL rode into an enemy town on the leading tank. He immediately dispersed his squad and engaged in house to house combat. During the action his squad captured 150 prisoners and much enemy equipment. Sergeant FARRELL's conduct was exemplary and his courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant SIDNEY L. HAUGE, 37172295, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945. Sergeant HAUGE was section sergeant in a reconnaissance platoon. After clearing a small town, opening the way for a task force, the platoon encountered heavy machine gun fire and was pinned down. Acting on his own initiative, Sergeant HAUGE took a patrol and captured two machine gun positions. His quick thinking and courage saved many lives and enabled the platoon to continue its advance. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

Corporal WILLIAM R. SALSBURY (then Private First Class), 35523396, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 April 1945. Corporal SALSBURY was serving as lead scout on a reconnaissance patrol. When he detected movement ahead, he halted the patrol and advanced alone, encountering a mortar squad in position; forcing their surrender. Observing a light artillery weapon nearby, he crawled up to the position and eliminated the crew with a hand grenade. Corporal SALSBURY's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Corporal GEORGE W. SHARP, 35600921, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on February 1945. Corporal SHARP volunteered to lead a small patrol behind enemy lines to secure information on disposition of troops. He led the patrol through a mine field. Upon nearing some enemy-occupied houses, he sighted enemy

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Sergeant STEVE E. FABIAN, 35276640, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. At the lead of a task force, Sergeant FABIAN's armored car encountered machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant FABIAN manned his machine gun and layed harassing fire until members of his platoon could withdraw to safety and tanks could move up to eliminate the opposition. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant THOMAS M. FARRELL, 35053581, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 19 April to 21 April 1945. Using his squad in support of tanks, Sergeant FARRELL rode into an enemy town on the leading tank. He immediately dispersed his squad and engaged in house to house combat. During the action his squad captured 150 prisoners and much enemy equipment. Sergeant FARRELL's conduct was exemplary and his courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant SIDNEY L. HAUGE, 37172295, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945. Sergeant HAUGE was section sergeant in a reconnaissance platoon. After clearing a small town, opening the way for a task force, the platoon encountered heavy machine gun fire and was pinned down. Acting on his own initiative, Sergeant HAUGE took a patrol and captured two machine gun positions. His quick thinking and courage saved many lives and enabled the platoon to continue its advance. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

Corporal WILLIAM R. SALSBURY (then Private First Class), 35528396, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 April 1945. Corporal SALSBURY was serving as lead scout on a reconnaissance patrol. When he detected movement ahead, he halted the patrol and advanced alone, encountering a mortar squad in position; forcing their surrender. Observing a light artillery weapon nearby, he crawled up to the position and eliminated the crew with a hand grenade. Corporal SALSBURY's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Corporal GEORGE W. SHARP, 35600921, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 24 February 1945. Corporal SHARP volunteered to lead a small patrol behind enemy lines to secure information on disposition of troops. He led the patrol through a large mine field. Upon nearing some enemy-occupied houses, he sighted enemy



directly to the patrol's front. Displaying great skill, Corporal SHARP led his patrol around this enemy unit and continued with his mission, eventually returning to his own lines with vital information. His initiative, skill and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JAY L. BEAM, 13112443, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. While performing reconnaissance the platoon of which Corporal BEAM was a member came under severe enemy tank and anti-tank gun fire. One man lost control of himself, due to battle fatigue, and dashed into an area drawing enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal BEAM went forward under fire and carried his helpless comrade to the safety of his vehicle and drove him to an aid station. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR O. DU BOIS, 31291463, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. The troop of which Corporal DU BOIS was a member was given the mission of securing the bank of the Rhine River. As the troop was moving forward it became disorganized but the squad of which Corporal DU BOIS was a member continued its advance. Corporal DU BOIS secured a house from the enemy. As the squad reached the river bank and started digging in, it was pinned down by sniper fire. Without regard for his own safety, Corporal DU BOIS moved 200 yards across open terrain under fire and eliminated the sniper. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade DANIEL TEDESCO, 33593570, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. When a task force was held up and several of its vehicles were destroyed by direct artillery fire, Corporal TEDESCO voluntarily returned to his vehicle to move it to safety. He carried out his mission despite exploding ammunition on burning vehicles and continuing artillery, mortar and anti-tank fire. After removing the half-track vehicle, he returned once more in order to salvage a one-quarter ton truck. His courage and initiative saved the vehicles from destruction and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOE KAPLET, JR., 35921177, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. While attacking a heavily-fortified enemy town, Private KAPLET encountered a large body of enemy troops. Exposing himself completely to enemy fire, he fired his rifle grenades at the enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. He then secured a rocket weapon and continued firing until the disorganized enemy forces retreated. His action prevented organized counter attack by a large force of enemy troops and resulted in the capture of many prisoners. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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Private First Class VICTOR S. KRAFSOF, 33592389, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. Private KRAFSOF, without regard for his own safety, left the cover of a building and advanced more than two hundred yards under heavy fire, to reach a severely wounded infantryman. There, under heavy artillery and small arms fire, he improvised a litter and removed the wounded man to safety. His action, under enemy fire, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. LEARSCH, 36968731, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Private LEARSCH was serving as bow gunner in a battalion commander's tank. When the vehicle received a direct hit from enemy artillery he cleared himself of the wreckage and went to the aid of the ammunition loader, who was pinned in the turret of the vehicle. He succeeded in removing the wounded man to safety and rendered first aid until medical assistance arrived. This action was carried out under continuous artillery fire without regard for his own safety. Private LEARSCH's actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class LEONARD J. SNYDER, 42123201, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 20 April 1945. While returning at night from an outpost, Private SNYDER observed a car approaching. When the vehicle reached challenging distance he ordered the driver to halt. An occupant of the vehicle opened fire on Private SNYDER with a machine pistol and Private SNYDER immediately returned the fire, wounding the gunman. He then moved to the driver's side of the vehicle where the driver struck him with the butt of a rifle. Private SNYDER again opened fire, igniting explosives within the vehicle. The explosion destroyed the car and killed the occupants. Private SNYDER's courage and determination reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class ROBERT C. SWENSON, 37587668, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 22 February 1945. When his platoon was under heavy artillery fire and all radio and telephone communication was out of order, he volunteered to carry an important message back to the company command post. In order to reach the command post he was forced to pass several times under direct observation of enemy positions and through mortar and artillery fire. Later he left sheltered positions and crossed areas under intense enemy fire to deliver messages, continuing on his missions despite extremely heavy enemy fire. Wounded in a later action, he continued his duties until his mission had been completed. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Private First Class PAUL TUREK, JR., 35931397, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 March 1945. Private TUREK was wireman for an infantry mortar platoon. He was assigned the mission of laying wire from the mortar position to an observation post, under heavy artillery and small arms fire. Private TUREK

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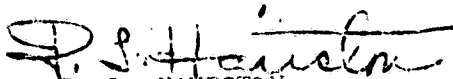
displayed great courage in laying these lines without delay. Later when communications were cut by artillery he voluntarily went forward and made repairs in spite of heavy enemy fire. His actions and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Private First Class DONALD W. WILBURN, 35906796, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. Private WILBURN had been left at a road intersection to guard some prisoners. While so engaged he sighted four enemy soldiers who were advancing along a wall in order to launch a counter-attack. Private WILBURN opened fire on the advancing enemy, causing one casualty and forcing the others to withdraw. Despite the fact his weapon was knocked from his hands by enemy fire, he secured it and succeeded in holding the prisoners until relieved. His action broke up a possible counter-attack and reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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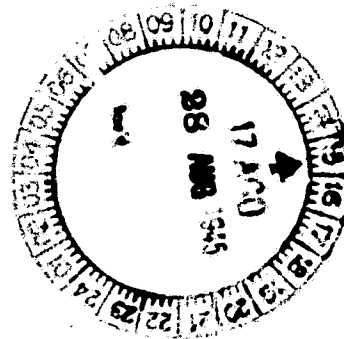
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Major JEROME W. CLARK, 0280771, Infantry, United States Army. 26 February 1945 to 4 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

Major JOHN H. MORRELL, 0400761, Ordnance Department, United States Army. 21 November 1944 to 1 May 1945 in England, France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Major ROBERT L. WICK, 0238661, Infantry, United States Army. 8 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Captain EARL F. BAIRD, 01012427, Cavalry, United States Army. 5 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Captain DAN H. NORTON, 0315223, Cavalry, United States Army. 6 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Captain JOHN W. POTTER, 0348578, Infantry, United States Army. 5 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Captain LOREN J. STEINHAUER, 01016013, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 27 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant ALVIN P. ASAY, 01017234, Cavalry, United States Army. 6 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. BALLINGER, 01302755, Infantry, United States Army. 21 February 1945 to 3 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant BRADFORD K. MacGAW, 01015054, Signal Corps, United States Army. 17 February 1945 to 31 March 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade GEORGE G. ROATS, JR., W2124247, United States Army. 15 January 1945 to 2 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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Master Sergeant JOSEPH A. BIANCHI, 31103557, Armored, United States Army. 17 February 1945 to 20 April 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Master Sergeant ALMA L. GARNETT, 39829385, Armored, United States Army. 6 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Utah.

Master Sergeant EUGENE F. HICKEY, 31304197, Armored, United States Army. 27 February 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Master Sergeant CHARLES R. MEGARGEE, JR., 33311145, Armored, United States Army. 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant RUFERT L. DUNCAN, 35437673, Armored, United States Army. 10 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JAMES M. BLEVINS, 13036130, Armored, United States Army. 26 February 1945 to 4 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant RALPH E. PROCTOR, 31261344, Armored, United States Army. 10 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F. SHURTLEFF, 34201807, Field Artillery, United States Army. 8 February 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Sergeant GLEN R. BAPPE, 37196028, Armored, United States Army. 3 January 1945 to 30 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Sergeant CHARLES B. VAN BATTEN, 16050954, Armored, United States Army. 28 March 1945 to 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade LESLIE O. ECKENROD, 37664834, Armored, United States Army. 23 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Corporal JOHN A. BICKET, 12183024, Field Artillery, United States Army. 8 February 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILMER L. MILLIGAN, 37476743, Field Artillery, United States Army. 28 February 1945 to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT WALTERS, 37005348, Armored, United States Army. 4 April 1945 to 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade LESTER SHEEKS (then Private First Class); 37514379, Ordnance Department, United States Army. 22 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 in Holland. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Private First Class EDWARD J. BARRETT (then Private), 31426475, Field Artillery, United States Army. 20 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 in Holland. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class ROBERT L. BUSS, 36834099, Armored, United States Army. 26 February 1945 to 4 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class THOMAS L. LINDSAY, 31303817, Signal Corps, United States Army. 27 February 1945 to 12 April 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class CLAYTON J. WILBER, 31400078, Field Artillery, United States Army. 20 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 in Holland. Entered Military Service from Maine.


Private CLUFF H. PETTY, 39826215, Armored, United States Army. 28 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from California.

2. So much of Section I, General Orders No. 69, this Headquarters, dated 15 July 1945, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade JOHN S. SHUNK, 33432364, Corps of Engineers, is revoked.

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Award of Silver Star ..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel GUINN B. GOODRICH, 0308572, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945 and 5 April and 12 April 1945. As leader of a task force, Colonel GOODRICH displayed outstanding gallantry in engagements with enemy forces. On one occasion he moved his command post so close behind assaulting elements that he was under constant artillery and mortar fire. While personally directing one operation he was painfully wounded by shrapnel. After receiving medical treatment he continued to carry on his duties. His close personal supervision and tactical skill resulted in greatly reduced casualties in his task force and in all actions Colonel GOODRICH demonstrated courage and disregard for his own safety that was an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant TOM L. CHAMBERS, 15046496, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. Sergeant CHAMBERS assumed command of a platoon when the platoon leader was evacuated. With great skill he organized and directed from a dismounted position, the advance of his platoon and supporting infantry despite constant mortar, artillery and sniper fire. He successfully maintained contact when radio communication failed by going from tank to tank on foot under heavy fire. He led his platoon through a minefield later destroying the field for the safety of relieving troops. When the loader of a tank was wounded, Sergeant CHAMBERS personally evacuated him, returning to reorganize the crew and continue with the action. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were directly responsible for keeping casualties to a minimum and contributed materially to the success of the operation. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Sergeant WILLIAM B. FAHEY, 37159347, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 March 1945. Sergeant FAHEY, without regard for his own safety, moved his tank in front of that of his platoon leader when the platoon leader's tank was stalled in front of a burning ammunition truck. He dismounted under fire from the exploding ammunition load and connected a towing cable to the disabled tank. With the aid of the platoon leader he removed hot mortar and rocket shells from the roadway so his tank could safely tow the stalled vehicle. His bravery, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

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Sergeant LE ROY B. LEISEY, 6892920, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. After losing contact with his platoon leader, Sergeant LEISEY engaged and knocked out an enemy tank and neutralized an enemy strong point that was pinning down infantry elements. Twice during the action he went to the rear for more ammunition, returning to continue the action. When the vehicle stalled he manned a machine gun on the rear deck of the tank while repairs were made. Later when the tank was hit by rocket fire, he disregarded his own serious injuries to report conditions to the relieving platoon leader, giving location of snipers, enemy strong points, and other information. His outstanding initiative and courage, and complete devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal SIDNEY B. BISHOP, 14131653, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. When the tank on which he was serving was hit and ignited by enemy fire, Corporal BISHOP dismounted with the remainder of the crew. He then voluntarily sought another tank. He took the place of a bow gunner who had become a casualty a short time before. He served with this tank crew for more than an hour. When the tank was disabled by rocket fire, Corporal BISHOP again dismounted under intense artillery and mortar fire. He took his place in a third tank and continued the action until it was successfully completed. Corporal BISHOP's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Private First Class DEWEY C. THOMAS, 34375828, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 March 1945. When the tank in which he was serving as gunner suffered a direct hit the platoon leader was severely wounded. Private THOMAS immediately moved up to the turret and removed the wounded officer. Under direct fire from enemy within sixty yards range, he moved the wounded officer to the security of a ditch some fifteen yards away. There, under a constant hail of small arms fire, he rendered first aid and remained with him until medical aid arrived. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant ALEX J. BERESHESKI, 01016832, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 January 1945. Lieutenant BERESHESKI supervised the evacuation of six disabled tanks under intense artillery and mortar fire. After this evacuation had been completed, he remained in an exposed position to supervise destruction of four disabled tanks. The entire mission was carried out under heavy enemy fire. Lieutenant BERESHESKI's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant MARTIN C. SMITH (then Second Lieutenant), 0551525, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations



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against the enemy in Germany on 12 April 1945. Lieutenant SMITH placed his tank platoon in a concealed position, then proceeded with his own vehicle on a reconnaissance mission. He located and destroyed one enemy tank. He then continued until he had located two other tanks, a gun position, and enemy infantry forces. Due to failure of his radio he dismounted, contacted the tanks of his platoon and moved them into position, launching a successful attack against these enemy forces. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH J. BRETES, 36177785, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. Sergeant BRETES volunteered to work as part of a tank recovery team, repairing and collecting disabled tanks under intense enemy fire. He continued with his duties without regard for his own safety and was responsible for the recovery of many tanks that were used in future operations. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant CHESTER T. HEDIN, 37274043, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. When the tank in front of him was hit and ignited by enemy fire, Sergeant HEDIN dismounted and made reconnaissance. He located an enemy anti-tank gun. Returning to his own tank he directed fire that destroyed the position. Sergeant HEDIN then made his way to another burning tank and helped two wounded crew members out of the vehicle, carrying them to the safety of his own tank. There he rendered first aid. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. GOLD (then Corporal), 35915412, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 4 April 1945. During action against an enemy town, the tank in which Sergeant GOLD was serving as gunner received a direct hit which set it on fire. Despite the flames he remained in position and continued to fire until two additional hits caused the tank commander to order abandonment of the vehicle. He then dismounted under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire and returned the fire with a salvaged infantry weapon during the remainder of the engagement. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant FRED H. HARTLIEB, 32853718, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. Sergeant HARTLIEB led his tank crew against a numerically superior enemy. He directed fire of his tank on enemy positions, remaining in an exposed position to successfully carry out his mission. On leaving the area he directed fire to halt an enemy counter attack and continued in this mission despite the fact his vehicle was struck by artillery and rocket fire and was further disabled by a land mine. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant DELBERT J. MUELLER, 38073266, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. Sergeant MUELLER worked continually under heavy artillery and mortar fire for two days to repair and evacuate tanks that had been rendered useless by enemy fire. The degree of courage with which this operation was effected reflects great credit on Sergeant MUELLER and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Sergeant DAVID P. PORTER, 31304322, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 31 March 1945. When three tank destroyers of Sergeant PORTER's platoon came under heavy enemy fire and one of the vehicles was disabled, Sergeant PORTER advanced without hesitation. He engaged an enemy tank, forcing it to divert its fire. His action enabled the other two tank destroyers to withdraw to safety and resulted in destruction of the enemy vehicle. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant JESSE W. ROGERS, 38018693, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 4 April 1945. Sergeant ROGERS was tank commander in a column attacking an enemy city. When his platoon was ordered to withdraw, due to intense enemy fire, the lead tank was left behind because of damage by enemy fire, its engine still running. During the night the running engine drew enemy fire, preventing an advance by the infantry. Without regard for continuous fire, Sergeant ROGERS went forward. Finding the vehicle could still maneuver, he drove it back to a safe position, saving the tank and enabling the infantry to move forward. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant DONALD L. SMITH, 35794799, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. The platoon in which Sergeant SMITH was a tank commander was advancing to high ground when it met intense enemy fire. When the lead tank exhausted its supply of ammunition, Sergeant SMITH moved to the crest of the ridge and engaged anti-tank guns and rocket teams. He succeeded in neutralizing two anti-tank guns, enabling the platoon to advance to its objective. Sergeant SMITH's courage and skill reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK J. BEYERLE, 35053938, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. When a tank was disabled and under heavy fire from mortars and artillery, Sergeant BEYERLE advanced to the head of the column and repaired the vehicle, permitting the column to continue its advance. Later three of the crew members of this tank were wounded. Sergeant BEYERLE, without regard for his own safety, volunteered as crew member to keep the vehicle in action. He frequently dismounted in front line areas under artillery and mortar fire to repair vehicles. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade HENRY H. DAIGNEAULT, 32851556, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. When tanks ahead of him engaged the enemy Sergeant DAIGNEAULT moved his tank-dozer to the flank, but was still bracketed by artillery fire. As the attacking force started a withdrawal he started moving his vehicle to the rear but it became immobilized in a ditch. The tank commander, anticipating a strong counter-attack, ordered the vehicle abandoned. Sergeant DAIGNEAULT dismounted and moved to a covered position but upon observing one of the tanks in difficulty he exposed himself to anti-tank and small arms fire to assist in repairing it. Then with the aid of another vehicle he extricated his own vehicle and moved it to a position of safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD E. EBERTS, 35403450, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant EBERTS moved to the position of disabled tanks under a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. He continued with his work, repairing and evacuating tanks throughout the night and the following morning, saving many vehicles for further use against the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JOE HARGIS, 34281860, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. Two disabled tanks were blocking the advance of a tank column. On his own initiative Sergeant HARGIS dismounted under enemy fire of all types. He drove one of the disabled tanks to the rear. While returning to his own tank a heavy artillery barrage injured two maintenance men. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant HARGIS assisted in evacuating these wounded. He then returned to his own tank and continued operations. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, 36542091, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. When his tank commander dismounted to go to the aid of the wounded in a burning tank, Sergeant JOHNSON, acting on his own initiative, moved his tank into position. Pointing out enemy positions to his gunner, he directed fire until the positions were destroyed. Sergeant JOHNSON's quick thinking and courage made the attack a success and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS C. BLEDSOE, 38529761, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 23 March 1945. When a round became stuck in the bow gun of his tank during heavy enemy action, Corporal BLEDSOE dismounted. Despite fire from a heavy German tank six hundred yards away, he cleared the piece, returned to the vehicle and continued with the action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect

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great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.


Technician Fifth Grade JULIAN R. KLER, 13143844, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. Corporal KLER went forward under heavy mortar and artillery fire to evacuate disabled tanks. He worked continuously under fire to evacuate the vehicles, without regard for his own safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

Private First Class JAMES C. D'ADAMO, 32870245, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. As his column was moving through a heavily wooded area the tank ahead of him was disabled by enemy fire. Private D'ADAMO, without regard for his own safety, personally went forward and rescued the surviving crew members of the damaged tank. Later when his own vehicle struck a mine, it became necessary to abandon it. Private D'ADAMO noticed that one of the crew members was missing. Voluntarily he returned to the vehicle, under heavy artillery and small arms fire. He removed the wounded crew member from the vehicle and carried him more than two miles to the battalion aid station. His devotion beyond the call of duty reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) ..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Sergeant ELDON A. SWANSON, 35898197, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Despite the fact that his tank was under constant artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant SWANSON voluntarily dismounted. He then attempted to remove a jammed round from his 75mm weapon and continued working on the weapon until ordered to return to the rear for repairs. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant HARRY M. BARKER (then Staff Sergeant), 36048298, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. During an advance against stiff enemy opposition the platoon leader's tank was disabled. Sergeant BARKER moved into position and continued to lead the advance. When the turret of his tank was struck by a heavy shell, Sergeant BARKER was seriously wounded. Despite his wounds he led the platoon to a position of cover. Then, after placing another tank commander in charge, he dismounted and reported to medical aid men for treatment. Due to his personal courage and determination, failure of the platoon's mission was averted. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant PAUL S. EVANS, 33083367, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. Under continuous fire from artillery and mortars Sergeant EVANS, a motor sergeant, retrieved six tanks that had been put out of action. Later he returned to the front and prepared four additional damaged tanks for destruction. Again under heavy fire he returned to the front area and completed destruction of the severely damaged vehicles. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DONALD F. HARRIS, 39408872, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 12 April 1945. While supporting advance of infantry elements, Sergeant HARRIS' tank became engaged with a heavy enemy tank. While moving into position

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Sergeant HARRIS' vehicle was disabled by a direct hit. He dismounted his crew under continuous direct fire and directed them to a protected position. Then, with great accuracy, he reported the position of the enemy tank to the artillery observer who directed fire against it. His calm courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

Sergeant DAMON G. McDERMOTT, 37665171, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. Sergeant McDERMOTT was commander of a tank which bogged down and was immobilized under observed enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire. Due to the situation the platoon leader ordered the tank abandoned. Sergeant McDERMOTT elected to remain with the vehicle and skillfully directed the fire of his tank weapons for more than ten hours. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Sergeant ANTONIO T. PERGOLA, 32868692, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. When the crew of a disabled tank started to dismount and seek cover, intense small arms and automatic weapons fire were directed against them. Sergeant PERGOLA diverted his fire from the main objective, and employed the entire fire power of his vehicle to cover the withdrawal of the disabled tank's crew. From an exposed position he directed the fire and fired his individual weapon to add to the fire power. Due to the intense fire and accuracy achieved, his comrades were able to make their way to a safe position. Sergeant PERGOLA's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN A. JOHNSON, 37476913, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. Sergeant JOHNSON voluntarily remained in a position exposed to intense enemy fire of all types to evacuate and repair disabled tanks for further use. He remained at his duties, regardless of the fact that infantry support was later withdrawn, saving many vehicles which otherwise would have been lost. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade MIKE LASTIC, 35054239, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. When an anti-tank mine disabled his tank, Sergeant LASTIC saw that all the crew were able to leave the burning vehicle. As he was seeking cover from heavy artillery and sniper fire he observed a wounded infantryman. Without regard for his own safety he went to the aid of the wounded man. He rendered aid, then sought out another tank and brought it up to remove the wounded infantryman. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH D. LOCKERBIE, 34894360, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. While participating in an advance against the enemy, Sergeant LOCKERBIE, serving as gunner, sighted and destroyed two enemy tanks. When his vehicle was hit by enemy fire and the bow gunner was wounded, he left the safety of the vehicle, moved the bow gunner to cover, and rendered first aid. While so engaged an artillery barrage started. Without hesitation Sergeant LOCKERBIE moved the wounded man to the rear, turning him over to medical aid men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT J. SLUSSER, 39196594, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Under constant mortar fire, Sergeant SLUSSER drove to a disabled tank. Without regard for his own safety he dismounted and made necessary adjustments, then moved the tank and its crew out of danger. His calmness and courage under fire reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Washington.

Corporal ROBERT M. RUSZKIEWICZ, 36968781, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. When a faulty round jammed in his 75mm weapon, Corporal RUSZKIEWICZ dismounted under intense enemy fire. He attempted to clear the weapon and continued with his efforts, without regard for his own safety, until ordered to return to the vehicle to move to the rear. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade ABRAHAM J. BOWERS, 33620909, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. When his tank suffered direct hits from enemy artillery, Corporal BOWERS dismounted and made necessary repairs. Later in the action his vehicle again suffered direct hits. Corporal BOWERS moved his vehicle to prevent further hits, then dismounted to evacuate the wounded. Corporal BOWERS returned to the tank and started moving it to the rear for repairs but the vehicle caught fire. Again he dismounted, extinguished the blaze, and secured help to evacuate the damaged vehicle. His courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT C. FENSTERMACHER, 33620631, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. Corporal FENSTERMACHER voluntarily worked on disabled tanks, under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, collecting and evacuating many vehicles for further use. He continued with his efforts even after infantry support was withdrawn. His personal courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ELMER L. WILSON, 37726429, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in

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Germany on 30 March 1945. While engaged in action against the enemy, Corporal WILSON was left in command of his tank while part of the crew made a dismounted reconnaissance. When dismounted members of the crew were pinned down by small arms fire, Corporal WILSON directed his tank into position where he was able to neutralize the enemy fire enabling his comrades to regain the safety of their vehicles. Corporal WILSON's initiative and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kansas.


Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. WORTHINGTON, JR., 32827275, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 January and 28 January 1945. While working with a tank recovery team, Corporal WORTHINGTON volunteered to go forward under heavy enemy fire to repair and collect disabled vehicles. After infantry support was withdrawn he continued with his work, recovering a number of vehicles, without regard for his own safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class EDWARD J. CHADDOCK, 36901621, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Private CHADDOCK dismounted from the tank in which he was riding. Without regard for the intense fire from tank guns and anti-tank and infantry weapons, he attempted to clear the 75mm weapon of his tank which had been put out of action by a faulty round. He continued with his efforts until ordered back to the tank to return to the rear. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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Award of Silver Star, Posthumous ..... I  
Award of Silver Star ..... II  
Award of Soldier's Medal ..... III  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... IV

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant RALPH H. R. IRWIN, 37033371, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Sergeant IRWIN, acting platoon leader of a reconnaissance platoon, had sent his men into position to protect engineers working on a destroyed bridge. He then placed his armored car in the lead. When his vehicle was hit by anti-tank fire, Sergeant IRWIN was wounded. Disregarding his own wounds he returned to the vehicle and removed his wounded gunner. During this action Sergeant IRWIN was fatally wounded. His outstanding bravery was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant HARRY A. BLAKER, 33595015, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Sergeant BLAKER was riding in the lead vehicle of a task force. When the one-quarter ton truck in which he was riding came under fire, he manned the machine gun and continued with the advance. When that weapon jammed, he started firing his rifle, later using that of his driver while he continued to advance through the enemy town under harassing fire of all types. Sergeant BLAKER continued to lead the task force forward until he encountered heavy artillery fire on the other side of the town. His personal courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade STEVE J. SEAMAN (then Private), 42002702, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. Corporal SEAMAN was moving with his platoon with the mission of securing the bank of the Rhine River. Midway in the advance to the river an enemy machine gun opened fire from the flank. Corporal SEAMAN moved quickly to the flank, took cover, and assaulted the gun position, capturing the two men manning it. His quick action saved the lives of men of his platoon and reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Private LESLIE R. KENNY, 32853758, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. While advancing with a patrol given the mission of securing the bank of the Rhine River along a 1000 yard front, Private KENNY observed three enemy setting up a machine gun position to the

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left flank. Acting on his own initiative, Private KENNY outflanked the position and took it. His initiative and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety contributed materially to the success of the operation and his actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH L. AIDENDERFER, JR., 35030458, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 7 May 1945. As Corporal AIDENDERFER was leaving his billets he heard the excited shouting of several children. Rushing to the scene he observed a small child lying face up in a stream. Without regard for his own safety, and not knowing the depth of the water, he plunged in and carried the child to safety. He then rendered artificial respiration until the child was fully revived. His presence of mind and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain OWEN J. EISELE, 01684300, Medical Corps, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Captain EISELE went forward to supervise and give aid in the evacuation of wounded men of a troop subjected to intense enemy fire. Under continuous fire he administered first aid to the wounded, evacuating those unable to move to safety, without regard for his own security. His actions, beyond the call of duty, were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant ANGELO DESPOTOPULOS (then Staff Sergeant), 0212119, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 26 March 1945. During an advance against the enemy in conjunction with infantry elements, Lieutenant DESPOTOPULOS' platoon was pinned down by artillery and small arms fire and the platoon leader was wounded. Without regard for his own safety, he went for medical aid. Unsuccessful in this mission, he returned to the wounded platoon leader and remained with him, despite the fact they were under intense and accurate enemy fire and enemy troops were advancing upon their position. Lieutenant DESPOTOPULOS' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant RUSSELL F. HALLETT, 31115694, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 27 February 1945. During an infantry attack, Sergeant HALLETT voluntarily went to the aid of wounded infantrymen. Under constant machine gun and mortar fire he administered aid to the wounded and was instrumental in the evacuation of the casualties. His devotion to duty and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Vermont.

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Sergeant RAYMOND A. McCOLLOCH, 37460384, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. While voluntarily preceding his platoon into an enemy area, Sergeant McCOLLOCH observed that his platoon leader was wounded. Without consideration for the heavy enemy fire, he went to the aid of the wounded officer, rendered aid, then went to secure medical aid men to evacuate the wounded. At all times he was under intense and accurate enemy fire. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

Sergeant EDWARD C. WRIGHT, 37515143, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. Sergeant WRIGHT volunteered to go with a patrol into an enemy town in an effort to secure surrender of troops there. After encountering an enemy patrol, the surrender of a company of enemy soldiers was accomplished. His initiative and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade ANGELO M. CANNAVO, 32868140, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. Sergeant CANNAVO, without regard for his own personal safety, made repairs on a disabled vehicle, enabling it to be moved to a covered position. He completed this mission while under intense enemy fire. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade ALVEN MANN, 32264871, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. While advancing across territory from which tanks and armored cars had been forced to withdraw a short time before, Sergeant MANN's one quarter ton truck came under mortar fire and he was forced to abandon it. Knowing it contained vital communications equipment and code material, he twice attempted to recover the vehicle but was forced to withdraw due to heavy enemy fire. Returning two hours later, he persisted in his attempts to reach the vehicle in an open field under enemy observation. He succeeded in reaching the truck and driving it to safety. Sergeant MANN's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal ROBERT E. COLE, 35607658, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 26 February 1945. When an advancing infantry company was held up by two enemy machine gun positions. Corporal COLE exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire. He set up his mortar and with three rounds, wiped out one machine gun position, forcing the crew of the other position to surrender. Corporal COLE's display of courage and technical skill was outstanding and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Corporal GENE W. WILKERSON, 20949486, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on

24 February 1945. Corporal WILKERSON volunteered to go on a night reconnaissance patrol, later serving as guide for a large combat patrol. During three different patrols he gathered information which proved extremely accurate and of great value. The combat patrol was pinned down by heavy small arms and artillery fire. When the order was given to withdraw, Corporal WILKERSON remained behind to organize and lead stragglers to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

Technician Fifth Grade RAPHAEL A. BAKER, 37664970, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. With no past combat experience, Corporal BAKER, then serving as a clerk, voluntarily joined a provisional combat platoon. In subsequent action this platoon was forced to withdraw from heavy enemy cross fire. Upon completion of the withdrawal it was discovered one man was missing. Corporal BAKER voluntarily returned to the position, still swept by enemy fire, located the wounded man, and returned with him to a position of safety. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade ANGELO DI SANTI, 31286746, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. After his platoon had suffered severe casualties, Corporal DI SANTI volunteered to drive the platoon leader through an area infested with enemy troops. In carrying out this mission he acted with complete disregard for his own safety. At all times Corporal DI SANTI displayed outstanding courage and initiative. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES R. MULLINS, 35656656, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Corporal MULLINS, driver of a light truck, voluntarily went to the aid of a wounded comrade, while under artillery and small arms fire. He was forced to expose himself and his vehicle to heavy enemy fire in order to reach and evacuate the seriously wounded man. By moving him to the aid station promptly, despite the enemy fire, he saved the life of the wounded man. Corporal MULLINS' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT L. WILSON, 37665094, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. A member of a reconnaissance platoon, Corporal WILSON was driver of an armored car. As the platoon neared an enemy city it encountered heavy artillery and anti-tank fire. Corporal WILSON's car commander and gunner were wounded. Unable to move the vehicle on the road, due to disabled tanks, he drove out in an open field, under direct fire, to divert the fire of the enemy away from the rest of the platoon. He then returned the wounded men to safety. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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Private First Class JOHN F. NEUMYER, 36835337, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. Private NEUMYER volunteered to go with a patrol into an enemy town in an effort to secure surrender of troops there. After encountering an enemy patrol, the surrender of a company of enemy soldiers was accomplished. His initiative and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class ROBERT A. WEBBER, 31302863, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 27 February 1945. When infantry medical aid men were busy in another area, Private WEBBER went forward to render aid to wounded infantrymen. He successfully administered first aid and evacuated the wounded despite a hail of fire from enemy machine guns and mortars. Private WEBBER acted voluntarily without consideration for his own safety and his actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private WALTER H. PLUM, 31329637, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. When the platoon of which Private PLUM was a member encountered stiff enemy resistance, infantry elements were sent forward to assist it. During the action the infantry was pinned down by machine gun fire and a number of men were wounded. Private PLUM, without regard for his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded, rendering aid to some twenty-five and seeing to their evacuation despite intense mortar and machine gun fire. His initiative and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

2. So much of Section II, General Orders No. 49, this Headquarters, dated 20 June 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant CHARLES M. BOEHM, 31088313, Cavalry, is revoked.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.....85)

Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) ..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Corporal STANLEY MANHEIM, 33594297, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. When his platoon was advancing against an enemy-held city, one of its half-track vehicles was disabled by direct fire from an enemy tank. Crews of the other vehicles were forced to take cover. Without regard for his own safety, Corporal MANHEIM returned to the exposed position and drove one of the vehicles to a covered position. His action reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant VICTOR R. SAWICKI, 01317429, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 4 April 1945. While holding a defensive position with one section of a machine gun platoon, Lieutenant SAWICKI and his unit were attacked by enemy infantry and a heavy tank. By exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant SAWICKI successfully employed the machine gun section and forced the tank to withdraw. His determination and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM T. STOCKTON, JR., 01285841, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 26 February 1945. When his platoon was pinned down, Lieutenant STOCKTON attempted to destroy enemy gun emplacements with rocket fire. He then moved across more than 300 yards of open terrain under machine gun fire to summon tanks to relieve his platoon. By directing tank fire he was able to relieve his men with a minimum of casualties. Later, when the company commander was wounded, he assumed command of the company, displaying great skill and devotion to duty. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Second Lieutenant RALPH V. CRAIG (then Technical Sergeant), 02016435, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. When the leading elements of a task force came under fire and were halted, Lieutenant CRAIG made personal reconnaissance to determine the situation. He then moved his platoon to the flank

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and set up protection against any possible flank attack on the task force with which he was serving. His skill and qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH N. LOFFREDO (then Technical Sergeant), 02016436, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Lieutenant LOFFREDO assumed command of a rifle platoon, displaying great skill and leadership in ensuing action. Although wounded by artillery fire, he led an assault on a strongly defended town, continuing with the action until the town had been secured. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant DAVID P. O'BRIEN (then Sergeant), 12139454, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. When his squad leader became a casualty and his squad was pinned down by machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, Sergeant O'BRIEN immediately assumed command, reorganized and made a skillful withdrawal from the position. He then led a night patrol into enemy territory to secure the body of the squad leader. On another occasion he led a night patrol through enemy territory to contact a friendly platoon, sending back valuable information on enemy positions and the mining of a bridge. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES M. BOEHM, 31088313, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 February 1945. Sergeant BOEHM was leading a patrol for a combat command. When he encountered six enemy pillboxes, he ordered the patrol to remain in a covered position while he exposed himself to the view of the enemy. He reconnoitered the positions and rendered them ineffective. By his actions he cleared the way for the advance of the combat command. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT E. ROBERTS, 38151689, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 26 January 1945. Sergeant ROBERTS voluntarily advanced more than five hundred yards under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire to reconnoiter a location for a bridge. Under cover of darkness he then moved his platoon forward, cleared a mine field and placed a bridge in position, despite continuous fire throughout the night. His action enabled a task force to accomplish its mission and reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant BILLY J. JOHNSTON, 33536082, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. While serving with the point of a task force, Sergeant JOHNSTON and his squad moved into an enemy town under intense artillery fire. During the advance an artillery burst killed two men of the squad and seriously

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wounded three others. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant JOHNSTON rendered first aid to the wounded, moving them to the safety of a nearby ditch. He then saw to their evacuation. Sergeant JOHNSTON's courage and concern for his men are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Sergeant JOHN E. MOORE (then Corporal), 33594640, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. When one of his comrades was so badly injured he was unable to reach cover from enemy fire, Sergeant MOORE went to his aid. Without regard for his own safety he moved the wounded man to cover, then went for medical aid before continuing with the action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. STINSON, 33594348, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 March 1945. Sergeant STINSON voluntarily moved forward under artillery and mortar fire to clear a mine road block that was holding up the advance of a task force. Without regard for his own safety and facing sniper fire, he cleared the mines from the road, moved the bodies of three casualties, and assisted in evacuating a damaged tank, allowing the advance to continue. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant TAYLOR A. TENPENNY, 37515035, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Sergeant TENPENNY was advancing in a tank dozer to reconnoiter a road crater which was holding up the advance of a task force. When the vehicle was disabled by enemy fire he dismounted. Under intense artillery and small arms fire he continued forward, made a thorough investigation, and returned with the required information. His courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Corporal JOHN H. GERNENTZ, 38360341, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. Corporal GERNENTZ, in the face of a possible counter attack and under heavy artillery and mortar fire, moved four hundred yards ahead of infantry elements to destroy two abandoned enemy field pieces. With great skill he accomplished his mission and returned to the safety of his own lines. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK B. AIKEN, 33595150, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. Corporal AIKEN, without regard for his own safety, left a covered position and moved a badly wounded comrade to a position of safety. He then saw to his immediate evacuation by securing medical aid men. Corporal AIKEN's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.



Technician Fifth Grade JOHN F. LAUER, 33440749, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. When his platoon was advancing with a task force, three enemy tanks suddenly attacked from the flank. The second half-track vehicle in the platoon was disabled by two direct hits and personnel in two other vehicles were forced to dismount and seek cover. Corporal LAUER voluntarily returned to the position to drive one of the vehicles to cover, saving the equipment for further use. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM A. PERSINGER, 35654091, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. While on an engineer reconnaissance patrol, Corporal PERSINGER and three others contacted a large body of enemy troops. To obtain the necessary information, Corporal PERSINGER moved forward under enemy small arms and mortar fire. The information he thus obtained made possible construction of a strategically important bridge. During the mission Corporal PERSINGER captured five prisoners. His initiative and aggressiveness reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK SHUTACAWSKI, 13100249, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 25 January to 28 January 1945. Corporal SHUTACAWSKI was given the mission of clearing a road blocked by a damaged tank. After placing heavy demolition charges, under constant artillery and mortar fire, he was ordered to withhold firing the charge until medical aid men had cleared the area of wounded. Without regard for his own safety, and in constant danger of having his charges ignited by enemy fire, Corporal SHUTACAWSKI remained near the road block until given the order to set off the charge. Due to the well-placed demolition, the road was cleared and the advance of an armored column continued. His courage and technical skill reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK H. WINTERS, 15340814, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Corporal WINTERS volunteered to ride forward on the deck of a tank recovery vehicle to place a treadway bridge across a canal. Despite continuous artillery, mortar and sniper fire he assisted in placing the bridge across the gap, then stood on guard to direct traffic of a combat command across the canal. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Private First Class NORMAN D. ELLISON, 35751575, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. While attached to a task force, Private ELLISON was given the mission of destroying two field pieces. He moved across more than 400 yards of open terrain ahead of infantry elements, reaching his objective despite intense artillery and mortar fire. There he was able to complete

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his mission and return to the safety of his own lines. Private ELLISON's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Private First Class WALTER S. PASKIEWICZ, 31327903, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Private PASKIEWICZ went on patrol to recover wounded tank crew members and infantrymen during a heavy engagement with the enemy. Without regard for his own safety he moved over open terrain for more than 150 yards under intense artillery and sniper fire. As a result of his action, the wounded were successfully treated and evacuated to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

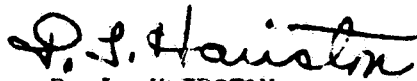
Private First Class WALTER H. STUBBS, 32868457, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. When one of his comrades was so badly injured that he was unable to move to a covered position, Private STUBBS went to his aid. Without regard for his own safety he left a covered position, moved the man to a safe position, and saw to his immediate evacuation. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private WALTER H. SPEIDEL, 33927436, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Although badly shaken by a mine explosion, Private SPEIDEL rendered first aid to five men, seriously injured by the explosion. After rendering aid, he went for medical aid. His initiative and quick thinking allowed speedy evacuation of the wounded and his actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class EDWIN F. MARCH, 36721995, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. While serving with a task force, Private MARCH observed an accompanying tank hit by enemy artillery. He dashed across open ground under a heavy artillery barrage and aided in removing the wounded tank commander to safety. He then returned to the stricken vehicle and helped another wounded crew member to safety after which he returned to his squad to continue with its operation. During a subsequent enemy barrage, and while serving as security, Private MARCH was fatally wounded. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class CHARLES J. RIGHINI, 34821198, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 March and 7 March 1945. Private RIGHINI was scout for a rifle squad. On 3 March 1945 he aided the first platoon leader and two other men in the capture of 35 prisoners who had been manning anti-tank guns. To accomplish this mission they entered an enemy strong point, under heavy fire from other positions. On 7 March 1945 he scouted the platoon's objective. After this position was taken he voluntarily went beyond the platoon's zone of action to wipe out snipers in nearby buildings. He captured one prisoner and returned with valuable information on location and strength of enemy positions. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant JOHN U. ROSSELET, JR., 01326061, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 May 1945. As battalion utilities officer, Lieutenant ROSSELET executed his duties in a highly commendable manner. He displayed outstanding initiative and perseverance in the repair of bridges, removal of road blocks, and collection of enemy material. While inspecting enemy explosives, Lieutenant ROSSELET was fatally injured by an explosion. His devotion to duty and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant JOHN MAZO, 16064627, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 April 1945. Sergeant MAZO and his squad had taken shelter in a cellar from an expected artillery barrage. When the enemy attacked, he organized his men to defend their position and personally guarded the door, preventing the enemy from making a successful charge. He then crawled up on two enemy machine gun positions, wiping out enemy troops manning the guns, and recovering the guns. After Sergeant MAZO had directed a successful defense of the position for six hours the enemy withdrew. His courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class NICOLA A. VERNESE, 42104244, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 March, 9 March and 7 April 1945. As a medical aid man for a rifle platoon, Private VERNESE exposed himself to hostile fire without regard for his own safety in order to bring aid to members of his platoon. On 9 March he moved up under intense artillery and mortar fire, and performed an emergency amputation, saving the life of a wounded soldier. On 7 April he moved into enemy territory under cover of darkness to render aid to a wounded French laborer. Through his actions Private VERNESE greatly inspired members of his platoon and his devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant JAMES P. RAGSDALE, 34543623, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 21 January to 26 January 1945. Under severe artillery fire and adverse weather conditions, Sergeant RAGSDALE, leading a squad as part of a flanking guard, held his position for a period of several days. His leadership and personal courage were an inspiration to all. During the action Sergeant RAGSDALE was wounded, but refused evacuation until his squad had been relieved. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Staff Sergeant BENJAMIN BUTLER, 32861524, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. When a machine gunner was wounded while protecting the flank of his company, Sergeant BUTLER immediately manned the weapon. Under intense artillery and machine gun fire, he remained in position throughout the operation. Under cover of darkness he then moved out under an artillery barrage to make personal reconnaissance in order to secure the safety of his platoon. His courage and exemplary conduct reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant MOSE A. TROTTA, 33207970, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Sergeant TROTTA's vehicle was part of the lead element of a task force in the attack on an enemy city. When the column met a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he manned the turret machine gun until enemy fire disabled the weapon and wounded Sergeant TROTTA. He refused medical aid, and despite his wounds, continued to pour fire at the enemy positions with his rifle. He then prepared for ground action until ordered to the rear by medical aid men. His disregard for his own safety and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant WILLARD D. TYER, 37514497, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. When a small attacking force encountered intense rifle and 20mm fire, Sergeant TYER exposed himself completely to the fire in order to give his comrades protecting cover with a light machine gun. He was thus able to neutralize the effect of enemy fire, enabling his comrades to withdraw to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RUTHERFORD DICK, 31328288, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by small arms and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant DICK moved his mortar squad into position and by exposing himself to enemy fire, directed fire against the enemy positions, relieving the company. Later while his platoon was moving into attack positions under artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant DICK went to the aid of wounded, administering first aid and moving them to a position of safety. He then rejoined his men to continue the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Corporal JAMES F. DE DECKER, 36482417, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Accompanied by two others, Corporal DE DECKER attacked an enemy strong point from which intense small arms fire was holding up advance of a platoon. As a result of this action, during which Corporal DE DECKER entered the strong point alone, more than fifty prisoners were taken. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Corporal ORVAL W. NAIL, 37665140, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. When the platoon of which Corporal NAIL was a member was forced to seek shelter of a building after making an aggressive advance across open terrain, Corporal NAIL assisted two wounded to safety. After the platoon reached cover of a building, he remained on the alert all night and until the platoon was relieved. During the night he stood guard and tended the wounded, with the knowledge that his unit was completely cut off and surrounded by enemy forces. His aggressiveness

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and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. OLIVER, JR., 33620639, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 April 1945. Corporal OLIVER was driver with the forward elements of a task force. When his group was ambushed and several vehicles were destroyed, all personnel were forced to seek cover. Corporal OLIVER returned and attempted to destroy the remaining vehicles to prevent their falling into enemy hands. He persisted until driven back by intense fire. He then volunteered to serve as scout and successfully led his squad through enemy infested territory to the main column several thousand yards to the rear. His initiative and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class THURMAN H. BATCHELOR, 44011053, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. While his platoon was withdrawing under pressure of superior fire power, Private BATCHELOR made his way across open ground under heavy artillery and sniper fire to aid in the evacuation of a wounded squad member. After the man had been removed to safety he returned to the lines and took up his position in the squad. His action, carried out without regard for his own safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

Private First Class LAWRENCE M. CLARK, 42107177, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 27 February 1945. Private CLARK was a member of a patrol whose mission it was to cross the Roer River and obtain information. During the action the platoon sergeant was seriously wounded by an enemy mine. Private CLARK worked his way through the mine field and evacuated the wounded man back across the river, where medical aid was secured. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class ALBERT E. DUKE, 38282204, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 27 February 1945. When the leader of a reconnaissance patrol operating deep in enemy territory was wounded by an enemy mine, Private DUKE went to his aid. He crawled through a mine field, without regard for his own safety, and evacuated the wounded man. His calmness and courage were instrumental in saving the platoon sergeant's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class ALBERT ELOVITZ, 31407531, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Private ELOVITZ served with a platoon given the mission of supporting a tank attack over open terrain. When the platoon, suffering heavy casualties, encountered direct, intense fire and grenade attacks, it withdrew to the shelter of a building. Without regard for the intense fire, Private ELOVITZ aided two wounded to the safety of the building. He then stood guard, tended

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wounded, and questioned an enemy soldier who had entered the building. His courage and aggressive devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Private First Class THOMAS M. MULHERN, 31303210, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. When the platoon of which he was a member encountered heavy resistance from strong enemy positions, a small task force was dispatched under cover of light machine gun fire furnished by Private MULHERN. On the advance of this small force the enemy opened fire with 20mm and intense small arms fire, inflicting a number of casualties. Private MULHERN, without regard for his own safety, stood upright and moved to an exposed position, bringing his fire on the disclosed enemy positions. Under the cover thus provided his comrades were able to withdraw to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class ALFRED NEMITZ (then Private), 37563347, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Private NEMITZ was a member of a platoon ordered to advance dismounted to aid a tank attack. He advanced aggressively, disregarding intense machine gun fire which had men pinned down in the area. When the group encountered intense direct fire from machine guns and rifles and a concentration of grenades, it sought shelter in a warehouse. During the withdrawal Private NEMITZ, without regard for his own safety, aided in carrying two wounded men to shelter. Throughout the following night he remained on the alert, standing guard and tending the wounded. His courage and aggressiveness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Private First Class JOHN C. WIEGARTNER, 32921067, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 27 February 1945. While moving forward with a combat patrol deep in enemy territory, the patrol leader was seriously wounded by an enemy mine. Private WIEGARTNER made his way forward through the mine field without regard for his own safety. He reached the wounded sergeant, rendered aid, and evacuated him. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES M. WOODARD, 34871987, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 3 April 1945. When his unit was trapped in a cellar by a strong enemy counter-attack, Private WOODARD stood guard in a window, preventing the attacking enemy from charging the cellar. When the attacking forces started throwing grenades into the cellar through a coal chute, Private WOODARD threw a mattress against the chute, preventing the grenades from entering the cellar. His quick thinking and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Private First Class ROBERT C. WRIGHT, 39718365, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in

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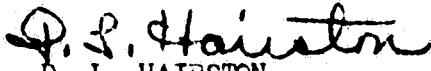
Germany on 29 March 1945. Without regard for his own safety, Private WRIGHT exposed himself to a heavy artillery barrage to administer aid to wounded officers. He stayed with the wounded, exposed to the artillery fire, until medical aid men reached them. His action was instrumental in saving the life of one of the officers. Private WRIGHT then acted as a litter bearer, moving the wounded to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from California.

Private OLIVER H. BOSTON, JR., 33564658, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Private BOSTON, serving as an assistant aid man, rendered first aid to seriously wounded men while under intense enemy fire from small arms, mortar and artillery. Later he went to the aid of a seriously wounded tank crew member who was lying in an open field exposed to machine gun and heavy weapons fire from an enemy tank. His courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

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## AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 66, 1 March 1945, as amended, the VCG awarding the Medical Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, 741st Tank Battalion, effective 1 April 1945, is hereby confirmed.

### Medical Detachment

CAPT	LAWRENCE F. BARKER	0418244	MC
CAPT	MICHAEL R. GODETT	0500808	MC
1ST LT	WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL	01543663	MAC
T Sgt	Leonard E. Hatfield	35252831	
S Sgt	John E. Mayhew	35790326	
Tec 3	Donald O. Hicklin	36311208	
Tec 4	Jesse B. Porter, Jr.	34165556	
Cpl	Edward R. Lucas	35252560	
Tec 5	Paul J. Malpass	39327377	
Tec 5	Charles E. Miller	32199238	
Tec 5	George H. Walker	38096068	
Tec 5	Lincoln J. Williams	34188530	
Tec 5	James L. Winning	33266516	
Pfc	William H. Breen	38153473	
Pfc	Fred B. Daily	34143069	
Pfc	John M. Diem	32198400	
Pfc	Donald R. Murphy	35271614	
Pfc	Ugo Poggio	39085411	
Pfc	James A. Welsh	39116786	
Pfc	Billie M. Wilborn	39555106	
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Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) ..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant CHARLES M. BOEHM, 31088313, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. While on a mounted patrol, Sergeant BOEHM's platoon was pinned down by mortar and small arms fire. Observing that the crew of his lead vehicle had been wounded, he went to their aid. By throwing hand grenades and permitting himself to be a completely exposed target, he enabled other members of the platoon to rescue and evacuate the wounded. Though wounded himself, he refused to return to his armored car until all members of his command were removed to a covered position. His heroic service and regard for the safety of his men reflects great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant CLARK M. AMY, 02010915, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Lieutenant AMY was platoon leader in the lead tank in the advance on an enemy strong point. The tank was hit by a high velocity shell, causing serious injury to part of the crew. Although suffering from shock, Lieutenant AMY refused medical aid until the more seriously wounded members of his crew had been cared for. He refused evacuation until certain all members of his crew had been treated and evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant JAMES LANDANNO, 32090565, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 April 1945. While officers were occupied with care of the wounded, Sergeant LANDANNO was left in command of his company, part of an armored column. The column was attacked by machine gun fire and Sergeant LANDANNO, without regard for his own safety, moved along the length of the column assuring himself that his men were as well protected as possible. When the order came to set up a clearing station, he moved the medical company into position without a casualty, making possible immediate care of the wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE R. HEBBLER, SR., 36616100, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 17 April 1945. Sergeant HEBBLER's company was the attacking element against a wooded area. There was heavy flanking fire which held up the advance. After making a personal reconnaissance of the flank, Sergeant HEBBLER secured two tanks and a ten-man squad. The heavily entrenched positions were assaulted and heavy losses were sustained by the enemy. His personal courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Technicien Third Grade FRANK O. ALTO, 36334484, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Sergeant ALTO mounted the lead tank of his column after it had been hit by enemy fire and ignited. He successfully evacuated three unconscious crew members and evacuated them to a sheltered position. There he dressed their wounds. Sergeant ALTO carried out his action with complete disregard for his own safety and his actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Sergeant JOHN H. BURNS, 32852706, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. When the tank-infantry team of which he was a member was pinned down by enemy fire Sergeant BURNS moved his tank to an exposed position. He then directed his fire, and that of other tanks unable to observe, against the enemy positions, neutralizing their fire and enabling the force to continue its advance. He then volunteered as a member of a dismounted party to capture surviving enemy gun crews. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant EDESEL CORNELL, 35607453, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. After his tank had been disabled for a second time by enemy fire, Sergeant CORNELL returned to the vehicle under intense artillery and mortar fire. He entered the vehicle through an escape hatch and retrieved a machine gun and ammunition. He then led the remaining members of his crew forward approximately two hundred yards and set up the weapon, giving cover and protecting fire to medical aid men who were evacuating wounded. Sergeant CORNELL's initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant WILLIAM A. JONES, 35376229, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 March and 7 March 1945. When Sergeant JONES saw two wounded comrades pinned down by enemy fire in an open field, he drove his tank into position to cover the withdrawal of the wounded men. He then dismounted and carried these men to a safe position. Sergeant JONES carried out this action despite the fact his tank had already been hit and was burning. Upon completion of this mission he continued the attack on foot, fighting for the remainder of the night, and rejoining his company on the following morning. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Corporal MAS A. CATES, 37476776, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. During a frontal attack against the enemy a round became separated in Corporal CATES' 76mm gun. Under intense mortar and artillery fire he dismounted from the vehicle and succeeded in disposing of the round. He then remounted the tank and continued the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

Corporal WILLIAM E. McGRATH, 33594622, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. During intense action against the enemy and while the tank of which he was gunner was drawing heavy fire, Corporal McGRATH dismounted to make repairs to his weapon. Without regard for his own safety he prepared the weapon for continued firing and returned to the vehicle to continue the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal BERNARD J. MULLIGAN, 32852744, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 1 May 1945. Corporal MULLIGAN volunteered to accompany an ambulance driver on the mission of evacuating a seriously wounded soldier. He carried out this action with the knowledge that the road was under hostile observation and fire and road blocks were numerous. The mission was accomplished during a heavy snowstorm, making recognition by friendly troops extremely difficult. On the return trip Corporal MULLIGAN displayed great skill in rendering aid to the seriously wounded man. His courage and extreme devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Corporal CARL B. STANKOVICH, 35098334, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March and 6 March 1945. Corporal STANKOVICH, section leader of a collecting platoon attached to a combat command, worked continuously collecting wounded under blackout conditions. When contact with the clearing station was severed by destruction of a bridge, he personally reconnoitered strange roads to find another route. His personal courage and devotion to duty under extremely adverse conditions were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Corporal HAROLD R. STULREITER, 36823277, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 17 April 1945. When his unit engaged the enemy in a heavily fortified position, Corporal STULREITER displayed outstanding ability as a gunner, causing numerous casualties among the enemy forces. When his tank was hit by enemy fire and the tank commander wounded, he took command of the tank and without regard for his own safety, braved heavy enemy fire to man the tank's anti-aircraft machine gun and repel advancing enemy forces. He then rendered aid to the wounded commander. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

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Technician Fifth Grade DOMINIC J. D'ANGELO, 31327930, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 March 1945. Corporal D'ANGELO voluntarily moved his ambulance far in advance of the aid station to evacuate a wounded officer after it was determined too dangerous a mission for a litter squad. Under heavy mortar and artillery fire he reached the wounded officer, rendered emergency treatment, and evacuated him to the aid station. Corporal D'ANGELO carried out his mission without regard for his own safety and his actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANCIS X. LYNCH, 33594675, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 March 1945. Sergeant LYNCH exposed himself to intense small arms fire and artillery fire to help carry his wounded tank commander to shelter. He then drove his partially disabled tank to a position where its fire power could be utilized. Sergeant LYNCH acted without regard for his own safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES P. McCLENAGHAN, 33594673, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. When the tank in which Corporal McCLENAGHAN was serving as bow gunner struck a mine, Corporal McCLENAGHAN was blown clear of the vehicle through the open hatch. After recovering from the shock, he remained to care for two wounded who were being carried on the rear deck of the tank. Alone, and under heavy artillery and small arms fire, he evacuated the wounded to the safety of another tank. His devotion beyond the call of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade VINCENT T. McGRATH, 31328613, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Under a heavy barrage of artillery and sniper fire, Sergeant McGRATH returned to his disabled vehicle and fixed a battery cable connection so his tank could move forward to render aid to his company. He then mounted the rear deck of the vehicle to man the machine gun, keeping sniper fire down while his crew remounted the vehicle. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Private First Class GEORGE W. BURK, 31391400, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 17 April 1945. Private BURK was serving as radio operator. During the battle of a wooded area, he sighted enemy positions and immediately reported this to the company commander. During the ensuing close engagements, without regard for his own safety, he helped bring forward the much-needed ammunition and also assisted two of his comrades who were wounded. To these men Private BURK gave first aid and then directed medical personnel to them. His personal courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class GERARD G. CHAMBERLAND, 31322747, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. Private CHAMBERLAND volunteered to replace a wounded aid man with an infantry battalion. While serving in this capacity he voluntarily advanced under heavy small arms fire to evacuate a seriously wounded infantryman. Under intense small arms fire he treated the wounded soldier and succeeded in evacuating him. Private CHAMBERLAND's actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maine.

Private First Class PAUL D. DINGA, 36748181, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 12 March 1945. Private DINGA, member of a medical battalion, volunteered to replace a wounded aid man of a forward medical detachment. Seeing a wounded rifleman, he moved under fire to his aid and moved the wounded man to a fox hole. There he performed an emergency amputation, dressed the wound and evacuated him. As immediate replacement was difficult, Private DINGA continued his duties as an aid man for seven more days of heavy fighting, displaying outstanding courage and initiative at all times. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class BUFORD B. GARRISON, 35654135, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. When the ambulance he was driving fell into enemy hands as he was evacuating a number of casualties, Private GARRISON displayed great presence of mind and courage. He talked with his captors until convinced that the lives of the wounded depended upon their evacuation and they allowed Private GARRISON to continue on his mission. Private GARRISON's initiative courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Private First Class GERALD KREITMAN, 42035979, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 24 January 1945. Private KREITMAN voluntarily served as medical aid man for an infantry battalion. For two days he treated the wounded under intense enemy small arms fire, mortar and artillery barrages. Despite wounds sustained from artillery he continued to treat and evacuate the wounded until his injuries forced him to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class RAYMOND A. LAGERQUIST, 37552943, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. Private LAGERQUIST, without thought of his own safety, continued evacuating casualties through an area known to be heavily infested with enemy troops. When his ambulance was captured, Private LAGERQUIST remained with the patients, persuading them to groan and convince the enemy forces of their serious condition. The enemy, thus convinced, released the vehicle and allowed it to continue to the aid station. Private LAGERQUIST's initiative and courage under adverse conditions reflect great credit on himself

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and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Private First Class JOHN D. McGUIRE (then Private), 35176204, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. While engaged in the capture of an enemy town against tanks, anti-tank guns and infantry, the 75mm gun on his tank was put out of action by a faulty round. Private McGUIRE dismounted and attempted to remove the round from the weapon. Without regard for his own safety he continued working until ordered to return to the tank to move to the rear. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD C. BACHER, 33620408, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 12 April 1945. Sergeant BACHER was artillery mechanic in a medium tank company. While moving forward to repair a weapon, Sergeant BACHER and his driver, were ambushed. Sergeant BACHER was mortally wounded and the driver was killed. Despite his wounds, he immediately manned the machine gun, wiping out the enemy position. Dazed and suffering from shock, he wandered three kilometers to a German hospital where he was found by friendly troops. His devotion to duty and personal courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States and reflect great credit on himself and the service. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE D. TURNEY, 33362238, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Corporal TURNEY was a member of a medical aid group. When he received word that two soldiers were wounded he advanced without regard for his own safety. Passing through a mined area under heavy artillery fire, he reached the wounded. Under heavy small arms fire he rendered first aid and started evacuation of the wounded with a quarter ton truck. Corporal TURNEY was riding on the front of the truck. Attempting to make the patients comfortable when the vehicle struck a mine. He sustained wounds which later caused his death. Throughout the action Corporal TURNEY acted without consideration for himself, sacrificing his own safety for the benefit of others. His courage, determination and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. KING, 37488142, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 March and 31 March 1945. Private KING was driver of a one-quarter ton truck. When his platoon, advancing on a reconnaissance mission, was pinned down by artillery and small arms fire, he was instructed to make his way to safety. Seeing one of the battalion tanks burning, he returned to the front and attempted to evacuate the members of the tank crew. He then drove another vehicle to safety under heavy fire. On the following day Private KING was pinned down by small arms and artillery fire. Seeing that his platoon leader was wounded, he voluntarily left his position, making his way across open terrain to inform the battalion commander of the situation and to bring up medical aid. While so engaged he was fatally wounded. His devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety in the interest of his comrades is in keeping with the



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highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant HARRY F. SHILLING, 3323034, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. Sergeant SHILLING left the safety of his own tank to assist in evacuation of crew members of a disabled tank destroyer. The vehicle was hit again while Sergeant SHILLING was evacuating the wounded driver who continued to move the wounded to a near-by fox hole. While administering first aid he was again subjected to artillery fire, wounding an officer who was assisting in rendering aid. Sergeant SHILLING, seeing the position was untenable, moved the wounded to another point of safety. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant THEODORE F. KACZMARCZIK (then Staff Sergeant), 02012138, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April and 12 April 1945. When his tank was disabled by enemy fire, Lieutenant KACZMARCZIK dismounted under heavy enemy fire. He returned to the rear under continuing fire, secured another tank, and moved forward to reorganize his platoon and successfully complete his mission. In another action Lieutenant KACZMARCZIK dismounted from his bogged-down vehicle and assumed command of another tank to continue his advance. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant HAROLD A. McDONALD, 35501036, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. When his unit was forced to withdraw because of heavy enemy artillery fire, Sergeant McDONALD voluntarily returned to the scene of action to attempt evacuation of a wounded comrade. Moving up as close as possible with his vehicle, he continued on foot to the burning vehicle and evacuated the wounded soldier. While returning to a position of safety he evacuated a second man from a fox hole, reaching his vehicle with both the disabled men. Sergeant McDONALD's courageous action reflects credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT J. JANES, 32864309, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. While attacking with leading elements, two tanks of his platoon were disabled by enemy fire. Sergeant JANES, without hesitation or regard for his own safety, advanced several hundred yards under direct fire to successfully repel advancing enemy forces while the wounded members of the tank crews were evacuated. Sergeant JANES' devotion to duty and personal courage reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant CHESTER A. SNOPEK, 32870853, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Sergeant SNOPEK was commander of the lead tank in a battalion attack on the enemy. With the knowledge that two tanks had already been disabled while attempting to clear the way, he went forward with his section and helped neutralize machine gun and anti-tank guns that were holding up advance of the battalion. His technical skill and courage under fire reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant EDWARD F. BARRY, 33432350, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. Sergeant BARRY, serving as a tank commander, was participating in a flanking movement against the enemy. When one of the tanks of the attacking force was disabled by enemy fire, which halted the remainder of the force, he moved his tank to the left flank. Without regard for his own safety he remained under continuous mortar and artillery fire, protecting the crew of the disabled tank. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States and reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant FRED BRITTON, 35097729, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Sergeant BRITTON was tank commander of the second tank in a leading element. During a heavy artillery and mortar barrage three infantrymen riding on the first tank were wounded while seeking cover. Without hesitation Sergeant BRITTON dismounted from his vehicle, administered first aid, and helped the wounded men to cover. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Sergeant DALE E. CLINE, 37476705, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Sergeant CLINE was tank commander of a medium tank. When an attack was halted by nightfall and orders were given to withdraw from an enemy city, Sergeant CLINE searched the vicinity of the attack for casualties. He picked up many wounded during his search, despite direct anti-tank and artillery fire. Only after conducting a thorough search for infantry soldiers did he withdraw from this position. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

Sergeant PAUL ROTH, 32238232, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 April 1945. When Sergeant ROTH was called forward to repair the radio of a lead tank, he was forced to crawl more than 200 yards under intense fire to reach the vehicle. Without regard for his own safety he accomplished the necessary repairs, enabling the tank to maintain communications with other vehicles of the attacking force. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Sergeant LEONARD H. UHL, 37664713, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Sergeant UHL was a tank commander, advancing with the forward elements of an attacking force. When his section leader's tank was disabled and exposed to direct fire he immediately moved from his covered position. Advancing, he gave cover and protection to a maintenance crew while they made repairs to the disabled tank. Sergeant UHL's bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade ZOLLIE ALTES, 37108446, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 24 February 1945. When a tank was disabled and under artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant ALTES advanced to make emergency repairs. After extensive repairs were made, the tank was evacuated to a position of safety. Sergeant ALTES then gave assistance to medical aid men in the evacuation of wounded, moving out on open terrain under fire to render emergency treatment and evacuated numerous wounded infantrymen. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade MORRIS MCGUIRE, 37607062, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 24 February 1945. When a tank was disabled, Sergeant MCGUIRE advanced under a mortar and artillery barrage. He made extensive repairs to the vehicle and succeeded in evacuating it over a road known to be sewn with mines. He then went to the aid of infantry medical aid men, voluntarily moving out under fire to evacuate wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM C. MORRISON, 38137969, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 April 1945. When the tank he was driving was struck by rocket fire, Sergeant MORRISON remained with the burning vehicle. He secured a fire extinguisher and extinguished the blaze. This action enabled the crew to remain with the vehicle under cover from heavy small arms fire. Sergeant MORRISON's courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES B. SCHLENKE, 37402954, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 24 February 1945. When a tank was disabled and under continuous artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant SCHLENKE moved forward and made extensive repairs to the vehicle, enabling it to be moved to a position of safety. Later when Sergeant SCHLENKE saw several infantrymen wounded he went to their aid. He administered first aid and evacuated the wounded while still under mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant SCHLENKE's actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

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Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH H. WELCH, 33375716, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. After dismounting from his disabled tank under heavy artillery, anti-tank and small arms fire and moving to a position of safety on order of his platoon leader, Sergeant WELCH determined to save his vehicle. He left his position and returned to the vehicle, still under intense fire. On discovering that the tank would not operate, he was forced to again abandon it and seek cover. His courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade LEO A. DUREE, 37665726, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 March 1945. Corporal DUREE, a member of a maintenance section, volunteered to extinguish a white phosphorous fire inside an armored trailer loaded with high explosive ammunition. He towed the trailer from the road where it was endangering traffic. Corporal DUREE then extinguished the blaze and removed the additional ammunition, saving both trailer and ammunition for further use against the enemy. His courageous action was carried out without consideration for himself and reflects great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

*Reviewed by*  
*B. Jones 10/12/45*

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the VCOG of 1 April 1945 awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, 49th Armored Infantry Battalion, Companies as indicated, effective 1 April 1945, for satisfactory performance of duty, is hereby confirmed.

Headquarters

CAPT	EUGENE J. McDONALD	01297071	INF ✓
CAPT	JAMES C. HANKIN	0392340	INF ✓
1ST LT	HERMAN W. HULS	0346110	INF ✓
Sgt	William H. Brill	32861811	✓
Tec 4	Elmer T. Roberts	37189934	✓
Tec 5	Harold R. Cowan	37343676	✓
Tec 5	Fred P. Cross	39718947	✓
Tec 5	Norman H. DuBois	32868426	✓
Tec 5	Max P. Knueger	37516691	✓
Tec 5	Clifford H. Neubauer	37664481	✓
Tec 5	Dean Walker	37475692	✓
Tec 5	Percy L. Collins	37517297	✓
Pfc	George E. Evans, Jr.	35907959	✓
Pfc	Peter Hoshlyk	32490433	✓
Pfc	Ruben R. Reyna	38028766	✓
Pfc	Clarence B. Sturgeon	36775589	✓
Pfc	Landon W. Tolley	33215483	✓
Pfc	Ralph E. Yarman	35603353	✓

Headquarters Company

1ST LT	HAROLD L. WERNER	01313677	INF ✓
2D LT	MORRIS COFFINO	01328976	INF ✓
1st Sgt	Myron E. Farley	35013872	✓
S Sgt	Owen M. Bebb	36180727	✓
S Sgt	George R. Koutnik	32870526	✓
S Sgt	Joseph A. Ogden	35379339	✓
Tec 4	Alvin J. Gillette	35018432	✓
Tec 4	Richard B. Goodyear	35620659	✓
Tec 4	Adolph I. Roberts	37516530	✓
Tec 5	Dominick J. Altamura	32866574	✓
Tec 5	John R. Arenas	39399773	✓
Tec 5	James W. Eads	34349322	✓
Tec 5	George C. Smith	37476594	✓
Pfc	William A. Adams	39476411	✓
Pfc	Art B. Beardsley	37513906	✓
Pfc	George Cherubino	32866657	✓
Pfc	Bernard Handwerker	32877401	✓
Pfc	James H. Hegwood	38654879	✓
Pfc	Edwin F. Nortz	39399778	✓
Pfc	Eli N. Painter	15326451	✓
Pfc	Dennis J. Regan	12158023	✓
Pfc	Clarence J. Tillman	36912196	✓
Pvt	James E. Asbury	35654253	✓
Pvt	Edward W. Crump, Jr.	34810617	✓
Pvt	John W. Long, Sr.	44031336	✓
Pvt	Daniel O. Orga	36022668	✓
Pvt	George H. Shaw	36446958	✓
Pvt	Ronald W. Thomas	33777690	✓

Service Company

CAPT	FRANK W. ANDERSON	01306527	INF ✓
1ST LT	PETER M. DZIEJMA	01302790	INF ✓
2D LT	RAYMOND E. WILSON	01013633	INF ✓
WOJG	ALBERT W. LAIRD	W2106944	USA ✓
WOJG	CEDRIC A. WHIFFLE	W2129586	USA ✓
M Sgt	Charles L. Hollins	32298337	✓
1st Sgt	Foyl W. Hartgrave	6665567	✓
T Sgt	Jarves Hutto	14004186	✓
T Sgt	Charles G. Petersen	37234913	✓
S Sgt	Robert S. Cole	35376007	✓
S Sgt	Robert D. Lockwood	32293189	✓
S Sgt	Neil S. McKenzie	36315352	✓
S Sgt	Leonard C. Tallman	36295079	✓
Sgt	Eddie J. Dawaliby	37014892	✓
Sgt	Michael J. McGarry	32866727	✓
Tec 4	Edwin R. Alfreds	33594801	✓
Tec 4	Lawrence A. Birks	37516733	✓
Tec 4	Elbert Cunningham	34287671	✓
Tec 4	Arthur J. Dicks	33403203	✓
Tec 4	Glen A. Emery	37665796	✓
Tec 4	Glen A. Hires	37517370	✓
Tec 4	Clarence V. Olson	36336989	✓
Tec 4	Howard G. Smith	32866630	✓
Tec 4	Paul W. Wrex	37516935	✓
Tec 5	Vernie L. Aldridge	37516306	✓
Tec 5	Sylvester Alfieri	32862273	✓
Tec 5	Jennery R. F. Falvo	33432175	✓
Tec 5	Marvin E. Haines	37476456	✓
Tec 5	Vernon G. Iman	37606958	✓
Tec 5	Ray Johnson	37516484	✓
Tec 5	William H. Mann	33575718	✓
Tec 5	Harvey H. L. Mantay	16161225	✓
Tec 5	Allen K. Moore, Jr.	33595106	✓
Tec 5	Leonard Muckefuse	33595191	✓
Tec 5	Carl E. Perkins	31317852	✓
Tec 5	Robert W. Sauer	32852721	✓
Tec 5	Michael P. Sneraski	33594740	✓
Tec 5	James M. Stiffler	37607372	✓
Tec 5	James A. Swanson	37517369	✓
Pfc	Ignatius N. Amplo	32870779	✓
Pfc	Joseph J. Borgia	33435041	✓
Pfc	Thomas L. Cornell, Jr.	31303735	✓
Pfc	George E. Doemel	33504140	✓
Pfc	Cecil J. Chan	39473479	✓
Pfc	Earl H. Hilke	37664721	✓
Pfc	Walter W. Kreblin	36822810	✓
Pfc	Robert J. Mahony	42098567	✓
Pfc	George F. Maloney, Jr.	31413427	✓
Pfc	Blane A. Martin	39593626	✓
Pfc	Clemon M. Martin	38550495	✓
Pfc	Charles Matthys	36661439	✓
Pfc	Thomas P. Moore	39217826	✓
Pfc	Valdor A. Ouellette	31320578	✓
Pfc	Wylie B. Pipes	36498042	✓
Pfc	Joseph M. Ramirez	32825295	✓
Pfc	William L. Rhodes	36913147	✓
Pfc	Walter C. Richardson	31285627	✓
Pfc	Pasquale D. Salvatore	33594938	✓
Pfc	Frank J. Shadid	37665283	✓
Pfc	Crae K. Spencer	39912666	✓
Pfc	Peter Starson	32852433	✓
Pvt	Richard W. Madden	33564936	✓

Company "B"

S Sgt	Gust H. Dimopoulos	36010008 ✓
S Sgt	John O. Scott	32235164 ✓
Sgt	Raymond W. Fisher	33432070 ✓
Tec 4	Morace Ledary	33594785 ✓
Tec 4	Ralph L. Rider	35624098 ✓
Cpl	Benjamin J. Zubovitz	35098303 ✓
Tec 5	Hosea Arnett, Jr.	3598727 ✓
Tec 5	Robert T. Beuten	33432191 ✓
Tec 5	Orland C. Darr	37514482 ✓
Tec 5	Charles J. Dwyer	37517341 ✓
Tec 5	Napoleon G. Geoffrey	31286758 ✓
Tec 5	Lawrence A. Gillis	31304196 ✓
Tec 5	Leonard A. Hensley	37514764 ✓
Tec 5	Paul F. Hoban	6884262 ✓
Tec 5	Robert A. Kametz	33619651 ✓
Tec 5	Willie J. Kelly	35669845 ✓
Tec 5	Bernard H. Kramer	33432048 ✓
Tec 5	Robert J. Pinkard	35654200 ✓
Tec 5	Earl L. Reed	31261120 ✓
Tec 5	Paul V. Riedmiller	37665205 ✓
Tec 5	Charles G. Riehle	32023369 ✓
Tec 5	Frank S. Sadrovitz	33619635 ✓
Tec 5	Laver D. Swank	33504996 ✓
Tec 5	Robert P. Veydt	33432058 ✓
Tec 5	Earl S. Wilson	31260935 ✓
Tec 5	Robert M. Witte	38131107 ✓
Tec 5	George W. Weilbacher	33504549 ✓
Tec 5	Romeo A. Battilana	33594992 ✓
Pfc	Robert R. Bell	33594792 ✓
Pfc	Hugh L. Brunson, Sr.	6966693 ✓
Pfc	Charles F. Clayton, III	14131799 ✓
Pfc	Robert R. Conly	42069570 ✓
Pfc	Russell R. Ferguson	35782912 ✓
Pfc	Anton J. Heintz	36337027 ✓
Pfc	David D. Jones	35606613 ✓
Pfc	Lloyd H. Jones	42089476 ✓
Pfc	Albert E. Kaigen	33951757 ✓
Pfc	Jefferson B. Krumme	30467214 ✓
Pfc	James V. Marinelli	33609980 ✓
Pfc	Ross T. McCarty	39289118 ✓
Pfc	Edward H. Richter	36544510 ✓
Pfc	Samuel R. Shannon	42089526 ✓
Pfc	Richard J. Westlake	37544282 ✓
Pvt	Norman L. Justus	37734180 ✓

Company "C"

S Sgt	Vernor M. Hughes	37122470 ✓
S Sgt	Earl H. Pilon	31286971 ✓
Tec 4	Paul M. Wilson	39399759 ✓
Cpl	William S. Schwarck	37439255 ✓
Tec 5	Stephen C. Babig	32871603 ✓
Tec 5	Clinton W. Burns	37514484 ✓
Tec 5	Charles F. Comstock	31254582 ✓
Tec 5	Ralph E. Dreisbach	33505005 ✓
Tec 5	Jess J. Favier	31607798 ✓
Tec 5	Harrison L. Holt	35727255 ✓
Tec 5	Thomas H. Knight	33434872 ✓
Tec 5	Grant W. McLaughlin	35750892 ✓
Tec 5	Paul W. Morrison	35751596 ✓
Tec 5	John S. Pajk	35053098 ✓
Tec 5	Harold D. Reese	33594395 ✓

Company "C" (Cont'd)

Tec 5	Clayton D. Rhodes	35699476 ✓
Tec 5	Frank E. Sheeder	35592318 ✓
Tec 5	Milton J. Shepherd	35594337 ✓
Tec 5	Gilbert R. White	37514436 ✓
Tec 5	Howard N. White	35403797 ✓
Tec 5	Elwood O. Yeick	33505002 ✓
Pfc	Donald R. Boile	36867711 ✓
Pfc	Robert D. Elliott	37516482 ✓
Pfc	Walter R. Gold	39034475 ✓
Pfc	Harold A. Gute	16104754 ✓
Pfc	Irving Herzog	42178765 ✓
Pfc	Henry J. Lak	31418070 ✓
Pfc	Thomas J. Maguire	42073244 ✓
Pfc	Charles F. Mellin	33411270 ✓
Pfc	Elbert H. Myers	33504856 ✓
Pfc	Walter Shrout	35653935 ✓
Pfc	Conrad E. Tetreault	31455158 ✓
Pfc	Marvin P. Zimmerman	31436235 ✓
Pfc	George H. Bratt, Jr.	33768807 ✓
Pfc	Howard W. Burgess	34104082 ✓
Pfc	Gaston C. Calcote	38524056 ✓
Pfc	Allen W. Childs	44038022 ✓
Pfc	Leslie V. Chism	34950343 ✓
Pfc	Leslie L. Dearden	37749906 ✓
Pfc	Robert J. Donnelly	33907457 ✓
Pfc	Charles F. Fewkes	36911506 ✓
Pfc	Herman G. Foster	34864373 ✓
Pfc	Robert A. Gunther	36775494 ✓
Pfc	Harry L. Jackson	44037959 ✓
Pvt	Fred J. Seaman	42089840 ✓
Pvt	Ronald D. Kyle	35750930 ✓
Pvt	Stanley H. Laufer	42057330 ✓

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VI. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular 136, War Department, dated 11 May 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge, in recognition of exemplary conduct in action against the ~~ENEMY~~ - is awarded to MAJOR FRANK K BRITTON, 0395458, Infantry (Armored), 9th Armored Infantry Battalion. *no off*

By command of Major General GROW:

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Colonel, General Staff Corps  
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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class JOHN E. HAFFLY, 33504243, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Czechoslovakia on 11 June 1945. When a one-quarter ton truck and small arms ammunition was ignited in the heart of a Czechoslovakian city, Private HAFFLY showed great presence of mind. Without regard for his own safety he voluntarily set about clearing the area of danger and directed traffic away from the detonating ammunition. He then set about attempting to bring the blaze under control, but was driven to cover by exploding phosphorous and fragmentation grenades. Despite this he remained in the immediate area until all personnel and vehicles had been cleared from the area. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT G. PETTY, 32852406, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Czechoslovakia on 11 June 1945. Private PETTY voluntarily entered an extremely dangerous area to clear personnel and remove vehicles when the ammunition load of a one-quarter ton truck was ignited in the heart of a Czechoslovakian city. With total disregard for his own safety he cleared civilians and soldiers from the area and directed traffic. He assisted in efforts to bring the blaze under control, but was driven to cover by exploding phosphorous and fragmentation grenades. Despite this danger he remained in the immediate area directing traffic until all personnel and vehicles had been cleared from the area. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Captain ARNOLD G. HUEBNER, O1590550, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Captain WILLIAM K. MURRAY (then First Lieutenant), O1011875, Cavalry, United States Army. 2 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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First Lieutenant RUSSEL A. DOTSON, 01017004, Infantry, United States Army. 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant CLEM T. BORKOWSKI, 15043627, Signal Corps, United States Army. 18 March 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Master Sergeant HOWARD L. SHIRK, 33015651, Signal Corps, United States Army. 27 February 1945 to 10 April 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant BRUCE C. ALLEN, 39678377, Armored, United States Army. 21 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Utah.

First Sergeant JOHN DEMPSEY, 31050661, Infantry, United States Army. 26 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant JOHN A. PARKER, 33434979, Field Artillery, United States Army. 6 March 1945 to 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD J. VOGEL, 37283173, Infantry, United States Army. 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Sergeant ODES McCOMBS, 36150110, Field Artillery, United States Army. 28 February 1945 to 14 April 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade PAUL F. KAMMEN, 33346974, Armored, United States Army. 23 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JASON W. KELLAHIN, 38441923, Armored, United States Army. 18 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY A. RICE, 35654332, Field Artillery, United States Army. 3 April 1945 to 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVING GORDON, 33565058, Infantry, United States Army. 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). So much of Section I, General Orders No. 67, this Headquarters, 13 July 1945, as pertains to Colonel ROBERT J. WALLACE, 08260, Infantry, as reads "Silver Star is awarded", is amended to read: "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). So much of Section II, General Orders No. 87, this Headquarters, 13 July 1945, as pertains to Brigadier General CHARLES F. COLSON, O12173, United States Army, as reads: "Bronze Star Medal is awarded", is amended to read: "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the WCCG of 1 April 1945 awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, 58th Armored Infantry Battalion, Companies as indicated, effective 1 April 1945, for satisfactory performance of duty, is hereby confirmed.

*Typed by  
W.B. Jones  
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*Reilly, Gantenberg  
10/1/45*

Headquarters

S/Sgt Isadore I. Kleinman 35750915 ✓

Service Company

CAPT	MAURICE L. YOUNG	01073382	INF	✓
1ST LT	GILBERT J. ROBERTS	01015511	INF	✓
WOJG	PETER J. DUBOR	W2121140	USA	✓
1st Sgt	Thomas C. Donnelly	34202931		✓
Tec 4	Norman L. Benton	34396392		✓
Tec 4	Edward T. Miller	33435155		✓
Tec 4	Paul F. Page	31268238		✓
Tec 4	Charles M. Ryder	38160077		✓
Tec 4	Donald E. Williams	37419804		✓
Cpl	Thomas E. Mullen	33594789		✓
Tec 5	Emanuel Gonzalez	36772152		✓
Tec 5	David H. Gowans	19119885		✓
Tec 5	Walter C. Hitchens	32271601		✓
Pfc	Guadalupe C. Aguirre	39717271		✓
Pfc	James W. Biggerstaff	35796563		✓
Pfc	Wallace A. Calway	39327505		✓
Pfc	Lindo Fiorelli	31286704		✓
Pfc	Francis N. McHugh	33787600		✓
Pfc	George V. Nothstine	37645028		✓
Pfc	William J. Nugent	38572134		✓
Pfc	Harold E. Nystrom	31413403		✓
Pvt	Emile A. DiSalvo	32015475		✓

Company "A"

Cpl	Leland E. Allen	38471280		✓
Tec 5	Glen P. Allen	37607111		✓
Tec 5	William T. Black	37513597		✓
Tec 5	Jay K. Bell	33509228		✓
Pfc	Clester W. Hornsby Jr.	18074043		✓
Pfc	Thomas E. Hughes	35098952		✓
Pfc	John P. Mandas	42071548		✓
Pfc	Robert M. Parks	35782894		✓
Pvt	Raul E. Martin	38557960		✓
Pvt	Josie A. Mata	38562470		✓
Pvt	Ferdinando J. Marques	31433519		✓
Pvt	Alfred O. Meadows	44050749		✓

Company "B"

Cpl	Roland O. Nelson	37466270		✓
Tec 5	Paul E. Collins	37607029		✓
Pfc	Alfie O. Fenwick	38673364		✓
Pfc	Robert L. Moses	44037509		✓
Pfc	Ralph T. Gray	35231342		✓
Pfc	Otto Bittermann	33951735		✓

Company "C"

T/Sgt	Eugene E. Strutzel	37005240		✓
S/Sgt	J. Robert Keller	39616507		✓
S/Sgt	Robert B. Starkey	35750960		✓

Company "C" (Cont'd)

S/Sgt	Lester Douris	33130598	✓
Tec 4	Anthony J. Guadiano	33264467	✓
Tec 4	Everett C. Lee	37282601	✓
Cpl	Gosta B. Pearson	39185316	✓
Tec 5	Alfonso Eturriaga	38168279	✓
Tec 5	Earl J. Fox	15337165	✓
Tec 5	Donald E. Wens	37343664	✓
Pfc	Ivan J. Bedekovich	33709676	✓
Pfc	Robert A. Beyer	32905635	✓
Pfc	Thomas H. Coffield	36852015	✓
Pfc	James S. Cartner	31964004	✓
Pfc	Rocco Cuteri	33423993	✓
Pfc	John Heys	39614631	✓
Pfc	Lester G. Hollis	36401313	✓
Pfc	David L. Hughes	37511405	✓
Pfc	Richard P. Jackson	33212099	✓
Pfc	Leonard P. Justofin	33614070	✓
Pfc	Benito M. Lizardi	39853549	✓
Pfc	Russell D. Pollitt	35240658	✓
Pfc	Ido Terzani	39145512	✓
Pfc	Fred Young	35828097	✓
Tec 5	Murray S. Simon	32327633	✓

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Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... I


I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated, to:

Captain WILLIAM D. BLACK, O1010739, Infantry, United States Army. 5 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the VCOG of 1 February 1945 awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, 7th Armored Infantry Battalion, Companies as indicated, effective 1 February 1945, for satisfactory performance of duty, is hereby confirmed.

Headquarters

Pfc Louis A. Hall Jr. 12100517 ✓

Service Company

2D LT CLINTON J. MAIER 01329025 INF  
CWO THOMAS R. FIMERT 02116053 USA

T/Sgt	James Paul	33003601 ✓
S/Sgt	Donald J. Perry	32320871 ✓
Tec 5	William A. Griffin	11007551 ✓
Tec 5	Henry Laudner	37010160 ✓
Tec 5	John P. Malinconico	32532694 ✓
Tec 5	Alfred J. McGehey	35090004 ✓
Tec 5	Pearley E. Meredith	35654397 ✓
Tec 5	Thomas J. O'Neill	33594203 ✓
Tec 5	Homer L. Stone	31320124 ✓
Pfc	William J. Bernard	36901604 ✓
Pfc	Edward P. Dorkowski	32343553 ✓
Pfc	Edward J. Coppiewski	31320056 ✓
Pfc	Harold M. Cover	36902566 ✓
Pfc	George T. Donner	13200977 ✓
Pfc	Victor R. Knitz	35531105 ✓
Pfc	Palmer L. Kvale	37542442 ✓
Pfc	Clifton H. Mattoon	11003171 ✓
Pfc	George J. McGrew	35240677 ✓
Pfc	John Fuzzolo	32070606 ✓
Pfc	Nick Pollak	35090200 ✓
Pfc	Albert J. Thornton	31900590 ✓
Pfc	William Tucker	35067116 ✓
Pfc	William T. Walker	33564577 ✓
Pfc	Madford White	35035613 ✓
Pfc	Quentin S. Luscob	31196530 ✓
Pvt	Richard H. Thompson	19045356 ✓
1st Sgt	Robert C. Mulligan	35004571 ✓

COMPANY "A"

Tec 4	Frank E. Yourick	33405671 ✓
Tec 5	Robert V. Eilman	36030522 ✓
Tec 5	Elmer L. Schmidt	33660501 ✓
Tec 5	Dan Peoples	37513026 ✓
Pfc	Wiley E. Butler Jr.	34329121 ✓
Pfc	Erzo E. Orlo	31329963 ✓
Pfc	Louis Carling	13131615 ✓
Pfc	Homer D. Payne	30423713 ✓
Pfc	Raney, James E	35240119 ✓
Pfc	Frank E. Saunders	36973040 ✓



CG No. 94, 10th Arm Div, 5 September 1945, cont'd.

2. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 407, 17 October 1944, as amended, the WCCG of 1 April 1945 awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following Officers and Enlisted Men, 7th Armored Infantry Battalion, Companies as indicated, effective 1 April 1945, for satisfactory performance of duty, is hereby confirmed.

Headquarters Company

S/Sgt	George K. Zaeflick	33594632 ✓
S/Sgt	Thomas A. Palumbo	3266266 ✓
Cpl	Charles F. Hardy	3266215 ✓
Pfc	Charles Keller	35099093 ✓
Pfc	Edward A. Shopel	37564740 ✓
Pfc	Joseph A. Cudomo	33574907 ✓
Pfc	Wallace L. Hipshear	36890732 ✓
Pfc	Farrel Yeager	33472905 ✓
Pfc	Victor J. Haughey	16176054 ✓
Pfc	Robert G. Baldwin	33928494 ✓
Pfc	Anthony Jacoboni	35044104 ✓
Pfc	Robert E. Shaw	39205483 ✓
Pfc	William H. Richardson	41031370 ✓
Pfc	Orbon D. Darchan	33658221 ✓
Pfc	Charles E. Pichler	13136139 ✓
Tec 5	Daniel J. Caprario	32870967 ✓

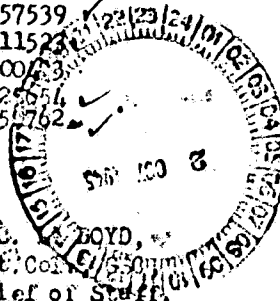
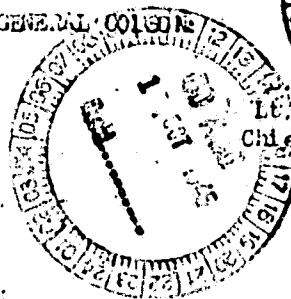
Company "C"

T/Sgt	John Aiken	32042479 ✓
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Cpl	Albert C. Sala	31302714 ✓
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Tec 5	James L. Hamilton	35793463 ✓
Tec 5	Fred Stadelmeier	33718045 ✓
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Pfc	Dovey H. Graham	6966766 ✓
Pfc	Leo R. Koski	31391927 ✓
Pfc	Earnest Krueger	32157539 ✓
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- Award of Silver Star ..... I
- Award of Soldier's Medal ..... II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN H. VAN HOUTEN, O418812, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Colonel VAN HOUTEN personally led the assault on the town of Rheinberg, Germany. He displayed coolness and expert tactical skill. Through his aggressiveness he was able to maintain control and reorganize his task force for a continued attack. He placed himself at all times in hazardous and dangerous positions to accomplish his mission. Largely through his efforts the defenses were smashed and the objective taken. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of an officer of the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Major EDWARD J. GURNEY, JR., O1010115, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. When advance of a task force was halted, Major GURNEY, an executive officer, personally gathered infantrymen and led them forward under intense fire. He organized them with the tank company. When his tank was disabled, Major GURNEY dismounted to guide the attack on foot. While thus leading the attack he was seriously wounded by small arms fire. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Captain EDWARD H. LOOK, O1297061, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Captain LOOK, a battalion S-2 officer, led a platoon forward against an enemy town in the face of intense fire. He moved a wounded officer to cover. Cut off from his organization, he then led his men across open terrain, under intense fire, to a sheltered position. There he tended the wounded and maintained the morale of his men until aid arrived the following day. Captain LOOK's leadership and gallantry reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL J. MALPASS, 39327377, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945. Speeding across some 1500 yards of open ground completely exposed to withering enemy artillery and small arms fire, Corporal MALPASS went to the rescue of three seriously wounded soldiers despite the fact that four other jeeps had been knocked out and their occupants captured in previous attempts to get through with ammunition. Unaided, he placed the wounded in his jeep and again made the perilous trip to return them to safety and vital medical attention. Corporal MALPASS' courage and complete disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oregon.

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II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade DELMER D. HICKS, 20949880, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 13 August 1945 in Germany. Corporal HICKS, while proceeding to the kitchen, was met at the door by a soldier whose clothing had been set afire in the explosion of a field range, and was running in a state of panic. Without regard for his own safety, Corporal HICKS forced the soldier into a corner and smothered the flames with his own body. His courage and presence of mind reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH D. LA VIGNE, 12201352, Armored, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 22 July 1945 in Germany. When Corporal LA VIGNE heard the cries of a girl from a nearby river, he immediately went to her aid. Without regard for his own safety he plunged into the swift current and swam about twenty-five yards to reach the drowning girl. After a desperate battle with the swift current he succeeded in bringing her to the shore and removing her to safety where first aid was rendered. Corporal LA VIGNE's actions, with complete disregard for his own safety, reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private THOMAS E. NICHOLSON, 15332609, Armored, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 22 July 1945 in Germany. Private NICHOLSON went to the aid of a girl, exhausted and drowning in the swift current of a river. Without regard for his own safety he plunged into the water when he heard her cries for help. Swimming some twenty-five yards he rescued the girl, and after a difficult struggle with the swift-moving waters, succeeded in removing her to safety, where first aid was rendered. His courage and devotion beyond the call of duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD W. STAGE, 01012412, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 27 March 1945 to 14 April 1945. Lieutenant STAGE was assistant S-3 officer for a Combat Command. He performed outstanding service, keeping in close contact at all times with forward elements. Frequently in performance of his duties he was exposed to heavy enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ANDREW DUDKO, 32091033, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 26 January 1945. Sergeant DUDKO was making an inspection of a disabled tank when he was caught by an intense mortar barrage. Without regard for his own safety he ignored the nearby explosions and continued working on the tank until it was safely evacuated. His coolness and courage and his technical skill

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reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HENRY B. SMITH, 37067230, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. During an intense barrage of enemy artillery, small arms and direct fire, Sergeant SMITH's commanding officer's tank was knocked out. The crew, several of whom were wounded, dismounted but were pinned down by enemy small arms fire. Without hesitation Sergeant SMITH pulled out from under cover, exposing his own tank to enemy fire, to cover the commanding officer and his crew while they returned safely to the rear. His courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

Technician Third Grade HENRY J. BORK, 35379433, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 March and 7 March 1945. When Sergeant BORK, a surgical technician, heard that medical aid was desperately needed in a forward area, he voluntarily moved to the front, despite heavy small arms fire. He rendered first aid to wounded in an open field under enemy fire, then withdrew to a town in which fighting was still progressing. There he set up a forward aid station, treating casualties throughout the night. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Technician Third Grade RICHARD F. FERRY, 13113367, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 May 1945. As a prisoner of war interrogator, Sergeant FERRY learned of the presence of a group of saboteurs, heavily armed and equipped with a radio. Without regard for his own safety he guided a platoon to the saboteurs' hideaway and assisted in their capture. By expert questioning he obtained confessions and secured valuable information on other enemy organizations. His courage and skill reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM T. CAMPER, 20451516, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 April 1945. While under heavy direct fire from enemy 88mm anti-aircraft guns, Sergeant CAMPER left his tank destroyer and without a moments hesitation ran to the aid of three infantrymen who had been seriously wounded. Although slightly wounded himself, Sergeant CAMPER, with the aid of two other crew members, treated the wounded men and carried them to safety. His courage and disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit on himself and the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Sergeant JOHN J. GESELL, 32300927, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 1 April 1945. Sergeant GESELL, while on vehicular reconnaissance preceding an armored combat command, received extremely heavy fire when entering Bergentreich, Germany. When the 50 caliber machine gunner was forced to take cover due to small arms and machine gun fire, Sergeant GESELL left the protection

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afforded by his accustomed place in the vehicle and returned accurate and intense fire on the enemy, neutralizing their fire. As a result of this heroic action, Sergeant GESSILL saved the lives of his crew and the point that preceded the combat command. His courage and initiative reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Sergeant MICHAEL C. HAYDIN, 33305327, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 April 1945. During the advance of a task force, Sergeant HAYDIN's tank drew fire from a 150mm gun. In order that the remainder of the platoon could continue its advance, Sergeant HAYDIN engaged the heavy weapon before withdrawing to the concealment of a house. From that point he continued to fire despite the fact that enemy fire destroyed the house. His decisive action forced withdrawal of the enemy gun and permitted his platoon to advance across open terrain and accomplish its mission. Sergeant HAYDIN's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant HENRY E. WILLIAMS, 37516688, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 22 March to 26 March 1945. During the establishment of a bridgehead, Sergeant WILLIAMS relieved his men, standing their post on an open beach which was under constant artillery and mortar fire. While returning from a post he heard cries from three seriously wounded engineers. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant WILLIAMS went to the men. Under intense artillery and mortar fire directed from positions less than five hundred yards distant, he rendered aid and moved the wounded to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade LLOYD E. FABLE, 33119370, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 26 July 1944. Sergeant FABLE was performing duty as driver of a tank. His platoon was given the mission of advancing under time-fused artillery in order to effect a tank-infantry break-through. With his "hedgerow-cutter" he pushed earth from the hedgerow into dug-in positions eliminating enemy personnel. The platoon leader was killed and all other members of the crew were injured. Sergeant FABLE, though wounded, exposed himself and went back to get medical aid for his wounded comrades. He returned with the aid man to point out the location of the wounded men. His action, personal courage and devotion to duty reflect credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade LEO C. BROWN, 19105080, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. While welding treadways at night, the light from Corporal BROWN's welding arc drew heavy enemy artillery fire. Since the treadways were to be used to enable tanks to cross enemy anti-tank ditches in an attack the next morning, it was necessary to work at night. Having no building large enough to work in, it was impossible to completely conceal the light given off by the arc. Despite the enemy fire, Corporal BROWN continued welding until the

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work was completed. His conduct and efficiency under fire reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade BENNIE L. FISHER, 34587526, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 April 1945. Corporal FISHER was serving as driver of a tank destroyer in support of an infantry battalion. While encountering intense direct fire from enemy 88mm anti-aircraft guns, Corporal FISHER dismounted from his destroyer and went to the aid of three infantrymen who had been wounded. While still under enemy observation, Corporal FISHER administered first aid and carried the men to safety. His courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR L. PETERSON, 33668104, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 24 February 1945. As a member of a maintenance crew, Corporal PETERSON advanced under heavy artillery and mortar fire and recovered a disabled tank, making repairs to the vehicle while under intense fire. Later in the action he went to the aid of armored infantry medical aid men, evacuating their wounded under heavy fire. To reach the wounded he passed through infantry elements, pinned down by the intense fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM B. SMITH, 37607306, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. Corporal SMITH was driver of a one-quarter ton vehicle for a battalion commander. He was frequently exposed to enemy fire and performed his duties in an exemplary manner at all times. On one occasion he was forced to dismount and seek cover, due to an artillery barrage. Seeing that his vehicle was being damaged by the fire, he voluntarily returned and drove it to a point of safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS H. VALLEY, 32329839, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 9 April to 11 April 1945. In order to maintain communications with his radio for a forward observer, Corporal VALLEY crossed open terrain under constant fire, despite the fact that several other vehicles had been destroyed while crossing the same area. Although hit by shrapnel while moving into position, Corporal VALLEY, under observation from enemy mortar positions, dismounted, changed a tire, and continued to his point of vantage. His courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade EARLE G. WILSON, 37563463, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland on 24 February 1945. Corporal WILSON, as a member of a maintenance crew, carried out extensive repairs and succeeded in evacuating a

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While the vehicle was still under heavy artillery and mortar fire, he was completed he went to the aid of wounded infantrymen, treating and evacuating the wounded under heavy fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Private First Class ERNEST J. LETOURNEAU, 31084195, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 April 1945. When three infantrymen in the vicinity of [redacted] tank destroyer were seriously wounded by a heavy concentration of enemy fire, he immediately dismounted and went to their aid. Private LETOURNEAU, with the aid of two other crew members, administered first aid and then carried the wounded men to safety. His demonstrated courage and disregard for his own safety are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class LEWIS W. SMITH, 31079237, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 22 March to 26 March 1945. Private SMITH remained at an unprotected intersection for twenty hours under mortar and artillery fire to direct engineer equipment to its destination. While on his way to shelter, after being relieved, he heard cries for help from three wounded engineers. Without regard for his own safety he went to the aid of the wounded, treating their wounds and moving them to shelter. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

2. So much of Section V, General Orders No. 20, this Headquarters, dated 22 April 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. McQUEEN, 01018025, Cavalry, is revoked.

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Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... I  
Award of Purple Heart ..... II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. McQUEEN, 01018025, Cavalry, United States Army. 1 December 1944 to 27 March 1945 in England, France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Florida.

First Sergeant THOMAS C. DONNELLY, 34202931, Infantry, United States Army. 23 February 1945 to 4 May 1945 in Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Technical Sergeant MEYER KATZOVITZ, 37159035, Ordnance Department, United States Army. 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT E. DEEMS, 32870396, Armored, United States Army. 30 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH C. GOEPFINGER, 37097399, Ordnance Department, United States Army. 8 January 1945 to 25 April 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Major MALCOLM J. BUGAS, 0373231, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

First Lieutenant WIRTH S. THORNTON, 31022634, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 5 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class MERRIAN M. DEW, 37012968, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 27 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT H. MILTON, 35624779, Armored, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.



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Corporal WILLIAM F. CROW, 35235442, Armored, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 12 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade STANLEY S. MYTROWITZ, 32279111, Field Artillery, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Private First Class CALVIN K. CHAMBERS, 14039986, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Private First Class JOHN J. GRADY, 18115542, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class CHARLES A. MATTHYS, 36661439, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 12 February 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN S. MCGONIGLE, 36747983, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 8 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private JOHN BERNARDIN JR., 34845222, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 April 1945. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

Private ELDON PORTER, 6151785, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 26 February 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private FREDDIE L. TAYLOR, 37664900, Medical Department, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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ORIGINAL ORDER NO. 148

- Award of Silver Star, Posthumous ..... I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous ..... II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) ..... III
- Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... IV

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Captain CLARENCE E. SMITH, O393820, Infantry, United States Army, for gallant in action against the enemy in Holland and Germany from 25 February 1945 to 5 March 1945. During the advance across the Roer River at Hilforth, Captain SMITH directed the operations, remaining with the lead rifle platoon. When the leading platoon was pinned down near Lintfort, he went forward on foot and led them to safety. In the attack on Winterswick, Germany, Captain SMITH dismounted to lead his men into the town. He then continued to direct the action from his tank and while so doing was killed by a burst of mortar or artillery. His inspiring leadership, gallantry and utter disregard for his own safety set an example for all. His actions reflect the greatest credit on himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN H. MOSBACHER, 35554027, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 April 1945. Sergeant MOSBACHER advanced to within ten yards of enemy infantry elements to effect the rescue of a comrade, pinned down by enemy fire. The rescue was accomplished in the face of direct fire from artillery, mortars and small arms. Sergeant MOSBACHER was fatally wounded a few minutes later while attempting the rescue of a wounded soldier, directly in the path of an enemy tank. His gallantry beyond the call of duty reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) VAUGHN H. MACARTHUR, O275082, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Holland and Germany from 20 January 1945 to 4 May 1945. Chaplain MACARTHUR served as Division Chaplain for an Armored Division. He performed his duties faithfully, often under conditions of extreme difficulty. He made frequent trips under enemy fire to minister to combat troops and to the sick and wounded. His ever-cheerful personality and calm, confident attitude were an inspiration to officers and men of the entire division and contributed much to the high morale of the division throughout its operations. He administered the duties of his office with outstanding ability. His personal example and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE A. KUPCZAK, 36310677, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 5 March to 9 March 1945. Corporal KUPCZAK, while serving as a member of a forward observation team, distinguished himself in the conduct of his mission. He carried messages to and from the observation post and the radio relay station. To accomplish this he was forced to cross open ground, under continuous heavy small arms, artillery and mortar fire. Without regard for his own safety, he continued to perform his mission until mortally wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. McQUEEN, 01018025, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. While leading his platoon, the point of a task force, Lieutenant McQUEEN came under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Two tanks in his support were knocked out. Lieutenant McQUEEN evacuated his platoon to safety by crawling over 600 yards of exposed terrain. He then led medical aid back to the burning tanks. Without regard for his own safety, he mounted the tanks in an effort to evacuate the tank personnel. His courage and heroism reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Private First Class DONALD ANDERSON, 32089372, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 April 1945. Private ANDERSON, while serving as a medical aid man, displayed outstanding bravery and devotion to duty. He left the safety of his own vehicle to go to the aid of wounded who were trapped in a burning vehicle. In order to reach the wounded Private ANDERSON, without regard for his own safety, advanced across a field which was under intense enemy fire. His bravery under fire and unhesitating action reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant MILAN J. MEDONICH (then First Sergeant), 02026286, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 16 December 1944. When two men in his battery position were wounded by enemy artillery and while an intense barrage was still in effect, Lieutenant MEDONICH left the shelter of his own position to go to their aid, rendering first aid of one and carrying the other to the safety of a nearby cellar where he was treated by a medical aid man. Lieutenant MEDONICH then went from section to section personally establishing communications which had been knocked out and rallying the gun crews to insure their operation. A few minutes later another man was seriously wounded and again, under fire, Lieutenant MEDONICH went to his aid and carried him to the battery aid station. At this time a fire mission was received but wire communications had been again disrupted. Lieutenant

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MEDONICH posted himself in an exposed position and relayed the fire commands to the gun crews, thus enabling the battery to fire the mission while under heavy fire and without communications. Lieutenant MEDONICH's personal bravery and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

Technical Sergeant JOHN T. NATION, 35257649, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany during the period 8 March to 12 March 1945. Sergeant NATION and his crew worked continuously for five days and nights during which time Sergeant NATION actively supervised the repair and rebuilding of tanks badly damaged by enemy action. Sergeant NATION's leadership and ability so inspired and aided his men that every possible tank was repaired and returned to action. His display of superior leadership and skill is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant JAMES C. PHILLIPS, 14017918, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. Sergeant PHILLIPS was in charge of the recovery and repair of all repairable tanks from the battlefield so that they could be returned to action as soon as possible. Though many times subjected to enemy mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant PHILLIPS personally conducted a check of each knocked out tank and assisted his crews in removing them from the battlefield. His skill and efficiency allowed a maximum number of tanks to be returned to action. Sergeant PHILLIPS' personal courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant WALTER BARTLE, 33026183, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 April 1945. When Sergeant BARTLE's platoon was halted by a road block, the enemy opened fire with an anti-tank gun, seeking to knock out the last vehicle in the column and block the escape of the platoon. The crew had dismounted and sought safety in a trench, but Sergeant BARTLE returned to the vehicle and engaged the weapon. He succeeded in silencing the gun, keeping open the avenue of escape that allowed his platoon to return to safety. Sergeant BARTLE's action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JAMES E. CODY, 31329656, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Sergeant CODY was towing a truck of supplies and replacements up to his unit when the truck was struck by an enemy shell, injuring five of its occupants. Aware of the danger from further shelling he sent for medical assistance. He then administered first aid and directed the evacuation of the wounded to safety. His immediate action was largely responsible for the saving of several lives. Sergeant CODY's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

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Staff Sergeant LOUIS E. SAVANI, 33264410, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 March to 12 March 1945. Sergeant SAVANI and his maintenance crew worked continuously for a period of five days and nights to repair the artillery mounted on tanks which had been badly damaged by enemy action. Sergeant SAVANI's leadership and ability so inspired his men that despite frequent strafing by the enemy, the greatest possible number of vehicles were repaired and returned to action. Sergeant SAVANI's efficiency and devotion to duty reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade ALVIN J. EVENSON, 37288984, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. Sergeant EVENSON was performing duty as welder. In order that an attack might be carried out the following morning, he welded metal treadways at night. Even though the light of the arc welding drew heavy enemy artillery fire, Sergeant EVENSON continued with his work until finished. This was so necessary because the treadways had to be used to enable tanks to cross enemy anti-tank ditches in the ensuing attack. His courage, devotion to duty and outstanding conduct reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

Sergeant JOHN A. MUSAUS, 32316090, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945. When the advance of elements of the Division was halted by a heavily mined road block, Sergeant MUSAUS volunteered to remove the road block and clear the road of mines. Sergeant MUSAUS removed over thirty cleverly concealed Regal mines, many of which were armed with several anti-lift detonating devices. As the result of his efforts, the Division was able to move forward with a minimum of delay. Sergeant MUSAUS' disregard for his own safety, his courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade VERNON R. PARAMORE (then Technician Fifth Grade), 34171513, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. Sergeant PARAMORE operated a ten-ton wrecker in the recovery section of the company which was given the task of removing all repairable tanks from the battlefield so they could be repaired and returned to action as soon as possible. Sergeant PARAMORE worked without sufficient food or sleep and oftentimes under mortar and artillery fire until the job was completed. On this day Sergeant PARAMORE personally assisted in the removal of over fifteen disabled tanks from the battlefield. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT J. SONES (then Technician Fifth Grade), 35345022, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 March 1945. Operating a ten-ton wrecker in the recovery and repair of disabled tanks from the battlefield, Sergeant SONES worked without sufficient food or sleep from dawn till

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darkness, oftentimes under mortar and artillery fire, until the job was completed so that the tanks could be repaired and returned to action as soon as possible. On this day Sergeant SONES personally assisted in the removal of over fifteen tanks from the battlefield. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade DANIEL E. DORIS, JR., 33463273, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 25 January 1945. While welding metal treadways at night, Corporal DORIS drew heavy enemy artillery fire. Since the treadways were to be used to bridge enemy anti-tank ditches in an attack the next morning, it was necessary to work during the night. Despite the enemy fire, and with only partial concealment, Corporal DORIS continued welding until the job was completed. His courage and efficiency under fire reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the VCOG of 1 April 1945 awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following named Enlisted Men, 49th Armored Infantry Battalion, Companies as indicated, effective 1 April 1945, for satisfactory performance of duty, is hereby confirmed.

Headquarters Company

Pfc	Wallace J. Gaugler	33188840 ✓
Pfc	Clarence J. Tillman	36912196 ✓
Pvt	Lawrence F. MacNary	32867652 ✓

Company "A"

S Sgt	Glenn Cox	39017333 ✓
Sgt	Bernard G. Hilke	16094291 ✓
Cpl	Joseph G. Bond	31072091 ✓
Cpl	Talmadge E. Warren	34167864 ✓
Tec 5	Joseph H. Bagley	34577915 ✓
Pfc	Frederic G. Geinzer	36777274 ✓
Pfc	Frank S. Schroeder	36777434 ✓
Pfc	Sam W. Farah	36410519 ✓
Pfc	Leo Richman	42130826 ✓
Pvt	Joseph J. Ravgiala	20632886 ✓
Pvt	Earl T. Bolderston	32446042 ✓
Pvt	James H. Carll, III	42181707 ✓
Pvt	Alexander A. Jackowski, Jr.	31413895 ✓

Company "B"

S Sgt	Jim B. Smith	34044717 ✓
Sgt	Daniel L. Linehan	31036996 ✓
Sgt	Thaddes J. Olszewski	26594113 ✓
Cpl	John W. Wallace	31226122 ✓
Tec 5	Nathan Schumer	39410382 ✓
Tec 5	Julius Gelb	32009381 ✓
Tec 5	James C. Epley	35698939 ✓
Tec 4	Everett h. Howe	36060524 ✓
Tec 5	Theodore S. Kleczkowski	32451816 ✓
Pfc	Tom W. Prewster	39922494 ✓
Pfc	Robert L. Kiestler	34880268 ✓
Pfc	Thomas J. Wimberly	39718575 ✓
Pfc	Roger A. Nickerson	31219160 ✓
Pfc	Eddie B. Robbins	37517398 ✓

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Company "B" (Cont'd)

Pfc	John W. Heath	34818177 ✓
Pfc	Albert J. Kiselica	42005100 ✓
Pvt	Michael Book, Jr.	33926223 ✓
Pvt	David T. Branch	33564977 ✓
Pvt	Billy L. Crowder	33894905 ✓
Pvt	Robert H. Frost	33684309 ✓
Pvt	Ramon E. Gleason	39342230 ✓
Pvt	Eugene F. McLeroy	34640694 ✓

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AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 66, 1 March 1945, as amended, the VOCC awarding the Medical Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men 8th Armored Medical Battalion, effective 1 April 1945, is hereby confirmed.

Company "A"

CAPT	HEROLD S. TUFT	0411001 MC
1ST LT	REYNOLD I. STAYDEN	0444264 MC
1ST LT	JOHN F. SMASEY, JR.	01533689 MAC
1ST LT	ALDO W. DAVIES	02049785 MLC
1st Sgt	Thomas H. Griffith	35038791
S Sgt	Richard J. Dexter	31108654
S Sgt	Harold D. Wright	35379545
Sgt	Donald F. Kasten	35550892
Tec 4	Norman S. Friedman	32860641
Tec 4	Leo H. Greenberg	32865460
Tec 4	Manuel Marquino, Jr	31329691
Cpl	Hilbert C. Borowy	31328223
Cpl	Robert M. Deal	35607744
Cpl	Joe C. Hopper	38227287
Cpl	Allen R. Kline	37516878
Cpl	Bartley J. Lipinski, Sr	33601744
Tec 5	Wilton D. Collins	37607394
Tec 5	Dominic J. D'Angelo	31327930
Tec 5	Roy E. Hurd	31261076
Tec 5	Harvey T. LaFleur	31286706
Tec 5	Francis L. Little	33561866
Tec 5	Norman G. McGowan	33594856
Tec 5	Frank O. Schmidgall	33592905
Tec 5	Earl W. Sharp	35751681
Tec 5	Eugene F. Uphoff	37514695
Tec 5	Avon H. Zimmerman	35550954
Pfc	James G. Baird	39196561
Pfc	Sherman E. Ball	35750911
Pfc	Walter S. Bindas	31261050
Pfc	Roy H. Booth	37515317
Pfc	Gerard G. Chamberland	31322747
Pfc	Lester L. Dubbs	33620921
Pfc	Leo J. Duffy	31142953
Pfc	Harold W. Heeter	35097611
Pfc	Ernie W. Heuer	37665213
Pfc	Manford J. Johnson	37569296
Pfc	Edward C. Jones, II	35654893
Pfc	Gerald Kreitman	42035979
Pfc	Charles J. Lanza	32866431
Pfc	Clyde L. Legg	35654274

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Company "A" cont'd.

Pfc	Eugene F. Lockett	37515025
Pfc	Joseph F. Maenzo	31262266
Pfc	Samuel Manin	33796501
Pfc	Gordon R. Marking	36820603
Pfc	Matthew Q. Olley	33504934
Pfc	Clarence Ray	34212734
Pfc	Frank P. Rossi	37707866
Pfc	Mort L. Rothenberg	32823438
Pfc	Vincent A. Spano	13177855
Pfc	Harold S. Stone	31304390
Pvt	Theodore B. Campbell	35606472
Pvt	Robert E. Carter	37606974
Pvt	James B. Dickinson	16118552
Pvt	Simon Gamelin	31268123
Pvt	Glen A. Stover	31328571

Company "B"

CAPT	GLEN HEIDEPRIEM	0469446	MC
1ST LT	EDWIN H. BYE	01546122	MAC
1ST LT	EDWARD J. SCHULTZ	02049713	MAC

T Sgt	Carl O. Wartenburg	13078784
Tec 4	Alfred G. Kattar	31303643
Cpl	Louis D. DeLuna	37517361
Cpl	Herman Goldstein	33591065
Cpl	Carl B. Stankovich	35098334
Cpl	Charles E. Wilson	35634116
Tec 5	Raymond J. DeMoura	31302926
Tec 5	Rudolph D. DiOrio	32868594
Tec 5	Harry Novi	33668199
Tec 5	John L. Roeder	33620648
Tec 5	Francis P. Smith	37665050
Tec 5	Manuel D. Ventura	31302660
Pfc	Robert S. Bailey	33504334
Pfc	Charles S. Broeman, Jr	34768039
Pfc	Fred A. Burrill	31317853
Pfc	Everett S. Cordeiro	31302964
Pfc	Edmund W. Campbell	31320404
Pfc	Michael A. Casti	33595006
Pfc	Harvey L. Creasy	33536087
Pfc	Paul D. Dinga	36748181
Pfc	Paul A. Ferro, Jr.	32988209
Pfc	Stuart W. Fisher	35512218
Pfc	Buford B. Garrison	35653135
Pfc	Bernard B. Gibbs	33592887
Pfc	John S. Goggin	31328487
Pfc	Edward M. Gregory	333445734
Pfc	Walter J. Klein	36819217
Pfc	Donald J. Kruger	37664498
Pfc	Raymond A. Lagerquist	37552943
Pfc	Samuel C. Mastra, Jr.	375528244

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Company "B" cont'd.

Pfc	William H. McGowan	32866352
Pfc	Ralph D. Quillen	33564189
Pfc	Robert Rivelli	32826232
Pfc	John K. Rykaczewski	36883334
Pfc	Charles J. Sarich	35098971
Pfc	William E. Schuler	33504976
Pfc	Joyce F. Shelton	14188274
Pfc	Charles E. Soby	31329933
Pfc	Ira F. Socolof	32973844
Pfc	Junior H. Spiekerman	36575854
Pvt	Freddie L. Taylor	37664900

Company "C"

CAPT	EDWARD J. ZBYSLINSKI	0440365	MC
CAPT	CHARLES KLIGERMAN	0527486	MC
1ST LT	RAYMOND L. REED	01542165	MC
1ST LT	JOHN S. TELEFMAN	02048172	MC

1st Sgt	James Landarno	32090565
Sgt	Frederick L. Oberreuter ✓	37664686
Tec 4	Robert E. Drayman	33082127
Tec 4	William M. Frost	31137321
Cpl	Lloyd Bright	37515348
Cpl	Bernard J. Mulligan	32852744
Tec 5	Irving Baker	37515918
Tec 5	Charles W. Buchanan	36663445
Tec 5	Raymond C. Christensen	37665870
Tec 5	William Jeffords	37476647
Tec 5	Edward P. Klimow	33435047
Tec 5	Louis G. Miller	33620873
Tec 5	Joseph Morello	32860488
Tec 5	Edwin A. Gross	35607723
Tec 5	Jack D. Renforth	35099157
Tec 5	Russell T. Simpson ✓	33594572
Pfc	Ross V. Bombard	33593282
Pfc	John J. Braun	33663531
Pfc	Antonio J. Caputo	32825184
Pfc	LeRoy C. Dennis	33620928
Pfc	Vincent J. DePaul	35654715
Pfc	Mike Dutzer, Jr.	33435448
Pfc	Chester R. Foy	35654203
Pfc	Raymond A. Gaudette	31268044
Pfc	William A. Gonos	33432186
Pfc	William H. Hebbeler	25793544
Pfc	Gilbert H. Johnson	31302904
Pfc	Roy L. Key	35699075
Pfc	Dominic A. Lopez ✓	35751573
Pfc	Harvey Martens	37514637
Pfc	Vernon W. McAlpine	36850292
Pfc	Joseph Medley	35699038
Pfc	Melvin F. Miller	36483661

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Company "C" cont'd.

Pfc	Richard L. Pearson	37607044
Pfc	Arthur S. Purdy	37662890
Pfc	Brigido H. Rodriguez	37517144
Pfc	George W. Ruf	31303000
Pfc	Victor Tricomi	31302946
Pfc	Kenneth D. Walter	36662765
Pfc	Joseph T. White	33594887
Pfc	Harry J. Whitehead, Jr.	37665245
Pfc	Chester Zegzula	42068007
Pvt	Floyd E. Clanton	38131060
S Sgt	James C. Drye	34259907
Pfc	Dale F. Windsor	35353469

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AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 66, 1 March 1945, as amended by the VOCC awarding the Medical Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations indicated, effective 1 April 1945, is hereby confirmed.

18th Tank Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	NATHAN M. JARET	0534241	MC
1ST LT	RAYMOND R. ST GERMAIN	02047168	MAC
S Sgt	Jack E. Hitz	39909987	
Tec 3	Martin D. Mayfield	37259317	
Tec 4	Charles Hiller, Jr.	33594832	
Cpl	Elbert P. Ackley	37515227	
Cpl	Ernest A. Hamer, Jr.	37459325	
Tec 5	David D. Ende	17082492	
Tec 5	Howard A. Propst	37664790	
Tec 5	Jesse R. Smith	35727549	
Pfc	Benedict J. Fuci	33668574	
Pfc	John C. Hicks	37515181	
Pfc	Earl R. Novak	36614082	
Pfc	Michael F. Schiavone	32870909	
Pfc	Donald J. Stockman	33435539	
Pvt	Anthony J. Annechini	33668240	
Pvt	Glen A. Gilsdorf	35093404	
Pvt	J. C. R. Miller	38049461	
Pvt	Leslie D. Radford	38688003	
Pvt	Henry M. Simon	33594727	
Pvt	Elmer W. Smith	35425639	

36th Tank Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	FERRY F. SEAL	0545306	
1ST LT	HARRY J. STEIN	02047509	
S Sgt	Stephen T. Ger	35304900	
Tec 3	Frank O. Alto	36334484	
Tec 4	Rinard W. Roberts	37607071	
Cpl	William Agetstein	33563916	
Tec 5	Jack W. Lane	33432325	
Tec 5	Homer L. Ross	35793317	
Tec 5	Philip G. Handley	33565200	
Tec 5	George F. Meyers	39682327	
Pfc	Warren E. Cook	37606911	
Pfc	Stanley F. Francis	35919822	
Pfc	James R. Minser	37532010	

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36th Tank Battalion cont'd.

Pfc	Matthew Nicoletti	35751495
Pfc	Frank H. Rauscher	33668436
Pfc	Edward E. White	33620693
Pfc	Donald Anderson	32089372
Pfc	Wolford Swimmer	33916531
Pfc	Kern R. Wright	19186898
Pfc	Lee W. Bowman	36731001
Pfc	Joe Newman	39566622
Pfc	Earl Hartsough	33593348

55th Armored Infantry Battalion  
Medical Detachment

Tec 5	Arthur Heina	12036338
Pfc	Warren G. Eastridge	33646513
Pfc	George M. Emerson	39618044
Pfc	Nathan R. Roach	37605824

398th Armored Field Artillery Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	NORMAN H. MELLOR	0467930
S Sgt	Raynard J. Urness	37174988
S Sgt	Daniel T. Dean	32005333
Tec 3	Owen Mc Spadden	38105005
Tec 3	Humphrey J. Murphy	31028604
Tec 4	Paul C. Rebhuhn	37195735
Tec 4	Michael S. Drudy	32597342
Cpl	George E. Peabody, Jr.	37517241
Tec 5	James J. McCabe	32358399
Tec 5	Donald J. Theisen	37664730
Pfc	Carl C. Beebe	33592270
Pfc	Girard DeLorenzo	33593328
Pfc	Maurice C. Fletcher	31267896
Pfc	Richard E. Kirkendall	35607229
Pfc	Allen Wolf	36017721

736th Tank Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	ROBERT G. MINDRUP	01821384	MC
2D LT	WILLIAM E. LAUB	02007982	MAC
S Sgt	Joseph M. Driscoll	13053225	
Tec 3	Joseph T. Kowalczyk	36336931	
Tec 4	Thomas S. Buberle	36335663	
Cpl	Frank R. Fransen	32349364	
Tec 5	Harry F. Berkshire	35531603	
Tec 5	Berman D. Mendelowitz	39120733	
Tec 5	Kenneth G. Rogers	35743491	

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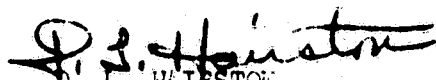
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Tec 5	William L. Williams	34664492
Pfc	Arthur Brown	35794724
Pfc	Alfred H. Cezario	39037308
Pfc	Paul E. Jolly	31366576
Pfc	Walter M. Przybyla	32132697
Pfc	Ferris L. Tesh	34603692
Pfc	John A. Wilson	39198533
Pfc	George A. Zaikowski	39198611
Pvt	George A. LaCombe, Jr.	31450019

<u>741st Tank Battalion</u> <u>Medical Detachment</u>		
Tec 5	Benny D. Cognato	33138105
Pfc	Horace J. Bonneville	31062232
Pfc	Stanley W. Mashas	13056304
Pfc	Thomas L. Mayo	34149998

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AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 66, 1 March 1945, as amended by the VCGG awarding the Medical Badge to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men in organizations indicated, effective 1 March 1945, is hereby confirmed.

7th Armored Infantry Infantry Battalion  
Medical Detachment

Pfc	Alvin E. Fuller	14135171
Pfc	Joseph J. Hoegle	33668241
Pfc	James K. Lewis	34854039
Pfc	Melvin E. Michael	39409097
Pvt	Gerald E. Schermerhorn	32837906
Pvt	James F. Tulpa	6912711

53rd Armored Engineer Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	ROBERT E. GARRETT	01787011
S Sgt	Andrew T. Paterson	33151544
Pfc 3	Stephen Hühisch	13081265
Tec 3	Francis E. Landry	31039506
Tec 4	Theodore E. Beschorner	36312462
Cpl	Thomas A. BiBiasco	31327913
Cpl	John A. Duffy	39272459
Cpl	Morton Kurland	31033023
Tec 5	Marion B. Craig	37515138
Tec 5	Robert U. Olson	37560574
Tec 5	Ernest A. Frantz	33619936
Tec 5	George W. Morgan	35126071
Tec 5	Donald M. Burmeister	36818633
Tec 5	Hyles M. Fulmer	36811426
Pfc	Lawrence Cutts	37606709
Pfc	Blain E. Newman	33575705
Pfc	Thomas J. Murphy	33594366
Pfc	Edward L. Geisler	31039501
Pfc	Samuel C. Melnicoff	32031624

80th Amphibian Tractor Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	JOHN F. R. SHAFER	0388172
1ST LT	THOMAS N. HASTINGS	0470235
1ST LT	MARION H. HIATT	01546113
CAPT	MORRIS GREENBERG	0554765



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80th Amphibian Tractor Bn cont'd.

S Sgt	Peter E. Goodrich	32279109
Tec 3	Woodrow W. Ihde	32063375
Sgt	Francis D. Flohn	32156794
Sgt	Trinidad S. Gonzales	38004334
Cpl	John T. Haffner, Jr.	33668477
Tec 5	Van A. Dickerson	44434195
Tec 5	Robert W. Henderson	32866530
Tec 5	Leonard C. Winkel	36231956
Pfc	Albert W. Allen, Jr.	33592912
Pfc	Charles E. Barber	32862212
Pfc	Harold R. Harris	37664822
Pfc	Charles H. Schmitt	32825896
Pfc	Arnold E. Schuller	37475932
Pfc	John Sousa	33668248
Pfc	Ennis C. Young	6951360
Pvt	Walter W. Mays, Jr.	32870895

88th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (MCCZ)  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	OWEN J. EISELE	01684300
CAPT	EDWARD P. RITCHINGS	0468619
S Sgt	William A. Billing	36224741
Tec 3	John E. Dorwart	33311824
Sgt	Robert W. Goodman	35306818
Sgt	Russell F. Hallett	31115694
Tec 4	Everett L. Sapp	33203445
Tec 4	Donald A. Spangler	33230115
Tec 5	George A. Graf	33668522
Tec 5	Peter B. Jerackas	31303662
Tec 5	Joseph F. Scareno	32387685
Pfc	Paul J. Sipple	33667527
Pfc	Robert A. Webber	31302863

399th Armored Field Artillery Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	KENNETH L. ZIERLER	0517166	MC
S Sgt	Jacob H. Roach	32372338	
Tec 3	Henry J. Bork	35379433	
Tec 4	Ellis O. Ethell	38149367	
Sgt	Paul E. Smith	33561891	
Tec 5	Anthony J. Barron	31261266	
Tec 5	Alban B. Chouinard	31302724	
Tec 5	Henry Mertens	32358623	
Pfc	Ernest C. Clemence	36400953	
Pfc	Clyde F. Morris	38127134	
Pfc	Richard L. Pursley	35098193	

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612th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
Medical Detachment

CAPT	JOHN F. BRENNAN	01684264	MC
CAPT	VICTOR L. BIRDSONG	0474334	DC
S Sgt	James E. Shaver	35478317	
Tec 3	Fred J. Melvin	34579904	
Tec 4	Joseph F. Carmelo	12185092	
Tec 4	George B. Mouchetto	34588584	
Tec 5	Dante Filippini	33418332	
Tec 5	Walter J. Frutnick	20254243	
Tec 5	George T. Keraphillis	34536181	
Tec 5	Michael J. Kardos, Jr.	32565823	
Tec 5	Ray C. McCullough	37157994	
Tec 5	Lee D. Roark	39399095	
Tec 5	Earl W. Sain	34501575	
Tec 5	Theodore T. J. Twardowski	38160476	
Pfc	Robert L. Farley	34588571	
Pfc	John W. Hall	39156634	
Pfc	Dick Kelley	39176495	
Pfc	James J. McGinity	39165098	
Pfc	William A. Owens	38175092	
Pfc	Frank C. Spalek	38059080	
Pvt	Paul Eros	36570876	

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HEADQUARTERS  
EIGHTH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 258 U.S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.... 103)

27 September 1945

Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I  
Award of Purple Heart..... II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated to:

Staff Sergeant ALBERT C. KITCHEN, 33123566, Armored, United States Army. ✓  
15 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Private First Class DONALD H. GRENGS, 37589644, Armored, United States Army.  
20 February 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Sergeant RONALD C. HANSEN, 31527824, Armored, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 25 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade NELSON PERSHING, 37460391, Armored, United States Army. ✓  
for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 9 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Sergeant SIDNEY L. HAUGE, 37172295, Cavalry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL COLSON:

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Lt.Col., GSC.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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D. L. HAIRSTON,  
Lt.Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

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28 September 1945

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BGE

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the VCOG of 17 January 1945 awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following named Officers, Organizations this Division indicated, effective 17 January 1945, for satisfactory performance of duty, is hereby confirmed.

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COL	<u>8TH ARMORED DIVISION TRAINS HEADQUARTERS</u>		
	YACOB D. VEBELY	04680	FL
COL	<u>HEADQUARTERS 8TH ARMORED DIVISION</u>		
	ROBERT J. WALLACE	08260	INF
1ST LT	<u>49TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION</u>		
	GEORGE F. GARDNER JR	0494654	INF
1ST COL	<u>HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ARTILLERY 8TH ARMORED DIVISION</u>		
	EDWIN H. BUREA	0303701	FL

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Lt. Col., GSC.,  
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NUMBER.....105)

GENERAL ORDER

12 October 1945

Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Master Sergeant JOHN K. COOPER, 13068705, Armored, United States Army. 4 January 1945 to 2 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade CHARLES G. SIPP, 12089146, Armored, United States Army. 3 January 1945 to 6 May 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered Military Service from New York.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLSON:

OFFICIAL:

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9TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 259 c/o Ft., Los Angeles, Calif.

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4 September 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Par 6a, (3), AR 600-45, as amended by Change 6, 28 October 1942; a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

Alphonse V. Kulaitis (Army Serial Number 37050884), technician fourth grade, Reconnaissance Company, 14th Armored Regiment, United States Army. For heroism displayed in saving another soldier from serious or fatal burns at Camp Ibis, California, on 29 June 1945. He noticed a soldier running whose clothing was on fire. With rare presence of mind Technician Fourth Grade Alphonse V. Kulaitis overtook the temporarily crazed soldier, threw him to the ground, and with disregard for his own safety, covered him with sand, thereby saving him from more serious burns than were incurred or probable loss of life.

Residence at induction: 825 Howard Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

A. G. KELLY,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

*Checked for report awarded. May 7/46*

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APO 259 o/o FM, Shreveport, La.  
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18 January 1944.

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Par 6a, (3), AR 600-45, as amended by Change 6, 26 October 1942; a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

Bonnie (NMI) Jett (Army Serial Number 6889904), Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed in saving another soldier from serious or fatal burns at 2nd Tank Battalion bivouac area in the vicinity of Jasper, Texas, on 24 November 1943. Awakened by the screams of a soldier and on seeing the man ablaze and running about, with rare presence of mind Staff Sergeant Jett ran after the man, tackled him, throw him to the ground and extinguished the fire after he himself had been burned on both arms and hands. Through utter disregard for his own safety he saved the soldier from more serious burns than were incurred or probable loss of life.

By command of Major General LEONARD,

A. G. KELLY,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General.

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9TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 259 Camp Polk, Louisiana

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5 February 1944.

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Par 8b (3) (b) A.R. 600-45, dated 22 September 1943; a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

✓ William C. Line, Jr. (Army Serial Number 36130223), technician fifth grade, Battery "A", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed in saving another soldier from serious or fatal burns at the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion bivouac area in the vicinity of Yellow Pine, Texas on 9 December 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Line, seeing a soldier on fire and running about, with rare presence of mind, overtook the man, threw him to the ground, and quickly extinguished the flames. Through utter disregard for his own safety he saved the soldier from more serious burns than were incurred or probable loss of life.

Residence at induction: 2236 King Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

A. G. KELLY,  
Colonel, CSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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S. S. BOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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April 4, 1944*

HEADQUARTERS  
9TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 259 Camp Polk, Louisiana

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 3 )

16 February 1944.

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of paragraph 8b (3) (b) 4, A.R. 600-45, dated 22 September 1943; a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

Marion W. Hutson (Army Serial Number 6243958), staff sergeant, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed in saving another soldier from serious or fatal burns at the 14th Tank Battalion bivouac area in the vicinity of Mt. Carmel, Louisiana on 25 December 1943. On or about 2345 hours, Staff Sergeant Hutson, awakened by the screams of a man and seeing a soldier ablaze running by his tent, immediately got out of his bed and pursued the burning soldier. With rare presence of mind he tackled the man, and after being dragged a short distance, threw him to the ground and extinguished the flames after he himself had been burned on both hands. Through utter disregard for his own safety he saved the soldier from more serious burns than were incurred or probable loss of life.

Home address at enlistment: Matador, Texas.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

JAMES T. ROBERTS,  
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,  
Actg. Chief of Staff.

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ALBERT SPITZER,  
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27th ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 238, U. S. ARMY

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4 November 1944

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

1. 2ND LT LAWRENCE E. AMPT, OI 017 573, Infantry, Company B, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 27 October in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois. ✓
2. Sgt Gregory Battaglia, 32 543 567, Company B, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 27 October in Germany. Entered military service from New York. ✓
3. Sgt Ray C. Thomas, 20 913 444, Troop A, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, United States Army. On 23 October 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from California. ✓
4. Tec 5 Kenneth C. Harvey, 39 088 667, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 31 October 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from California. ✓
5. Pfc Phillip J. Lawrence, 37 236 860, Company A, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 29 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts. ✓
6. Pfc Jasper R. Oatswall, 34 376 509, Company B, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 27 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee. ✓

By command of The Division Commander:

*Rev G.T.  
4-7-45*

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Chief of Staff.

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Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Technical Sergeant Michael Chirchar, 33024946, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Ernest L. Vorebrock, 35263587, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant William R. Craven, 33136211, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Glenn O. Rickard, 6574694, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin E. Laut, 37234873, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 2 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Nils B. Ryland, 37116665, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Lester L. Muse, 34476555, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 31 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Elnor J. Futchler, 35763804, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Clarence W. Webber, 34374906, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Charles W. Ruckhaber, 6858813, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 7 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Michael R. Petras, 35302625, Company "A", 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 28 October 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Award of Bronze Star Medal	-----	II
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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 66, Headquarters First United States Army, 18 May 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Captain William M. Hislip, 0389112, ~~Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C",~~ 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 14 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ First Lieutenant Lloyd G. Highsmith, 01166740, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 14 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

✓ Corporal Dave Kessler, 33394297, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 14 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Estel E. Stevens, 13014144, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 14 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ Private John Vaselko, 33038733, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 14 October 1944, in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 66, Headquarters First United States Army, 18 May 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

✓ Second Lieutenant Theodore W. Wetterlin, 01178387, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 October 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Minnesota.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth C. Harvey, 39088667, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 31 October 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from California.

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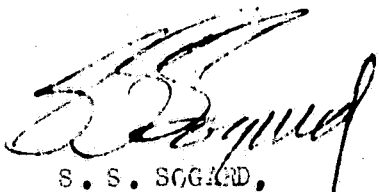
Private Herman Queen 31255130, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Richard W. Hansen, 35763820, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio

By command of The Division Commander:

JOSEPH E. GILBERTH,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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26 November 1944.

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Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - - I  
Award of Purple Heart - - - - - II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant Lawrence E. Smith, 01017373, Infantry, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 7 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Staff Sergeant James A. Portell, 32310259, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 7 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Arthur J. Fisher, 37005023, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 10 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold O. Pesnos, 37089810, Headquarters Company, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 10 November 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Willie D. Hanks, 34394536, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 7 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Denzil Watson, 13044130, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 2 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private John H. Heitman, 31234314, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion United States Army. On 7 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

S. S. SOARD,  
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Adjutant General.

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Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - - I  
Award of Purple Heart - - - - - II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, and Circular C, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Michael Chinchar, 33024946, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 5 November 1944 about two miles south of Schlausenbach, Germany. At 0945 the company area was subjected to heavy mortar fire by the enemy. Technical Sergeant Chinchar started to occupy a foxhole which would have protected him from danger when he observed an enlisted man of his platoon severely wounded in the chest. Rather than seek safety while the position was further subjected to enemy mortar fire, Technical Sergeant Chinchar attended the injured comrade by stopping profuse bleeding of the wound, which probably resulted in saving the soldier's life. During the action Technical Sergeant Chinchar was wounded. Technical Sergeant Chinchar's personal bravery while under fire, loyalty to an injured comrade, and disregard for his own safety, reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Harry H. Nigh, 17008004, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 31 October 1944, south of Schlausenbach, Germany, while leading a ten-man patrol to reconnoiter for enemy positions. When a member of the patrol stepped on and detonated a land mine, thereby disabling himself, Staff Sergeant Nigh, with utter disregard for his personal safety, entered the mine field under observation and fire of the enemy 200 yards distant, for the purpose of carrying the disabled soldier to a safe position. While conducting his comrade to safety, Staff Sergeant Nigh detonated another mine, incurring severe wounds. Although incapacitated and in great pain, he continued to calmly control and maintain the coordination of the members of his patrol until medical aid and reinforcements arrived. Staff Sergeant Nigh's courageous determination and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Captain George P. Soumas, 01011146, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

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First Lieutenant Stanley J. Dawidczuk, 01012699, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Michael Krucik, 0450528, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private Harry Isaacs, 35667577, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal Clement A. Wegman, 3700311, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Adolph A. Young, 36369116, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 15 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Andrew L. Hunt, 35667345, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Walter E. Gaik, 35667480, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Frank P. Scardello, 6911147, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Howard E. Ridgway, 35664278, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Marion W. Hutson, 6243953, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond K. Finburn, 37000512, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Vernon A. Norelius, 36213389, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Harry A. Ernst, 31213397, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class George D. Hensel, Jr., 32100760, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant William Erickson, Jr., 37005021, Company "G", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Stewart D. Price, 33553504, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Melvin W. Puchs, 36272290, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Third Grade Robert A. Poole, 36170114, Company "A", 2nd Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 27 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Ralph T. Eldridge, Jr., 31251004, Company "A", 2nd Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Malcolm R. Farris, 34327152, Company "A", 2nd Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Clyde W. Easterling, Jr., 37104004, Company "A", 2nd Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private Clifton W. Green, 34474807, Company "A", 2nd Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Elias D. Saragas, 31233987, Company "B", 2nd Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 28 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Patsy Fondotta, 32562051, Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter H. Wyatt, 13014121, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles Campbell, 37055792, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade Clyde C. McCullough, 38168661, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal David Hubert, 37109477, "A" Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal Edward A. Koltanski, 13011350, "A" Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Jack Mitchell, 31448792, "C" Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 2 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Delbert F. Downs, 36072257, Company "B", 131st Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond L. Leath, 1701633, Company "B", 131st Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Stanley B. Dush, 36552817, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 7 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Elmer T. Haas, 36282411, Company "C", 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 6 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

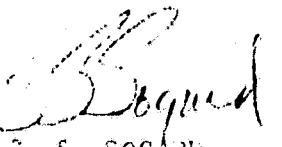
Technician Fifth Grade Preston W. Charlson, 37041856, Headquarters Company, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 12 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Raymond W. Aakre, 37034182, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Leon F. Shanks, 37082738, Company "A", 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. On 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of The Division Commander:

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Lt. Col., AGD,  
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GENERAL ORDERS)

15 January 1945.

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	SECTION
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Missing In Action) - - - - -	I
Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	II
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	III

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man (missing in action):

*Amend (No) Amend by G#45- Jan 18, 1945.*

\*Corporal Herman A. Garavaglia, 5959048, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States on 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Neubruck, Belgium. The platoon, of which Corporal Garavaglia was a member, was subjected to heavy anti-tank and machine gun fire while covering a withdrawal of the Company. The tank which contained Corporal Garavaglia was hit several times by anti-tank fire, wounding him and two other crew members. Corporal Garavaglia remained to help a crew member who was seriously wounded, rather than to seek safety for himself. With the assistance of another crew member, Corporal Garavaglia carried the wounded man, under constant enemy machine gun fire, to a foxhole where they administered first aid and stopped profuse bleeding which undoubtedly resulted in saving their comrade's life. Corporal Garavaglia's personal bravery while under fire, loyalty to an injured comrade, and disregard for his own safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

*Amend to read as by G#20-3 Feb 45*

\*Private First Class Walter E. Cain, 55667480, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States on 25 December 1944 in the vicinity of Neubruck, Belgium. The platoon, of which Private First Class Cain was a member, was subjected to heavy anti-tank and machine gun fire while covering a withdrawal of the Company. The tank which contained Private First Class Cain was hit several times by anti-tank fire, wounding three crew members. Private First Class Cain remained to help a crew member who was seriously wounded, rather than to seek safety for himself. With the assistance of another crew member, Private First Class Cain carried

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the wounded man, under constant enemy machine gun fire, to a foxhole where they administered first aid and stopped profuse bleeding which undoubtedly resulted in saving their comrade's life. Private First Class Gain's personal bravery while under fire, loyalty to an injured comrade, and disregard for his own safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

*Amend to read SS by GO # 20 - 3 Feb 45.*  
\* Technician Fifth Grade Clarence A. Williams, 36071345, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States on 24 December 1944 in the vicinity of Regne, Belgium, while evacuating a wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Williams proceeded across an open field under heavy enemy fire and administered first aid to the wounded soldier, rather than to seek safety while the position was further subjected to shelling. In full view of the enemy and with total disregard for his own safety, he carried the wounded soldier in his arms through enemy fire to a place of safety. Technician Fifth Grade Williams' bravery while under fire, disregard for his personal safety, and devotion to duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Major James M. Baker, 0345026, Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

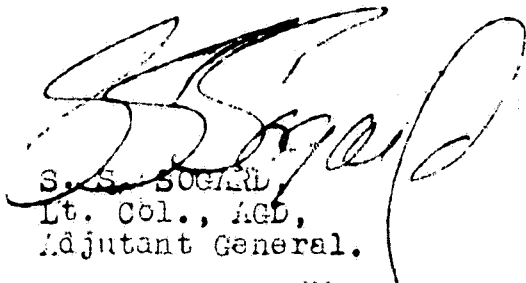
Chaplain (Captain) William T. Gible, 0474570, Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army. On 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Robert L. Lybarger, 01011462, Company "B", 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Robert B. Crayton, 0409499, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

By command of The Division Commander:

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Adjutant General.

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Captain Charles A. Brown, 0325428, Headquarters Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Roy D. Cowin, 0541883, Headquarters Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Dwight B. Ball, 0519578, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry M. Preston, 36429400, Company "C", 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Jacob B. Curd, 37004742, Company "D", 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal Carl E. Gorden, 37187290, Headquarters Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Albert B. Cummins, 6753965, Company "A", 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Private Herb I. Urso, 36515231, Company "C", 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Thomas A. Gilgrist, Jr., 35164691, Headquarters Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Technician Fourth Grade John T. Ryan, 53257504, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Harold M. Dunn, 57000698, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

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\* Private First Class Billy Melton, 34474969, Headquarters Company, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 28 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Albert C. Jones, 39164002, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 28 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Delmar E. Frischi, 36272243, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Ferry R. Pehlman, 16152561, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

By command of The Division Commander:

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1940, as amended, the ~~Purple Heart~~ is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Private Glenn C. Ames, 37050638, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Ernest I. Mason, 37207043, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Wilbur F. Neyhart, 35254985, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward M. Stull, 37072393, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Andrew J. Cox, Jr., 34123212, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Nat Locurto, 32004240, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

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Private Frank A. Hall, 35712096, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Steven B. Kosowski, 35520338, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Biagio E. Vitagliano, 32004556, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Vincento Garcia, 11130181, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Donald L. Low, 34575727, Headquarters Company, Combat Command "A", United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Benjamin L. Baccari, 33394512, Headquarters Company, Combat Command "A", United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

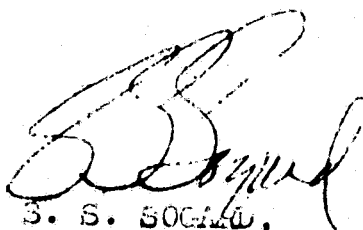
Corporal Jarold E. Haines, 57033306, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Richard D. Hobson, 19056934, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

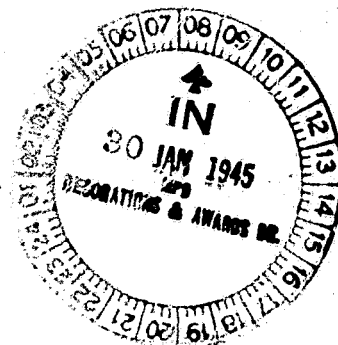
By command of The Division Commander:

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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	SECTION
Amendment of General Orders - - - - -	I
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	II

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I. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General orders Number 2, this headquarters, 15 January 1945, as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Corporal Herman A. Caravaglia, as reads "Missing in Action" is deleted.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Captain Floyd D. Gardner, 01287705, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 27 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Captain Angelo J. Piranio, 01287582, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Stephen E. Gates, 0469144, Medical Corps, (Armd), Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Robert H. Ellis, 01015312, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Edward H. Seiferling, 01014072, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 28 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Arizona.

Second Lieutenant Vincent R. Meschan, 01013301, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 3 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Louis Bartel, 32194224, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant Gordon O. Cornette, 16132975, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 1 January 1945, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant John Kurianowicz, 36275230, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Robert H. Sutherland, 36275270, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Albert C. Cain, 35382898, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman A. Mc Queen, 37005059, Medical Detachment, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence Witt, 36275219, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas R. Hickey, 34571047, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Georgia.

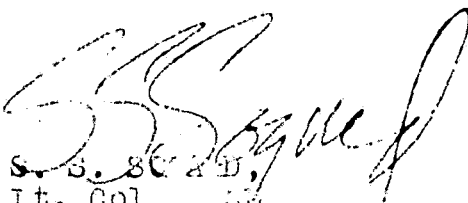
Technician Fifth Grade Donald L. Miller, 36275350, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Eugene S. Rye, 35405242, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Stanley O. Jurski, 35345265, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of The Division Commander:

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S. S. SCOTT,  
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GENERAL ORDERS )

19 January 1945.

NUMBER 6 )

	SECTION
Award of <del>Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster</del> -----	I
Award of Purple Heart -----	II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Robert O. Galt, 3532898, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Second Lieutenant Ira D. Cravens, 01183676, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "O", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Sigfried W. Drawz, 01178127, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant John F. Calvo, 01016371, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Alabama.

Corporal Lee R. McCabe, 39082886, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 1 January 1945, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from California.

Private Lyle V. Atleo, 36327682, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Elwood D. Ferguson, 37097658, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 1 January 1945, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Howard M. Touchton, 6363252, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal Raymond J. Laudick, 37014107, Battery "A", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade John J. Dion, Jr., 37035728, Battery "A", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 30 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Albert J. Schuman, 3510013, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 16 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Washington J. Lantz, 37050714, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class George F. Adrienon, 36408859, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Julius B. Logan, 34474400, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class John S. Smith, 38018088, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 16 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Allen L. Richl, 37050552, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Arless A. McCormick, 3295914, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Herbert M. Howso, 34474886, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Vaclav J. Strudl, 37035773, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Nebraska.

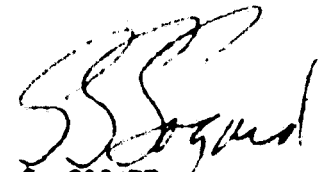
~~Private First Class~~ Don L. Donald, 6856768, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 25 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Elijah H. Foster, 6860188, Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Richard M. Dunbar, 31216581, Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Maine.

By command of The Division Commander:

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Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	I
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart and Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster thereto previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Technician Fourth Grade Albert O. Cain, 33382898, Headquarters Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 25 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

First Lieutenant Wilfred D. Wooderson, 01014870, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 28 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant Elmer C. Parks, 01287576, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 28 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Alex Semryck, 01110244, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), Headquarters Company, \*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Harold A. Ritzie, 0390451, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant John C. Yeager, 01011458, Cavalry, (Armd), Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 27 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant William H. Burns, 01016918, Infantry, (Armd), Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant Charles C. Ballard, 0516068, Cavalry, (Armd), Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Private First Class Emerald E. Justis, 37234902, Troop "C", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Evan E. Ewing, 39381598, Troop "B", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade Michael F. Florio, 33434132, Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade George C. Hanson, 35213337, Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Jerome A. Eynard, 37083534, Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Charles E. Hilgeman, 36271665, Troop "B", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Verne E. McCoy, 37236933, Troop "B", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward A. Letho, 36403049, Troop "B", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Elmer C. Bell, 35105394, Troop "C", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 6 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

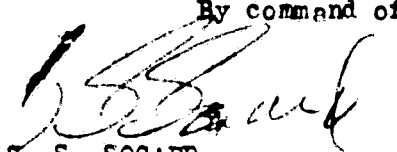
Private First Class Herbert H. Soucy, 32640917, Troop "C", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

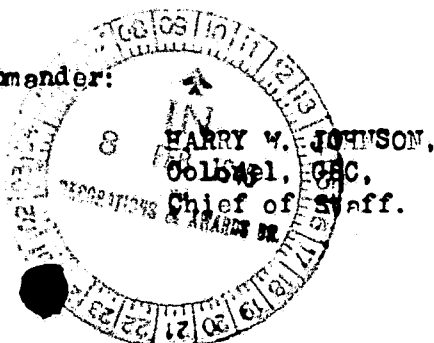
Technician Fifth Grade Raymond C. Boyer, 37050998, Company "B", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Frank M. Hendricks, 6831803, Company "D", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS  
9TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 259, U. S. ARMY

22 January 1945

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Private First Class William L. Ray, Jr., 33381811, Company "B", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Phillip G. Abood, 37463465, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Urho V. Mieracko, 36408971, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Salvatore Raia, 32617678, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Private William H. Goin, 37235265, Headquarters Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony F. Goetz, 37237225, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Arthur J. Westbrook, 38154853, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Roy J. Bourg, 34230847, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Michael J. Rogins, 33613323, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant J. E. Curry, 32025632, Headquarters, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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✓ Staff Sergeant Daniel E. Patterson, 34141169, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ Private First Class Benny W. Rodriguez, 37237133, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Rufus E. Griffin, 33120295, Headquarters, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Joseph F. De Roche, 31234404, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Private Peter E. Binotto, 33387003, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Maryland.

✓ Private Ralph Chiccarelli, 31234500, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Private First Class Floyd A. Forney, 34376053, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Frank R. Mann, 32579034, Headquarters, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class Roy L. Houston, 37237245, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

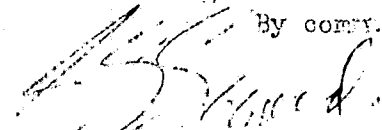
✓ Private First Class Edward Czerwanski, 32844450, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class Sol Stern, 32355188, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Charles A. Ilg, 35519254, Headquarters, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. EPPARD,  
Lt. Col., GDC,  
Adjutant General.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, USA,  
Chief of Staff.

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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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23 January 1945

Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster ----- SECTION  
Award of Purple Heart ----- I  
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

✓ Private First Class Charles W. Luckhaber, 6858813, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Anthony F. Eoetz, 57237225, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

✓ Staff Sergeant Joseph A. De Lisio, 32617473, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private Jack T. Midkiff, 35443366, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Philip A. McDermott, 31121135, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Private First Class Albert Gomez, 33555497, Company "B", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Private Willard S. Mc Bride, 31330023, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade John J. Kuzinski, 35343416, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

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✓ Technician Third Grade Richard L. Yantis, 19075458, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Washington.

✓ Master Sergeant Stephen S. Price, 32603668, Headquarters, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private Rocco Toto, 32543656, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class Donald L. Irvin, 36644937, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Leon J. Desautz, 31233634, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Private First Class Robert B. Crawford, 38430446, Company "I", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

✓ Private Roane C. Lively, 33381567, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Maryland.

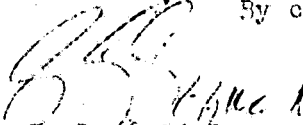
✓ Sergeant Alexander A. Drabik, 36846618, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Private First Class Norman J. Farry, 55519055, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Raymond L. Jackson, 37463506, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ Corporal Howard B. Siddons, 33343285, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technician Third Grade David M. Keith, 33344803, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

OFFICIAL:   
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

By command of The Division Commanding Officer,  
Chief of Staff.



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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943; as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Byron O. Tate, 3147447, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Mississippi.

✓ Staff Sergeant Nicholas Brdar, Jr., 35521554, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Robert O. Bruegel, 16059265, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Russell W. Chilcott, 13136800, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ Private First Class James E. Hildford, 34176009, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Mississippi.

✓ Private First Class Dewey E. Mitchell, 20369141, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ Private Joseph F. Cassara, 33418405, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Staff Sergeant Richard D. Schaeffer, 32544398, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant Nelson L. Wagner, 35345601, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Private Roy F. Gossain, 35033003, Medical Detachment, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

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✓ Private First Class Merle C. Hayes, 37235263, Headquarters, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Charles D. Stanley, 34375681, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ Staff Sergeant Michael J. Remy, 31056651, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Sergeant Kenneth M. Bragg, 39377023, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Washington.

✓ Staff Sergeant William M. Imphero, 32873001, Company "B", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class Joseph Luttrell, 33516571, Company "B", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ Staff Sergeant Hubert A. Rocelli, 33883672, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ Technical Sergeant Edwin Dassin, 32611586, Headquarters Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant Paul L. Barber, 35115131, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

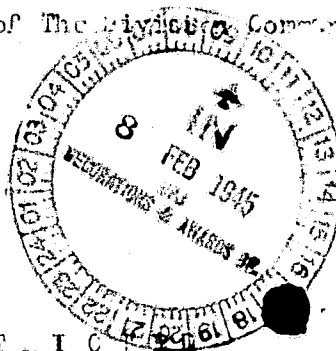
✓ Master Sergeant Lester S. Hansen, 35000777, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

✓ Private Edward S. Slobak, 33515019, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of The Adjutant General:

OFFICIAL:

*S. S. SOGARD*  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



HAROLD W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, AGC,  
Adjutant General.

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AGDP-GS 201 Brdar, Nicholas, Jr.  
35 521 554 (15 Jan 52)

16 May 1952

**SUBJECT:** Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

**TO:** Mr. Nicholas Brdar, Jr.  
1005 East 70th Street  
Cleveland 3, Ohio

So much of General Orders 10, Headquarters 9th Armored  
Division dated 24 January 1945, as pertains to the award of the  
Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant Nicholas Brdar, Jr., 35 521 554,  
is amended to read "First Sergeant Nicholas Brdar, Jr."

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**

*H. H. Newman*  
Adjutant General

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25 January 1945.

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Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	I
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I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Shelton, 15046157, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Frank L. Molstrom, 39385123, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul E. Anderson, 39563789, Service Company, \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred Berse, 37005415, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Lyle R. Hess, 32286887, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John J. Schafer, 32543822, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert G. Parsons, 35345612, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Rex J. Schneider, 37235255, Company "C", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Ronald F. Johnson, 37012987, Company "A", \*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Robert C. Nonnemacher, 13099214, Company "C", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Richard M. Kennedy, 37236386, Company "A", \*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 2 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Louis Larkowski, 37468430, Company "A", \*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private Ralph F. Evans, 35324147, Company "B", \*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

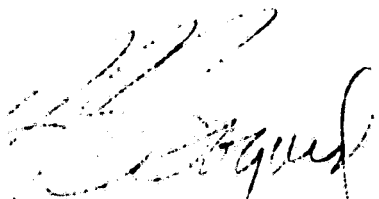
Private David W. Schwartzbeck, 33381865, Company "A", \*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Maryland.


Technician Fifth Grade Norman W. Hahn, 33394323, Company "B", \*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 5 November 1944, in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

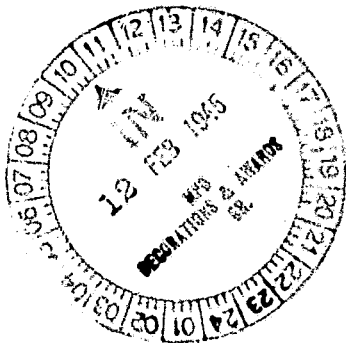
OK. 11. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of General Orders Number 3, this headquarters, 16 January 1945, awarding the Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as reads "Private First Class Billy Pelton, 34474969" is amended to read "Pelton Billy, 34474969".

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. BOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

  
HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.



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26 January 1945.

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	<u>SECTION</u>
Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star - - - - -	I
Award of Silver Star - - - - -	II
Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	III

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

✓ Private Harold S. Andignac, 38317903, Battery "B", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biglebach, Luxembourg. On 16 December 1944, Private Andignac served as a member of a forward observation post supporting an Armored Infantry Battalion. When heavy enemy artillery preparations, followed by an enemy infantry attack, were directed against friendly positions and disrupted main telephonic communication, Private Andignac dashed back over 200 yards of open ground to a radio which served as secondary communication channel. However, finding that the distance from the artillery observer and din of enemy fire handicapped voice carriage, Private Andignac unhesitatingly ran back through the open field, ignoring artillery fire falling in the area, to the artillery observer for the purpose of receiving and transmitting commands for fire to the battery. Private Andignac courageously continued to act as relay in this manner until the friendly artillery barrage, which inflicted heavy enemy casualties, stopped the attack. Private Andignac was mortally wounded by shell fragments while performing this hazardous means of maintaining liaison. Private Andignac's display of initiative and determined relaying of firing commands, with complete disregard for his own life, exemplify the highest standards and traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

✓ Private First Class Robert C. Nonnemacher, 13099214, Company "C", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of LaFosse, Belgium. On 24 December 1944, during a counterattack, the tank of which Private First Class Nonnemacher was a crew member became disabled by enemy action, resulting in casualties among the crew. The Tank Commander, who was seriously wounded, ordered all members of the crew to abandon the tank. Although Private First Class Nonnemacher had incurred painful injuries, he refused to heed his Tank Commander's orders to seek safety, but rather, chose to aid his seriously wounded comrade who then could not be evacuated, and remained with him notwithstanding the intense enemy fire. This action probably saved the life of the Tank Commander. Private First Class Nonnemacher's personal bravery and coolness under fire furnish an example of courage and loyalty to an injured comrade that reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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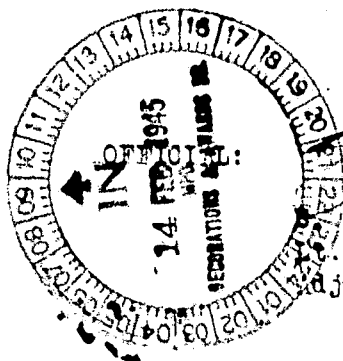
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant Thomas W. Chapman, Jr., 35012951, Company "C", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at LaFosse, Belgium. On 24 December 1944, four tanks of the platoon of which Sergeant Chapman was a member were knocked out by enemy action, causing casualties among the crews and disorganization of the platoon. Rather than to withdraw to a position of safety, as ordered, Sergeant Chapman, aware of the disorganization of his platoon, immediately set about organizing the rescue and evacuation of his wounded comrades. Despite the heavy enemy shelling and the lack of cover, and with utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Chapman advanced under this enemy barrage on three separate occasions to evacuate four wounded members of his platoon. Under these trying circumstances Sergeant Chapman located and assisted in directing missing platoon members to a position of safety. Sergeant Chapman's action assisted materially in saving the lives of wounded personnel, locating missing personnel, and in effecting the reorganization of the platoon. Sergeant Chapman's coolness in action, personal bravery under fire, and loyalty to his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Harry Pothoff, 36158347, Company "C", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at LaFosse, Belgium. On 24 December 1944, four tanks of the platoon of which Sergeant Pothoff was a member were knocked out by enemy action, causing casualties among the crews and disorganization of the platoon. Rather than to withdraw to a position of safety, as ordered, Sergeant Pothoff, aware of the disorganization of his platoon, immediately set about organizing the rescue and evacuation of his wounded comrades. Despite the heavy enemy shelling and the lack of cover, and with utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Pothoff advanced under this enemy barrage on three separate occasions to evacuate four wounded members of his platoon. Under these trying circumstances Sergeant Pothoff located and assisted in directing missing platoon members to a position of safety. Sergeant Pothoff's action assisted materially in saving the lives of wounded personnel, locating missing personnel, and in effecting the reorganization of the platoon. Sergeant Pothoff's coolness in action, personal bravery under fire, and loyalty to his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain Henry D. Mitchell, 01575010, Quartermaster Corps, (Armed), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Quartermaster Section), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 7 January 1945.

By command of The Division Commander:



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Adjutant General.

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant John Grimball, 01013847, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Steinbruck, Belgium. On 17 December 1944, First Lieutenant Grimball, in command of a tank platoon, was proceeding on a mission of support to an infantry battalion when enemy bazooka fire rendered his command tank inoperative. Showing rare presence of mind, First Lieutenant Grimball ordered his crew to remain within the tank and by radio directed effective platoon fire, eliminating the enemy bazooka team. First Lieutenant Grimball then ordering his crew to dismount and follow him, preceded these men and his tanks to a new position. There First Lieutenant Grimball directed his tank platoon and dismounted crew under continuous enemy fire with such stunning effect of enemy demoralization that 87 prisoners were taken. First Lieutenant Grimball then mounted another tank and continuing his aggressive tactics, he destroyed a dug-in enemy tank while proceeding to his original mission of support to the infantry. Upon reaching the infantry position, he noted that it was in dire need of tank support. He thereupon deployed his tank platoon into position so as to render direct fire support to the infantry. This action prevented a large scale enemy penetration. First Lieutenant Grimball's initiative and courageous leadership was an inspiration to his men which enabled them to successfully complete their mission. The gallantry displayed by First Lieutenant Grimball reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant George A. Vario, (then Sergeant), 32090281, Company "A", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 December 1944 while engaged in a coordinated tank-infantry attack on the town of Regne, Belgium, in the capacity of Tank Commander. During the attack the tank containing Staff Sergeant Vario became disabled by enemy action, although none of the crew members was injured. Staff Sergeant Vario ordered the crew to abandon the tank, at which time he noted that another tank of his platoon nearby was also out of operation, and that its crew members had not dismounted. Believing that the crew was unable to abandon the tank, Staff Sergeant Vario, with utter disregard for his own safety, ran across the open ground under heavy enemy fire to the assistance of his comrades. He discovered that all five members of the crew were seriously wounded, and proceeded at once to evacuate each one from the tank to a safe position. Staff Sergeant Vario then jeopardized his own safety when he ran a distance of more than 500 yards under enemy fire to secure and return with medical assistance. The loyalty to his comrades resulted in saving their lives. Staff Sergeant Vario's coolness under fire, conspicuous heroism, and loyalty to his injured comrades reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Master Sergeant Edmond L. Jensen, 35017023, Headquarters Combat Command \*\*, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operation against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

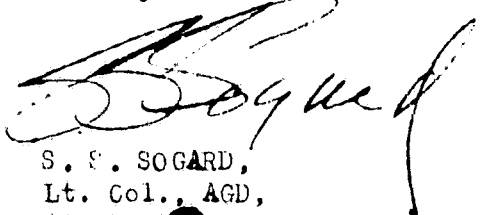
Second Lieutenant Robert J. Urlakis, 01183988, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "A", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Chenogne, Belgium. On the morning of 30 December 1944, <sup>Second</sup> Lieutenant Urlakis was assigned as forward observer on the high ground south of Chenogne, Belgium. At 0300 this position was attacked by three columns of enemy infantry supported by tanks and heavy artillery fire. Having been warned by the outpost in advance of the oncoming attack, Second Lieutenant Urlakis elected to remain in position although he could have safely withdrawn, and directed artillery fire causing the oncoming troops to withdraw. At 0430 the enemy again attacked the same area, at which time Second Lieutenant Urlakis' radio was disabled. He thereupon ran a distance of more than 100 yards through heavy artillery barrage and small arms fire where he attempted to gain entrance to a friendly tank. After fifteen minutes of unsuccessful thumpings he was finally admitted. Second Lieutenant Urlakis then took over the conduct of the fire and was instrumental in repulsing the attack. At 0630 the enemy again attacked through the town of Chenogne, at which time he again controlled the fire of not only his battalion, but also medium artillery, and repulsed the attack. The great personal courage and aggressive determination displayed by Second Lieutenant Urlakis is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel Leonard E. Engeman, 0304690, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Wesner, 016842, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

By command of The Division Commander:

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26 January 1945.

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SECTION

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant Ray C. Thomas, 20913444, Troop "A", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Befort, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944 at about 1630, Sergeant Thomas was second in command of a twelve man patrol moving forward to occupy a defensive position to support a mortar platoon of an armored infantry battalion. As the patrol rounded a curve in the road the enemy opened fire on them with automatic and small arms weapons, pinning them to the ground. Sergeant Thomas, from his advantageous position of observing the enemy, immediately sensed that a large enemy force had penetrated friendly lines and realized his patrol would quickly be surrounded and annihilated. He called to the rest of the men and ordered them to withdraw, remaining at his post and firing his Browning Automatic Rifle until he was fatally wounded. Sergeant Thomas so harrassed the enemy by his fire that he was able to distract their attention from the rest of the patrol, and they were able to withdraw to better defensive positions without loss. The tenacity of purpose, utter disregard for his personal safety, and the loyalty to his men displayed by Sergeant Thomas reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant Albert B. Cummins, 6753965, Company "A", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy between 18 and 31 December 1944, northwest of Velleroux, Belgium. At the outset of the fighting, Sergeant Cummins refused evacuation for weakened physical condition, thus helping to keep a badly needed tank fully manned. On 23 December 1944, Sergeant Cummins was wounded by shrapnel, but steadfastly refused evacuation in spite of this. Not until his company was relieved eight days later, did Sergeant Cummins submit to medical treatment, at which time the shrapnel was removed from his body. Sergeant Cummins' refusal to be evacuated despite wounds, thereby maintaining a full crew in his tank, was an inspiration to his fellow men to fight on. His loyal devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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(See II, GC # 14, Hq 9th Arm Div, APO 259, U. S. Army, 28 January 1945, cont'd).

Staff Sergeant Albert J. Schuman, 35100303, Battery "B", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944 near Biglebach, Luxembourg. Staff Sergeant Schuman, as chief of an observation post detail with an armored infantry battalion, was on a hilltop when the enemy attacked after a severe artillery preparation. Falling back to a radio to reestablish communications after the telephone line was blown out, he gained contact with his artillery unit and called for barrages, which were delivered against the attacking enemy infantry with great success, stopping their advance and inflicting many casualties. In spite of the fact that enemy artillery and small arms fire fell heavily on his position, Staff Sergeant Schuman remained at his radio and continued to call for fire. When thrown to the ground and wounded by shell fragments, he refused treatment and returned to his post, until the barrages were completed and his mission accomplished. The prompt and courageous action of Staff Sergeant Schuman exemplifies the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Indiana.

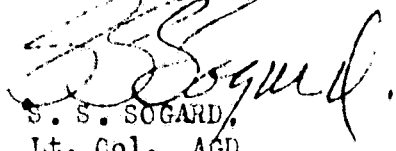
Technician Fifth Grade Vincent E. Weaver, 33111539, Battery "C", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wallendorf, Luxembourg, from 17 December to 20 December 1944. At about 1500 hours, 17 December 1944, after waiting twenty-four hours for a gap to be opened by friendly forces to his artillery observation post, which was encircled by the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Weaver assisted in the manning of a half-track which succeeded in working its way through enemy lines of unknown strength to the observation post several hundred yards in front of infantry outposts. Technician Fifth Grade Weaver, for approximately three days, assisted in manning the observation post and a machine gun covering the approach to the post. All this time he was under direct enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages. When orders came to infiltrate to the rear through enemy lines, he assisted in destruction of equipment and brought back valuable information with him. Through Technician Fifth Grade Weaver's superior conduct and attention to duty, his unit was able to hamper the enemy's advance by prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire upon enemy gun positions, river crossings, and troop concentrations. Throughout the action Technician Fifth Grade Weaver's perseverance and bravery were a credit to the traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Major Gilbert J. Raymond, 0377209, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command \*\*, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Major Frank M. Norfleet, 0452054, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command \*\*, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

By command of The Division Commander:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Roy F. Clough, C1013508, Cavalry, (Arm'd), Company "C", \*\* Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. On the morning of 22 December 1944, First Lieutenant Clough was assigned the mission of support to an attacking infantry force when his tank became disabled by enemy action. Due to heavy losses, the infantry withdrew, so that it became disorganized and without leadership. Seeing the attack falter, First Lieutenant Clough ran forward fully exposed to enemy small arms and bazooka fire, and directed a friendly tank into enemy positions. By firing his submachine gun, First Lieutenant Clough directed the tank's fire, enabling it to destroy concealed enemy positions, which resulted in the killing or capturing of the entire enemy force and thus successfully completing the mission. For his gallantry and fearless devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Clough acted in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Albert W. Erskin, 37070108, Battery "G", \*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villendorff, Luxembourg, from 17 December 1944 to 20 December 1944. About 1500 hours on 17 December 1944, after waiting twenty-four hours for a gap to be opened by friendly forces to his artillery observation post, which was unsecured by the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Erskin assisted in the running of a half-track which succeeded in working its way through enemy lines of unknown strength to the observation post several hundred yards in front of infantry outposts. Technician Fifth Grade Erskin for approximately three days, operated his radio and relayed fire commands, while at the same time he manned a machine gun covering the approach to the post. All this time he was under direct enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages. When orders came to infiltrate to the rear through enemy lines, he assisted in destruction of equipment and brought back valuable information with him. Through Technician Fifth Grade Erskin's superior conduct and attention to duty, his unit was able to hinder the enemy's advance by prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire upon enemy gun positions, river crossings, and troop concentration. Throughout the action Technician Fifth Grade Erskin's perseverance, technical skill, and bravery were a credit to the traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kansas.



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Sergeant Frank R. Blatnik, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 36026318, Troop "D", \*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944 at Steinbruck, Belgium. At the time of an enemy attack, Sergeant Blatnik's tank was placed in the most forward position and under direct enemy observation. Because mist and fog made the use of the periscope impossible, Sergeant Blatnik, though under intense enemy fire, exposed himself in order to direct the fire of his tank weapons. His tank weapons killed three enemy snipers and destroyed an enemy truck. Sergeant Blatnik then skillfully directed machine gun fire upon twenty German infantrymen who attempted to leave the vehicle, inflicting heavy casualties. Despite heavy artillery and anti-tank gun fire which fell within a few yards of his position, he engaged other enemy elements, which joined in the attack, and materially headed off the thrust. Again upon a subsequent enemy attack, Sergeant Blatnik held his position, inflicting heavy casualties, again delaying the enemy advance and aiding the withdrawal of his troop, until he was completely surrounded, so that he had to shoot his way out and overrun the enemy. Sergeant Blatnik's heroic action, his utter disregard for his own safety, and his coolness under intense enemy fire, exemplify that courage and devotion to duty that reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

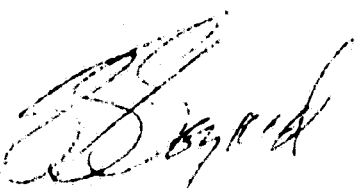
Major Ben J. Cothran, 0290028, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command \*\*, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Chester D. Christie, 01011332, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command \*\*, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of The Division Commander:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Albert Scearce, 14019991, Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Heinerscheid and Reuler, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Heinerscheid, while engaged in heavy tank combat, the tank of the platoon leader of Staff Sergeant Scearce's platoon was disabled. Staff Sergeant Scearce immediately withdrew the platoon, reorganized it, and in the following engagement with the enemy destroyed one enemy tank. He then later withdrew his platoon and brought it to the village of Reuler where he found his company commander encircled by the enemy. Realizing that the situation needed reconnaissance, Staff Sergeant Scearce immediately dismounted from his tank and under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, and with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded to locate exact position of enemy tanks. Upon locating their position and despite heavy enemy fire directed at him, he maneuvered his tanks into firing positions. Staff Sergeant Scearce then mounted his tank and effected the destruction of an enemy tank and two enemy armored half-tracks. This action permitted his company commander to escape the enemy trap. Staff Sergeant Scearce's initiative in assuming command of the tank platoon when his leader's tank was disabled, his cool courage and utter disregard for his personal safety on his reconnaissance of location of enemy exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant Buren J. Johnson, 37060429, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ligneuville, Belgium, while in rearguard action of a tank battalion trains. Sergeant Johnson and his four tank crewmen were preparing to refuel their bulldozer tank when the enemy attack commenced. Sergeant Johnson, realizing that the entire battalion trains was stalled on the road ahead, and although aware of his lack of fuel, ordered his crew to mount and maneuvered the tank into position so as to protect the tail end of the trains. An enemy tank, about three hundred yards to the left front, was observed and destroyed. Traversing to the right, another enemy tank was seen approaching from the village, and this tank was also destroyed. The enemy tank crew on dismounting were eliminated by machine gun fire. Again traversing to the left front a third enemy tank was destroyed. When the fourth enemy tank attempted to escape the fire from Sergeant Johnson's tank, it hastily sought cover behind a large white sheet hanging

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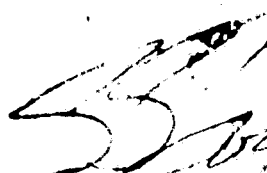
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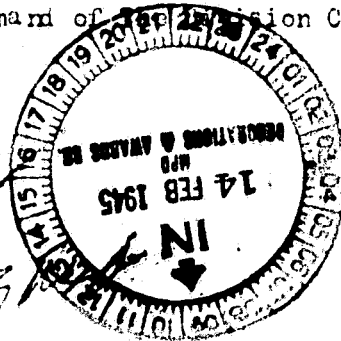
on a clothesline. With the sheet as a target, at six hundred yards distance, the fourth enemy tank was destroyed. By this time the battalion trains had been moving to safety in the rear, and Sergeant Johnson observed considerable action by dismounted enemy troops to his front and left flank. Sergeant Johnson then decided to change his position and while doing so two rounds were required to destroy the fifth enemy tank. Immediately after firing the last round, Sergeant Johnson's tank was hit by a bazooka round. He then gave orders to raise the bulldozer blade to protect the crew from small arms fire as they abandoned the tank. This heroic rearguard action, coolness under fire, and intrepid daring of Sergeant Johnson was responsible for the safe get-a-way of the battalion trains, reflecting great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley Barszcz, 52188086, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ligneuville, Belgium, while in rearguard action of a tank battalion trains. Technician Fourth Grade Barszcz and four tank crewmen were preparing to refuel their bulldozer tank when the enemy attack commenced. Realizing that the entire battalion trains was stalled on the road ahead and although aware of the tank's lack of fuel, the crew mounted and maneuvered the tank into position so as to protect the tail end of the trains. An enemy tank, about three hundred yards to the left front, was observed and destroyed. Traversing to the right, another enemy tank was seen approaching from the village, and this tank was also destroyed. The enemy tank crew on dismounting were eliminated by machine gun fire. Again traversing to the left front a third enemy tank was destroyed. When the fourth enemy tank attempted to escape the fire from their tank, it hastily sought cover behind a large white sheet hanging on a clothesline. With the sheet as a target, at six hundred yards distance, the fourth enemy tank was destroyed. By this time the battalion trains had been moving to safety in the rear and considerable action by dismounted enemy troops was observed to the front and left flank. It was decided to change position and while doing so two rounds were required to destroy the fifth enemy tank. Immediately after firing the last round, Technician Fourth Grade Barszcz's tank was hit by a bazooka round, the bulldozer blade was raised to protect the crew from small arms fire as they abandoned the tank. This heroic rearguard action, coolness under fire, and intrepid daring displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Barszcz was responsible for the safe get-a-way of the battalion trains, thus reflecting great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

By command of \_\_\_\_\_ Division Commander:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provision of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant Ira L. Cravens, 01183676, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Beaufort, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944, Second Lieutenant Cravens operated an observation post for the adjustment of fire for a field artillery battalion. He directed artillery fire on the enemy for a day and a half, though he and about thirty supported infantrymen were surrounded by the enemy. Heavy hostile mortar and artillery fire disabled his radio which was the only means of communication he and supported infantry had with friendly troops. After a day and a half, due to the perseverance of Second Lieutenant Cravens, the radio was temporarily repaired and communication restored. Having been completely encircled for three days and nights, this contact enabled the isolated troops to receive instructions for escape through enemy lines to rear positions. He then safely conducted the remaining friendly troops on a hazardous fifteen hour walk through enemy lines. Second Lieutenant Cravens' total disregard for his personal safety and determined devotion to duty caused the loss to the enemy of several rocket guns, delayed their timetable of attack, and inflicted heavy casualties. The outstanding initiative and cool-headed leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant Cravens reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Trig L. Large, 13119048, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944 in the vicinity of Steinbruck, Belgium. During an attack the tank in which Technician Fourth Grade Large was a member became disabled by enemy action. Technician Fourth Grade Large then dismounted with his crew and advanced on foot in advance of the remaining tanks of the platoon under enemy fire. Acting on his own initiative, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he proceeded to a draw where many of the enemy were entrenched, and thoroughly routed them, effecting the capture of eighty-seven prisoners. Technician Fourth Grade Large's courage and initiative at a dire moment effected a devastating blow to enemy morale and an inspiration to his fellow troops, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

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~~Second Lieutenant George E. Potter, Jr., 0530241, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium. Second Lieutenant Potter was forward artillery observer supporting a tank battalion on 29 December 1944. Preceded by ten engine troops to clear mines, Second Lieutenant Potter approached a strip of woods from which small arms fire was coming, and adjusted a few rounds of artillery fire into this area with the result that more than a hundred of the enemy surrendered. In organizing observance and defense for that night, Second Lieutenant Potter found that his tank could not be taken to the point selected for observation, thus necessitating a voice relay to the tank radio. The following morning at 0500 the enemy attacked and Second Lieutenant Potter controlled the defense fires with skill and great courage, at times bringing defensive fire to within thirty yards of his own position. Second Lieutenant Potter's total disregard for his personal safety and devotion to duty effectively repulsed the enemy attack and inflicted heavy casualties and losses upon the enemy. Second Lieutenant Potter's actions were in conformity with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.~~

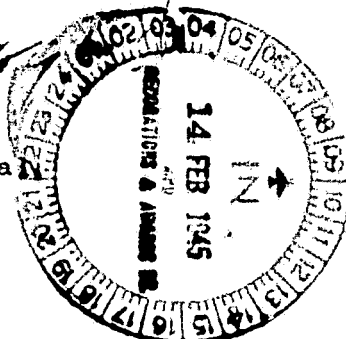
Second Lieutenant Siegfried W. Drawz, 01178127, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Beaufort, Luxembourg. On 16 December 1944, during friendly harassing fire on the town of Grundhof, Luxembourg, short rounds fell in the trees directly over the supported friendly infantry, severing telephone communications. Second Lieutenant Drawz ran fifty yards through the bursting shells to his radio, contacted his artillery battalion, and made the necessary adjustment to have the rounds clear the trees and fall on enemy installations below the hill. Second Lieutenant Drawz' disregard of personal safety, his quick thinking and speed of action saved the supported friendly infantry casualties from artillery fire, and in turn inflicted casualties upon the enemy, reflecting credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel Vincent P. Lupinacci, 0225858, Coast Artillery Corps, 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium from 2 November 1944 to 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD.  
Adjutant General



HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

1 February 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 18 )

	<u>SECTION</u>
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Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	II
Award of Air Medal - - - - -	III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Kenneth Schuler, 6864327, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg. When Staff Sergeant Schuler's tank, which was part of a task force, was ambushed and disabled by enemy fire from rocket launchers, all of the crew abandoned the tank, except the tank commander who could not escape through his hatch as the position of the tank gun prevented its opening. Staff Sergeant Schuler, realizing his tank commander's predicament, and at the risk of his life by exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, rushed to the tank and climbed into the turret. Having successfully aided in evacuating the tank commander, Staff Sergeant Schuler remained in the tank, manning the turret machine gun, and provided a covering of fire which allowed the necessary time for the rest of his column to reorganize and assume better positions from which they could engage the enemy. The gallantry under fire, loyalty to a comrade, and fearless devotion to duty with utter disregard for his personal safety, displayed by Staff Sergeant Schuler, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Lyle A. Maltzberger, (then Private First Class), 17019201, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Waldbillig, Luxembourg. At 1130 hour that morning it was reported that friendly troops five hundred yards to the east had suffered a great number of casualties, and that the medical aid man was killed. Technician Fifth Grade Maltzberger, realizing that the wounded were without any medical assistance, mounted a quarter-ton truck and despite the heavy hostile artillery fire, drove across the open field, secured and transported wounded to the first aid station in the rear. He made several such hazardous trips with total disregard for his personal safety, and each time loaded the vehicle to capacity with wounded, thus effecting the evacuation of many of the wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Maltzberger's initiative, personal bravery, and skill in evacuating the wounded reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Private First Class Clarence J. Keske, (then Private), 36272619, Troop "B", 88th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Waldbillig, Luxembourg. At 1130 hours that morning it was reported that friendly troops five hundred yards to the east had suffered a great number of casualties, and that the medical aid man was killed. Private First Class Keske, realizing that the wounded were without any medical assistance, mounted a quarter-ton truck and despite the heavy hostile artillery fire, drove across the open field, secured and transported wounded to the first aid station in the rear. He made several such hazardous trips with total disregard for his personal safety, and each time loaded the vehicle to capacity with wounded, thus effecting the evacuation of many of the wounded. Private First Class Keske's initiative, personal bravery, and skill in evacuating the wounded reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant David D. Danforth, 36302170, 149th Armored Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 16 December 1944 to 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Major Carl E. Bobo, Jr., 0354925, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in Luxembourg and Belgium, having completed thirty-five flights as an air observer in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Clyde D. Ware, 0523723, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in Luxembourg and Belgium, having completed thirty-five flights as an air observer in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Second Lieutenant Henry C. Lamar, Jr., 0519978, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in Luxembourg and Belgium, having completed thirty-five flights as an air observer in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant Donald R. Brown, 0546018, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in Luxembourg and Belgium, having completed thirty-five flights as an air observer in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

By command of The Division Commander:

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2 February 1945.

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SECTION

Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - - I

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Corporal Clement A. Wegman, 37050811, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ligncuville, Belgium, while in rearguard action of a tank battalion trains. Corporal Wegman and four tank crewmen were preparing to refuel their bulldozer tank when the enemy attack commenced. Realizing that the entire battalion trains was stalled on the road ahead and although aware of the tank's lack of fuel, the crew mounted and maneuvered the tank into position so as to protect the tail end of the trains. An enemy tank, about three hundred yards to the left front, was observed and destroyed. Traversing to the right, another enemy tank was seen approaching from the village, and this tank was also destroyed. The enemy tank crew on dismounting were eliminated by machine gun fire. Again traversing to the left front a third enemy tank was destroyed. When the fourth enemy tank attempted to escape the fire from their tank, it hastily sought cover behind a large white sheet hanging on a clothesline. With the sheet as a target, at six hundred yards distance, the fourth enemy tank was destroyed. By this time the battalion trains had been moving to safety in the rear and considerable action by dismounted enemy troops was observed to the front and left flank. It was decided to change position and while doing so two rounds were required to destroy the fifth enemy tank. Immediately after firing the last round, Corporal Wegman's tank was hit by a bazooka round, the bulldozer blade was raised to protect the crew from small arms fire as they abandoned the tank. This heroic rearguard action, coolness under fire, and intrepid daring displayed by Corporal Wegman was responsible for the safe get-away of the battalion trains, thus reflecting great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ Private Guy W. Caraway, 35367472, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ligncuville, Belgium, while in rearguard action of a tank battalion trains. Private Caraway and four tank crewmen were preparing to refuel their bulldozer tank when the enemy attack commenced. Realizing that the entire battalion trains was stalled on the road ahead and although aware of the tank's lack of fuel, the crew mounted and maneuvered the tank into position so as to protect the tail end of the trains. An enemy tank, about three hundred yards to the left front, was observed and destroyed. Traversing to the right, another enemy tank was seen approaching from the village, and this tank was also destroyed. The enemy tank crew on dismounting were eliminated by machine gun fire. Again traversing to the left front a third enemy tank was destroyed.

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When the fourth enemy tank attempted to escape the fire from their tank, it hastily sought cover behind a large white sheet hanging on a clothesline. With the sheet as a target, at six hundred yards distance, the fourth enemy tank was destroyed. By this time the battalion trains had been moving to safety in the rear and considerable action by dismounted enemy troops was observed to the front and left flank. It was decided to change position and while doing so two rounds were required to destroy the fifth enemy tank. Immediately after firing the last round, Private Caraway's tank was hit by a bazooka round, and the bulldozer blade was raised to protect the crew from small arms fire as they abandoned the tank. This heroic rearguard action, coolness under fire, and intrepid daring displayed by Private Caraway was responsible for the safe get-a-way of the battalion trains, thus reflecting great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

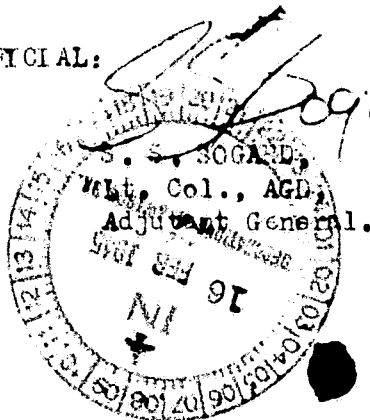
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Private Fred E. Weis, 33636422, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ligneuville, Belgium, while in rearguard action of a tank battalion trains. Private Weis and four tank crewmen were preparing to refuel their bulldozer tank when the enemy attack commenced. Realizing that the entire battalion trains was stalled on the road ahead and although aware of the tank's lack of fuel, the crew mounted and maneuvered the tank into position so as to protect the tail end of the trains. An enemy tank, about three hundred yards to the left front, was observed and destroyed. Traversing to the right, another enemy tank was seen approaching from the village, and this tank was also destroyed. The enemy tank crew on dismounting were eliminated by machine gun fire. Again traversing to the left front a third enemy tank was destroyed. When the fourth enemy tank attempted to escape the fire from their tank, it hastily sought cover behind a large white sheet hanging on a clothesline. With the sheet as a target, at six hundred yards distance, the fourth enemy tank was destroyed. By this time the battalion trains had been moving to safety in the rear and considerable action by dismounted enemy troops was observed to the front and left flank. It was decided to change position and while doing so two rounds were required to destroy the fifth enemy tank. Immediately after firing the last round, Private Weis' tank was hit by a bazooka round, and the bulldozer blade was raised to protect the crew from small arms fire as they abandoned the tank. This heroic rearguard action, coolness under fire, and intrepid daring displayed by Private Weis was responsible for the safe get-a-way of the battalion trains, thus reflecting great credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of The Division Commander:

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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SECTION

Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - - I  
Amendment of General Orders - - - - - II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Vaclav J. Strudl, 37035773, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wallendorf, Luxembourg, from 17 December to 20 December 1944. At about 1500 hours, 17 December 1944, after waiting twenty-four hours for a gap to be opened by friendly forces to his artillery observation post, which was encircled by the enemy, Staff Sergeant Strudl assisted in the manning of a half-track which succeeded in working its way through enemy lines of unknown strength to the observation post several hundred yards in front of infantry outposts. Staff Sergeant Strudl, for approximately three days, assisted in the location and adjustment of artillery fire on enemy positions. All this time he was under direct enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages. When orders came to infiltrate to the rear through enemy lines, he assisted in destruction of equipment and brought back valuable information with him. Through Staff Sergeant Strudl's superior conduct and attention to duty, his unit was able to hamper the enemy's advance by prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire upon enemy gun positions, river crossings, and troop concentrations. Throughout the action Staff Sergeant Strudl's perseverance and bravery were a credit to the traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal Amos Ingram, 37036565, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wallendorf, Luxembourg, from 17 December to 20 December 1944. At about 1500 hours, 17 December 1944, after waiting twenty-four hours for a gap to be opened by friendly forces to his artillery observation post, which was encircled by the enemy, Corporal Ingram assisted in the manning of a half-track which succeeded in working its way through enemy lines of unknown strength to the observation post several hundred yards in front of infantry outposts. Corporal Ingram, for approximately three days, assisted in the location and adjustment of artillery fire on enemy positions. All this time he was under direct enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages. When orders came to infiltrate to the rear through enemy lines, he assisted in destruction of equipment and brought back valuable information with him. Through Corporal Ingram's superior conduct and attention to duty, his unit was able to hamper the enemy's advance by prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire upon enemy gun positions, river crossings, and troop concentrations. Throughout the action Corporal Ingram's perseverance and bravery were a credit to the traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

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✓ Corporal Anthony Scanzillo, 6580488, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wallendorf, Luxembourg, from 17 December to 20 December 1944. At about 1500 hours, 17 December 1944, after waiting twenty-four hours for a gap to be opened by friendly forces to his artillery observation post, which was encircled by the enemy, Corporal Scanzillo assisted in the manning of a half-track which succeeded in working its way through enemy lines of unknown strength to the observation post several hundred yards in front of infantry outposts. Corporal Scanzillo, for approximately three days, assisted in manning the observation post and a machine gun covering the approach to the post. All this time he was under direct enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages. When orders came to infiltrate to the rear through enemy lines, he assisted in destruction of equipment and brought back valuable information with him. Through Corporal Scanzillo's superior conduct and attention to duty, his unit was able to hamper the enemy's advance by prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire upon enemy gun positions, river crossings, and troop concentrations. Throughout the action Corporal Scanzillo's perseverance and bravery were a credit to the traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from California.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel Melvin A. Goers, 025296, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg, from 17 December to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ Major Ellsworth N. Bailey, 0452056, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 17 December to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Major Henry T. Mortimer, 0452135, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 17 December to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

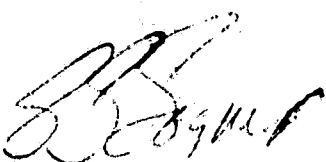
✓ Captain John M. Haskin, 01010208, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 17 December to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I (as amended by Section I General Orders Number 5) and Section II, General Orders Number 2, this headquarters, 15 January 1945, as reads "AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL" is amended to read: "AWARD OF SILVER STAR".

By command of The Division Commander:

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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S. S. SOGARD,

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4 February 1945.

	<u>SECTION</u>
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Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class William C. Newman, Jr., 35342736, Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium on 26 December 1944. Private First Class Newman, as a tank crew member, was engaged in combat at close range with two enemy tanks. While effecting the destruction of one enemy tank, the second scored two hits on Private First Class Newman's tank, killing the bow gunner and wounding Private First Class Newman. Acting in the belief that the tank would burn, the crew abandoned it. Observing that the tank did not burn, Private First Class Newman, despite his wounds, and not withstanding heavy enemy fire, mounted his disabled tank and without assistance loaded, aimed and fired the tank gun, destroying the second enemy tank. Private First Class Newman's gallantry in action reflects credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph C. Forgie, 36271353, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944 in the vicinity of Steinbruck, Belgium. Technician Fifth Grade Forgie, under direct enemy observation and intense artillery fire, maintained his machine gun position covering enemy approaches to a bridge for fifteen hours despite enemy attempts to displace him. During this period he inflicted heavy casualties on enemy patrols and at one time enabled the capture of twenty-two prisoners by his dispersing fire. When it became apparent during another enemy assault that his troop would be encircled, he covered its safe withdrawal. To rejoin his unit he was forced to overrun the enemy in front of him through intense fire. Technician Fifth Grade Forgie's heroic action, his coolness under enemy fire, and his devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Robert A. Duffy, 11111854, Battery "A", 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Arloncourt, Belgium. When a gasoline truck received a direct hit from enemy anti-tank fire, Private First Class Duffy, observing that one of the dazed occupants

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sat engulfed in flames, dashed to him through intense enemy fire and subdued the flames with his overcoat. This act undoubtedly saved the soldier from more serious injury or death. Private First Class Duffy's quick thinking while under fire and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Lieutenant Colonel William R. Shelton, Jr., 0231387, Quartermaster Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Quartermaster Section), United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Phillip A. Lyon, 01018015, Cavalry, (Armd), Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Kenneth C. Pidgeon, 32610300, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Richard G. Quehl, 6277664, Troop "E", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Willie Greer, 34376176, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 16 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth A. Lloyd, 37005174, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

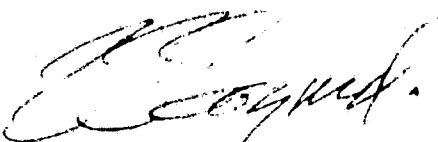
Technician Fifth Grade Virgil Cioni, 36429345, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin R. Nelson, 37236873, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Arvid Lillquist, 37276149, Medical Detachment, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

By command of The Division Commander:

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S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
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HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	II
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	III
Award of Combat Infantryman Badge - - - - -	IV

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal Carl E. Jordan, 37137290, Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 to 31 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. Though wounded on 21 December 1944 by shrapnel, and weakened by loss of blood, Corporal Jordan refused to have the shrapnel removed or to be evacuated. On 23 December 1944 he occupied a foxhole position in the front lines under heavy small arms and artillery fire. On 26 December 1944 when a tank crew needed a gunner to place it in combat at a time when tanks were urgently needed to defend the city of Bastogne, he acted as such despite the aggravated condition of his wounds until 31 December 1944. By this courageous act of fortitude, Corporal Jordan reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant Donald R. Brown, 0546018, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot and air observer against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg from 16 to 25 December 1944. During this time Second Lieutenant Brown, having no trained artillery observer to accompany him, acted in that capacity as well as piloting his plane. This lack of an artillery observer greatly handicapped him as he simultaneously adjusted artillery fire by radio while being subjected to enemy flak which rent holes in the wings and fuselage of his plane. The intrepid daring displayed by Second Lieutenant Brown resulted in the neutralizing and destruction of one nebelwerfer and four enemy batteries, and caused many casualties to enemy troops. Second Lieutenant Brown's coolness under fire and fearless devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

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Lieutenant Colonel S. Fred Cummings, Jr., 019796, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Major Paul E. Cox, 0294582, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Karl D. Saulpaw, 01011530, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant William R. McLaughlin, 01287734, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant K. P. M. Larson, 0294596, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Richard M. Mall, 01015295, Infantry, (Armd), Service Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant James Q. Smith, 01018176, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Indiana.

Second Lieutenant Karl H. Timmerman, 01311343, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Sam S. Smittle, <sup>V2106568</sup> United States Army, (Armd), Service Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

IV. AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. Under the provisions of Circular Number 408, War Department, 17 October 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following officers:

Lieutenant Colonel S. Fred Cummings, 019796, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth W. Collins, 022159, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy.

By command of The Director, G-1:

OFFICIAL:

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S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
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	<u>SECTION</u>
Award of Air Medal - - - - -	I
Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	II
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Amendment of General Orders - - - - -	IV

I. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant John R. Klopfer, 0514405, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg and Belgium, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated;

Lieutenant Colonel S. Fred Cummings, Jr., 019796, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Chaplain (Captain) William T. Gible, 0474570, AUS, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army. On 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Second Lieutenant Frank L. Vaughn, 01178379, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 10th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Ward C. Nations, 37083571, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Leo Kofford, 39679531, Medical Detachment, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Utah.



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Technician Fifth Grade Charlie L. Smith, 34178951, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Bryant Brown, 6966252, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Jesse Weston, 38402445, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private Robert E. Campbell, 33692688, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Sylvan Altieri, 35397985, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Stinson Bryant, 35449752, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

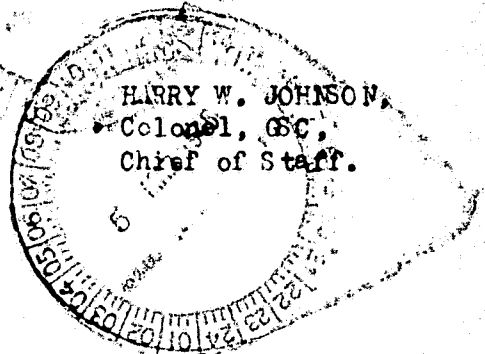
Technician Fourth Grade Arthur C. Skaradzinski, 16090153, Company "C", 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army. On 9 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

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IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 19, this Headquarters, 2 February 1945, as pertains to Private Fred E. Weis, 38636422, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, is amended by adding "MISSING IN ACTION".

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

*S. S. Sogard*  
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Award of Bronze Star Medal	-----	II

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

✓ Second Lieutenant Raymond Q. Lile, 01016709, Cavalry, (Arm'd), Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944 at Waldbillig, Luxembourg. Second Lieutenant Lile launched his reconnaissance platoon in a determined assault to destroy the enemy by running 400 yards across open terrain, exposing himself to point blank enemy fire. His troops, observing this action, followed him and forced the enemy to withdraw. When Second Lieutenant Lile noticed that part of his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire, he ran to a friendly tank destroyer and directed its fire so as to enable his men to continue this aggressive action. His fearless advance at the head of his men evidenced the courageous leadership which inspired them to successfully accomplish their mission. Second Lieutenant Lile's heroic action and boldness in the face of the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Corporal Ivan L. Carson, 37050664, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Haller, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944 Corporal Carson's battery was under direct observation of enemy artillery observers who had obtained an adjustment on his gun position. During one of the enemy counter battery fires an ammunition pile received a direct hit which resulted in the powder bags being set afire. Corporal Carson, seeing the projectiles in the powder fire, realizing the danger of these projectiles exploding and destroying his gun and section, without regard for his own safety, picked up a shovel and covered the powder fire with dirt. Corporal Carson's quick thinking and immediate action saved his gun from total destruction and his section from suffering severe casualties. Entered military service from Missouri

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Henry E. Wheeler, 33089419, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Haller, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944 Technician Fourth Grade Wheeler's battery was under direct observation of enemy artillery observers who had obtained an adjustment on his gun position. During one of the enemy counter battery fires an ammunition pile received a direct hit which resulted in the powder bags being set afire. Technician Fourth Grade Wheeler

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seeing the projectiles in the powder fire, realizing the danger of these projectiles exploding and destroying his gun and section, without regard for his own safety, picked up a shovel and covered the powder fire with dirt. Technician Fourth Wheeler's quick thinking and immediate action saved his gun from total destruction and his section from suffering severe casualties. Entered military service from Virginia.

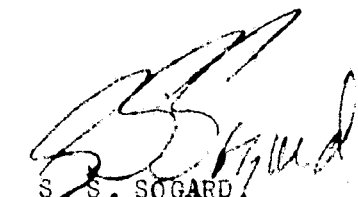
✓ Private First Class Jack Wright, 34473776, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Haller, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944 Private First Class Wright's battery was under direct observation of enemy artillery observers who had obtained an adjustment on his gun position. During one of the enemy counter battery fires an ammunition pile received a direct hit which resulted in the powder bags being set afire. Private First Class Wright, seeing the projectiles in the powder fire, realizing the danger of these projectiles exploding and destroying his gun and section, without regard for his own safety, picked up a shovel and covered the powder fire with dirt. Private First Class Wright's quick thinking and immediate action saved his gun from total destruction and his section from suffering severe casualties. Entered military service from Mississippi.

✓ Private First Class Carl C. Jensen, (then Private), 37462802, Battery "B", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Breitfeld, Belgium. On 18 December 1944 Private First Class Jensen's battery was under direct observation of enemy artillery observers who had obtained an adjustment on his gun position. During one of the enemy counter battery fires an ammunition pile received a direct hit which resulted in the powder bags being set afire. Private First Class Jensen, seeing the projectiles in the powder fire, realizing the danger of these projectiles exploding and destroying his gun and section, without regard for his own safety, kicked the burning powder bags away from the ammunition, and proceeded to extinguish the blazing powder. Private First Class Jensen's quick thinking and immediate action saved his gun from total destruction and his section from suffering severe casualties. Entered military service from South Dakota.

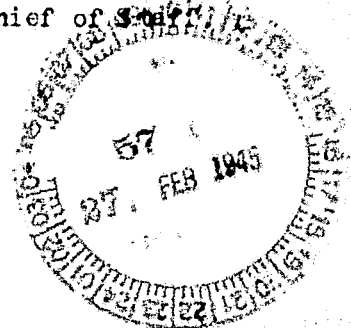
✓ Lieutenant Colonel George Ruhlen, 019733, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. SOGARD,  
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Award of Silver Star - - - - -	SECTION I
Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	SECTION II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant William J. Lordan, 01018877, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Reuler, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944 when his tank was disabled by enemy gunfire, Second Lieutenant Lordan evacuated his crew to safety and mounted another tank. He had just destroyed an enemy tank when his second tank was disabled by hostile fire. He again evacuated his crew to safety, but returned to mount a third tank. When this tank was rendered useless by enemy fire, Second Lieutenant Lordan suffered severe lacerations of the scalp while evacuating the tank and refused medical aid, but continued to fight dismounted with his men. It was not until he had brought his men to a safe position that he was evacuated. Second Lieutenant Lordan's gallantry under fire, his valiant leadership and consideration for the safety of his men reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Edward W. Gregson, 01016292, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chenogne, Belgium. On 29 December 1944 when a coordinated attack on the town was held up by two enemy tanks in a position which commanded the roads to the objective, and heavy machine gun fire pinned down the supporting infantry, Second Lieutenant Gregson dismounted from his tank and armed with a rocket launcher, approached the first enemy tank under hostile 88mm and semi-automatic fire, firing upon it and causing it to move into such position that it was destroyed by friendly tanks. Second Lieutenant Gregson, still under enemy fire, rapidly moved to within 30 yards of the second enemy tank and destroyed it with two direct hits. As a result of this act the attack was able to proceed and the objective taken. Second Lieutenant Gregson's gallantry under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert C. Ledford, 39161045, Medical Detachment, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg. On 18 December 1944 Technician Fourth Grade Ledford, as medical aid man, crawled 150 yards through intense mortar and enemy machine gun fire to a machine gun position where he treated a wounded machine gun crew. He then crawled from the machine gun position to render aid to a wounded officer. This point was 50 yards from enemy positions and mercilessly subjected to small arms fire. After completion of this mission he returned to the aid station where he assisted the

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medical officer in the treatment and evacuation of wounded. Technician Fourth Grade Lodford's devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety while treating casualties reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

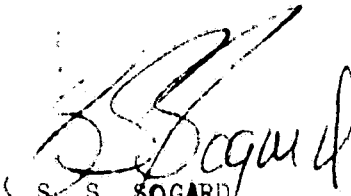
Sergeant William Q. Tripp, (then Private), 12038854, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium. Sergeant Tripp was a rifleman in an infantry company which was ordered to withdraw in the face of overwhelming enemy fire. As the withdrawal was being effected, Sergeant Tripp observed that his platoon sergeant had been seriously wounded. Under a very heavy barrage of enemy machine gun, artillery and anti-tank fire, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he ran without fear, to the exposed position of the wounded man, and carried him back to a safe position. Sergeant Tripp's actions saved the life of a fallen comrade, reflecting great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

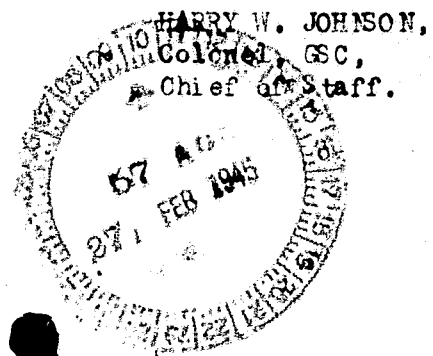
First Sergeant Frank W. Gallo, 32041905, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium. First Sergeant Gallo's company was ordered to withdraw in the face of overwhelming enemy fire. As the withdrawal was being effected, First Sergeant Gallo observed that his platoon sergeant had been seriously wounded. Under a very heavy barrage of enemy machine gun, artillery and anti-tank fire, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he ran without fear, to the exposed position of the wounded man, and carried him back to a safe position. First Sergeant Gallo's actions saved the life of a fallen comrade, reflecting great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

X Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth W. Collins, 022169, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Delaware.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



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Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	II
Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Albert R. Brownfield, 021905, Field Artillery, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mullerthal, Luxembourg. On 17 December 1944 Lieutenant Colonel Brownfield, in command of a task force composed of tank destroyers and cavalymen, was attacking down a draw with a mission to secure the Combat Command right flank. Control was difficult to maintain in the heavily wooded country, causing considerable lagging. Disregarding intense automatic weapons and small arms fire, Lieutenant Colonel Brownfield joined the leading elements to personally lead them. On three separate occasions he went back to urge the lagging men on and heroically led them forward, on one occasion engaging an enemy group personally. As a result of Lieutenant Colonel Brownfield's actions, 20 dismounted cavalymen who had been pinned down by hostile fire were relieved, the enemy was disorganized, and heavy casualties were inflicted. The personal bravery, fearless leadership, and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Brownfield are in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Lawrence Vlasak, 32090081, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Sibret, Belgium. On 27 December 1944 the tank in which Corporal Vlasak served as a gunner received three direct hits from enemy anti-tank fire and was rendered immobile. All members of the crew, except Corporal Vlasak and the driver, were killed. As the two crewmen were evacuating the tank, the driver was seriously wounded and fell to the ground. Corporal Vlasak, disregarding his personal safety, remained with his fallen comrade despite heavy enemy small arms fire, administered first aid, and covered him with his own body to prevent further injury from hostile fire. Corporal Vlasak's gallantry under fire, his complete disregard for his own safety, and consideration for the safety of his comrade reflect distinct credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Vaclav J. Strudl, 37035773, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with

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military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ermsdorf, Luxembourg. On 24 December 1944, while acting as assistant forward observer, Staff Sergeant Strudl was wounded by hostile artillery fire. After reaching the aid station, he learned that the officer in charge of his section had been wounded and was still under enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Strudl, refusing immediate medical aid, and with complete disregard for his own safety, located the wounded officer and evacuated him. Only after the lieutenant had received first aid, would Staff Sergeant Strudl allow himself to be treated. His actions assisted materially in saving the life of the wounded officer. The coolness under fire, personal bravery, and loyalty to his superior officer displayed by Staff Sergeant Strudl are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Nebraska.


III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Don L. Donald, 6856768, Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ermsdorf, Luxembourg. On 24 December 1944, while acting as assistant forward observer, Private First Class Donald was wounded by hostile artillery fire. After reaching the aid station, he learned that the officer in charge of his section had been wounded and was still under enemy fire. Private First Class Donald, refusing immediate medical aid, and with complete disregard for his own safety, located the wounded officer and evacuated him. Only after the lieutenant had received first aid, would Private First Class Donald allow himself to be treated. His actions assisted materially in saving the life of the wounded officer. The coolness under fire, personal bravery, and loyalty to his superior officer displayed by Private First Class Donald are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

Major Clarence L. Scott, 0461784, Medical Corps, (Arm), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
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HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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Award of Silver Star - - - - -	II
Award, Posthumous, of Air Medal - - - - -	III

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant Robert T. Robinson, 01297590, Infantry, (Armed), Company "B", 80th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg from 16 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. For a period of three days Second Lieutenant Robinson's platoon was completely surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. Every attempt to overrun their position was repulsed, but when his men suffered from fatigue, hunger, and lack of ammunition on the third day, Second Lieutenant Robinson planned for the withdrawal of his platoon. Posing as enemy infantry under cover of darkness, and through four miles of enemy territory, the withdrawal was effected without a single casualty. The intrepid daring, courage and leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant Robinson are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Stephen E. Gates, 0469144, Medical Corps, (Armed), Medical Detachment, 80th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 18 December 1944 to 27 December 1944. On three separate occasions, during extremely heavy artillery and small arms barrages, Captain Gates, with complete disregard for his own safety, deliberately walked to positions where wounded men had fallen, and, although exposed to withering enemy fire, calmly rendered first aid and directed their evacuation. When enemy artillery shells were falling on a building which contained wounded men, Captain Gates entered the building and carried them to safety. His unruffled manner in the face of the enemy was an inspiration to all who observed him, and his brave actions and complete devotion to duty saved the lives of a number of seriously wounded men. The outstanding courage displayed by Captain Gates reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Vincent R. Meschan, (then Second Lieutenant), 01015631, Infantry, (Armed), Company "B", 80th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg from 16 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. For a period of three days First Lieutenant Meschan's platoon was completely



surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. Every attempt to overrun their position was repulsed, but when his men suffered from fatigue, hunger, and lack of ammunition on the third day, First Lieutenant Meschar planned for the withdrawal of his platoon. Posing as enemy infantry under cover of darkness, and through four miles of enemy territory, the withdrawal was effected without a single casualty. The intrepid daring, courage and leadership displayed by First Lieutenant Meschar are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Allen J. Campbell, 16132686, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Waldmullig, Luxembourg on 17 December 1944 while a member of a flank combat patrol. At the outset of his patrol activities, Technician Fifth Grade Campbell was wounded. His wound notwithstanding, he continued with the patrol until intense enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire had pinned it down. Sensing that the patrol was about to be ambushed, Technician Fifth Grade Campbell advanced boldly in the face of hostile machine gun fire, and throwing a hand grenade, eliminated the enemy machine gun crew. He was again wounded during this action. Technician Fifth Grade Campbell's gallantry in action, his coolness under fire and intrepid daring despite a second wound, enabled the rest of his patrol to withdraw to safety, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Joseph C. Hawkins, (then Second Lieutenant), 01016254, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg from 16 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. For a period of three days First Lieutenant Hawkins' platoon was completely surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. Every attempt to overrun their position was repulsed, but when his men suffered from fatigue, hunger, and lack of ammunition on the third day, First Lieutenant Hawkins planned for the withdrawal of his platoon. Posing as enemy infantry under cover of darkness, and through four miles of enemy territory, the withdrawal was effected without a single casualty. The intrepid daring, courage and leadership displayed by First Lieutenant Hawkins are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Maryland.

111. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 28 April 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant Raymond J. Beckerstette, 0390438, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Belgium and Luxembourg, having completed 35 flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of The Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

*S. S. Sogard*  
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FERRY W. JOHNSON,  
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25 February 1945.

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SECTION.

- Award of Silver Star - - - - - I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - - II
- Award of Purple Heart - - - - - III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Fred E. Frazier, 37005058, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Osweiler, Luxembourg, on 18 December 1944. While Staff Sergeant Frazier's company was engaged with the enemy, friendly aircraft mistakenly bombed and strafed the column. As the bombers again dived toward the column, Staff Sergeant Frazier, disregarding heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, climbed out of the turret to the rear deck of his tank which was directly in line of the approach of the diving planes, and signalling with his arms, he waved the planes off so that they, aware of their mistake, pulled out of their dives without further strafing or bombing the column. Staff Sergeant Frazier's utter disregard for his personal safety and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Euripidy Hoomis, 31234134, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium, on 1 January 1945. When the tank of which Private First Class Hoomis was a crew member became disabled by enemy fire, both he and his tank commander were wounded while evacuating it. Observing that the tank commander was seriously wounded, Private First Class Hoomis, notwithstanding his own wounds, carried his comrade through a fire-swept field to a medical aid station 300 yards distant for treatment. Private First Class Hoomis' display of unselfish devotion to his injured comrade, which undoubtedly saved his life, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Robert Clendenen, 13118849, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg, on 17 December 1944. When Staff Sergeant Clendenen's rifle squad was ordered to withdraw from the numerically superior enemy force, he observed that one of his men was wounded and unable to move. Notwithstanding withering enemy small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Clendenen crawled 150 yards to the wounded man and carried him to a position of safety. Staff Sergeant Clendenen's bravery and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Private First Class Juli S. Grant, 37050538, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg, on 17 December 1944. When Private First Class Grant's rifle squad was ordered to withdraw from the numerically superior enemy force, he observed that one of his men was wounded and unable to move. Notwithstanding withering enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Grant crawled 150 yards to the wounded man and carried him to a position of safety. Private First Class Grant's bravery and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Private Vernon D. Adams, 34049125, Company "I", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg, on 17 December 1944. When Private Adams' rifle squad was ordered to withdraw from the numerically superior enemy force, he observed that one of his men was wounded and unable to move. Notwithstanding withering enemy small arms fire, Private Adams crawled 150 yards to the wounded man and carried him to a position of safety. Private Adams' bravery and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Mississippi.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

First Lieutenant George F. Adams, 01011686, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fourth Grade James C. Reed, 34105439, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class William E. Jordan, 39319183, 3600th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. On 26 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Oregon.

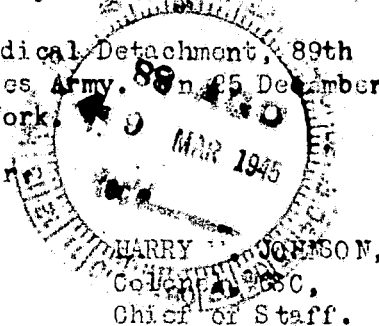
Corporal Luther S. Myers, 37083872, Military Police Platoon, United States Army. On 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Harold V. Fleming, 32611189, Medical Detachment, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 25 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Major Tommie M. Philbeck, 0352238, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. In command of a task force committed against a determined enemy vastly superior in number and fire power, Major Philbeck nonetheless launched an attack, personally supervising its coordination. The presence of Major Philbeck in the forward area, his total disregard for enemy fire and heroic determination which welded his command together, inspired his men to superhuman feats against a superior force. This action prevented the enemy from achieving any of its objectives and enabled friendly troops in the rear to organize for a powerful counter-thrust. The thwarting of this enemy attack was due mainly to the personal bravery and heroic leadership of Major Philbeck, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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\* Captain Leslie C. Green, 0330126, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. The displacement of his battalion having been ordered because of the advance of the numerically superior enemy, Captain Green observed that the adjacent battery's route of withdrawal was cut off. He immediately requested permission, which was granted, to fire direct fire at the approaching enemy 400 yards distant. Despite heavy hostile mortar, machine gun, and artillery fire, he personally supervised and directed the firing of his battery, neutralizing the enemy fire and permitting the adjacent battery to withdraw safely. By this technical skill Captain Green inflicted severe casualties and effected the surrender of scores of the enemy. Captain Green's rare presence of mind and cool courage prevented his battery from becoming surrounded and overrun, reflecting credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ Sergeant Verne A. Marshall, Jr., 16132962, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 22 and 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Corporal Arnold B. Libby, (then Private), 31216688, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 18 to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack M. Settle, 37235367, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 17 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Maynard A. Miller, 38161937, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg from 17 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 670-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Corporal Anthony Papotnik 33082621, Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Private First Class George Joseph, 32620298, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

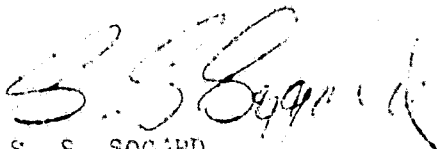
Private First Class Grady Robinson, 34273188, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Joseph F. Chaissen, 11130212, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private William V. Santos, 31234598, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1946, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant Wendell O. Darrell, (then Private First Class), 31200237, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Noville, Luxembourg on 19 December 1944. Sergeant Darrell manned a machine gun on the right flank of approximately two squads of friendly riflemen when the enemy launched a tank and infantry attack in their direction. Due to the apparent overwhelming odds, orders were given for a withdrawal. Sergeant Darrell and his assistant gunner, however, remained in their position, opened fire on the enemy in spite of heavy hostile small arms, mortar, and machine gun fire, and stubbornly resisted the attack until such time when nearby friendly troops moved to their support and repulsed the attack. Sergeant Darrell's personal bravery and complete disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Walter G. Stockdale, 01016200, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Senonchamps, Belgium on 29 December 1944. The tank commanded by First Lieutenant Stockdale was disabled by enemy anti-tank fire and he sustained a fractured knee. Despite the hindrance of his painful injury, First Lieutenant Stockdale skillfully removed a seriously wounded crew member from the burning tank and slowly and laboriously carried him through concentrated enemy artillery fire to medical aid. The unflinching devotion to duty, utter disregard for personal safety, and loyalty to a wounded soldier displayed by First Lieutenant Stockdale undoubtedly saved the man's life, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Earl W. Lucas, (then Private), 35169387, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Noville, Luxembourg on 19 December 1944. Corporal Lucas assisted in manning a machine gun on the right flank of approximately two squads of friendly riflemen when the enemy launched a tank and infantry attack in their direction. Due to the apparent overwhelming odds, orders were given for a withdrawal. Corporal Lucas and the gunner, however, remained in their position, opened fire on the enemy in spite of hostile small arms, mortar, and machine gun fire, and stubbornly resisted the attack until such time when nearby friendly troops moved to their support and repulsed the attack. Corporal Lucas' personal bravery and complete disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin O. Myers, (then Private First Class), 35736317, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium on 1 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Myers, as an aid man of a company withdrawing in the face of a numerically superior foe, on two occasions observed a wounded comrade lying in exposed positions on a high ridge. Twice, with utter disregard for his safety, and in spite of enemy observation and fierce fire, he reached the wounded, administered first aid, and carried them back to safety. Later a platoon leader fell wounded, but due to his position and intensity of the fighting it was not until darkness that Technician Fifth Grade Myers successfully reached the wounded officer's side and effected his evacuation. Technician Fifth Grade Myers' courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold E. Lee, 3726992, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Beaufort, Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Lee, as gunner and car commander of an armored car, effectively placed fire on the approaching enemy, enabling the remainder of his section and dismounted men to withdraw. Although his vehicle had received several direct hits from anti-tank grenades and his machine gun failed to function, Technician Fifth Grade Lee remained at his exposed position, firing his carbine and 37mm gun alternately until he was ordered to abandon his vehicle. Technician Fifth Grade Lee's action aided materially in the saving of the lives of many friendly troops and the safe withdrawal of a battalion command post. Technician Fifth Grade Lee's heroic stand with total disregard for his own safety, his devotion to duty, coolness and bravery in the face of the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Sidney J. Botsford, (then Private First Class), 37463453, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium on 1 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Botsford, as an aid man of a company withdrawing in the face of a numerically superior foe, on two occasions observed a wounded comrade lying in exposed positions on a high ridge. Twice, with utter disregard for his safety, and in spite of enemy observation and fierce fire, he reached the wounded, administered first aid, and carried them back to safety. Later a platoon leader fell wounded, but due to his position and intensity of the fighting it was not until darkness that Technician Fifth Grade Botsford successfully reached the wounded officer's side and effected his evacuation. Technician Fifth Grade Botsford's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION). By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man (missing in action):

Sergeant Edwin L. Powell, 34114667, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. When the leading tank of the column was hit by enemy fire destroying communications with the rest of the column, the tank commander was wounded. Sergeant Powell, realizing the need for immediate coordination, dismounted from his tank situated at the column's rear, climbed upon the disabled tank, and directed fire by shouting to the turret gunner through the open hatch. Other tanks in the column were able to adjust their fire accordingly by observing the bursts from the leading tank. The rare presence of mind exercised by Sergeant Powell in maintaining the tactical effectiveness of his column at a critical moment proved a decisive factor in enabling it to successfully accomplish its mission. Sergeant Powell's initiative and intrepid daring are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from South Carolina.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Richard D. Graham, (then Private), 39012763, Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bullingen, Belgium on 17 December 1944. Private First Class Graham was an assistant driver and machine gunner in a truck which was part of an ammunition train. When the column was attacked and split by enemy reconnaissance cars, realizing that these enemy cars were blocking the road, Private First Class Graham, without regard for his personal safety, mounted his 50 caliber machine gun, and from an exposed position engaged two enemy reconnaissance cars which attempted to destroy the halted column. He succeeded in holding off this attack, thereby enabling the trucks in the rear to escape, preventing the destruction of vitally needed trucks and ammunition. Private First Class Graham's personal bravery and aggressive action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from California

Technician Fourth Grade James L. Morgan, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 37056056, Battery "A", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at



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Savelborn, Luxembourg on 22 December 1944. Technician Fourth Grade Morgan was a member of an observation section when heavy enemy fire destroyed all wire communications and set fire to a shed concealing an armored car and the artillery observer's half-track. Gasoline and ammunition in the armored car commenced to explode, spraying the area with blazing fuel and flying steel. Technician Fourth Grade Morgan, realizing the immediate necessity of friendly artillery support and that the sole means of communication was the radio in the half-track, unhesitatingly crawled through hostile fire to the burning structure and drove the half-track to a position of comparative safety. From this position he called for all available artillery support until the attack was repulsed. The presence of mind, prompt courageous action and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Morgan reflect credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

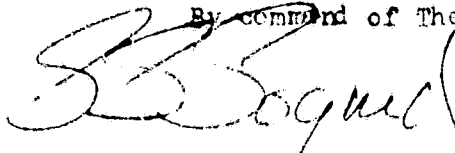
Private James T. Tidrick, #896744, Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bullingen, Belgium on 17 December 1944. Private Tidrick was driving the second truck of an ammunition train when the column was attacked by enemy reconnaissance cars. Private Tidrick was severely wounded in the back during the encounter but, his wounds notwithstanding, he remained at the wheel of his truck and continued to drive for five miles until the column had escaped and could be halted. Through his cool courage and personal heroism, he prevented the blocking of a critical road and thus aided directly in preventing vitally needed trucks and ammunition from falling into enemy hands. Private Tidrick's personal bravery is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Arthur C. DeLorme, 36273237, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sibret, Belgium on 1 January 1945. Private First Class DeLorme was manning a machine gun when his company was attacked by a numerically superior enemy. When it was apparent that the advancing enemy could no longer be contained, Private First Class DeLorme disengaged his machine gun from its tripod, climbed out of his foxhole and, disregarding the withering fire directed at him, with contemptuous audacity retaliated by firing his machine gun from the hip. Private First Class DeLorme's bravery, outstanding courage and complete disregard for personal safety inspired his comrades with the result that his company repulsed a much stronger enemy force, reflecting great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant John F. Gilbert, (then Second Lieutenant), 01180911, Battery "B", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium from 17 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant Felic V. Fernandez, 38005633, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg on 19 December 1944. While he was dismounted and leading his tank into a position supposedly cleared of enemy troops, an enemy machine gun fired upon him at close range. Sergeant Fernandez, rather than seek the safety of his tank, singlehandedly attacked the enemy position. Despite fierce enemy fire directed upon him, he wounded the enemy gunner with a burst from his weapon, then rushing the position, kicked the machine gun beyond reach of the gunner and took him prisoner. Sergeant Fernandez then continued alone to search the woods in the vicinity and returned with three additional prisoners. The utter disregard for personal safety and gallantry displayed by Sergeant Fernandez are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Sergeant Matthew Nevin, 36384711, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium on 26 December 1944. When his squad was engaged as infantry during an enemy heavy armor and infantry attack, Sergeant Nevin was wounded by enemy rifle fire through his right hand. Though unable to fire his weapon, Sergeant Nevin steadfastly refused to be evacuated to safety, pleading to stay in command of his squad, which he continued to direct by crawling from foxhole to foxhole, reassuring and inspiring his men. Only when assured 24 hours later that the situation was well in hand did he consent to evacuation. This valorous display of fortitude and leadership reflect credit upon Sergeant Nevin and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant Ralph C. Baird, 32148533, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chenogne, Belgium on 30 December 1944. With the mission of establishing an outpost under cover of darkness, Sergeant Baird, in command of an armored car, hailed an approaching vehicle which he had reason to believe was friendly. When the guns of this vehicle opened up in answer at a distance of 20 yards, Sergeant Baird, rather than

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seek protection behind his turret, manned his machine gun, forcing the vehicle to withdraw. During this action Sergeant Baird was killed. Sergeant Baird's courageous action and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Clarence E. Pruden, 36273197, Company "C", 9th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sibret, Belgium on 1 January 1945. During a stubborn defense against enemy attack by his depleted company, Staff Sergeant Pruden, realizing the urgent need for automatic weapons fire, ordered a half-track with a mounted machine gun to assume a position for a better field of fire. While manning the machine gun, he observed a friendly tank moving into his support, the approach of which attracted retaliating fire from enemy anti tank guns. Staff Sergeant Pruden disregarded this sudden concentration of enemy fire and remained at his gun until mortally wounded. Staff Sergeant Pruden's alertness for the need of machine gun fire and his display of heroism so stimulated his men that the enemy attack was repulsed. His unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Pruden reflects great credit upon himself and the traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant Felix V. Fernandez, 38005353, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savalborn, Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. During the attack of his company through a wooded area, the infantry support became disorganized while in close contact with the enemy. Sergeant Fernandez, realizing that the attack could not proceed without effective support, dismounted from his tank, organized a patrol, and led it into the woods. Sergeant Fernandez' quick action resulted in the capture or kill of the enemy and neutralized the threat to the flanks of the column, thus enabling the attack to proceed. This heroism, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Fernandez reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Mexico.

Technician Fifth Grade Murray A. Daugherty, 34474950, Medical Detachment, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Elmer L. Parks, 01287573, Infantry, (Ar 1), Company "A", 6th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

By command of The Division Commander:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Vincent P. McCarthy, 01017740, Infantry, (Arm'd), Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg from 16 to 19 December 1944. For a period of three days First Lieutenant McCarthy's platoon was completely surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. Every attempt to overrun their position was repulsed, but when his men suffered from fatigue, hunger, and lack of ammunition on the third day, First Lieutenant McCarthy planned for the withdrawal of his platoon. Posing as enemy infantry under cover of darkness, and through four miles of enemy territory, the withdrawal was effected without a single casualty. The intrepid daring, courage, and leadership displayed by First Lieutenant McCarthy are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. 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, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant Hubert H. Hightower, 34104956, Battery "B", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Haller, Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. After accurate enemy counterbattery fire had wounded two members of his section, Sergeant Hightower carried them through hostile fire to the safety of a dugout and then secured medical aid. Returning to his gun, Sergeant Hightower performed the duties of his entire crew by laying it for deflection and elevation, then loading and firing it himself. In this manner Sergeant Hightower continued to execute fire missions despite continued enemy shell fire falling on the position. The courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to his comrades displayed by Sergeant Hightower exemplify the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private Willie P. Poteat, 34114036, Battery "B", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Neidingen, Belgium on 21 December 1944. Private Poteat acted as radio operator for a forward observation party with a reconnaissance troop. This forward observation party was subjected to artillery and mortar fire, and time was insufficient for Private Poteat to dig in at this exposed position. Realizing the necessity for bringing artillery fire on this attack and that time was not available to change to a safer position, Private Poteat, without regard for his personal safety, calmly continued to transmit the observer's commands for fire from this position until wounded. Private Poteat's coolness in action, personal bravery under fire and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant Joseph T. Dougall, Jr., (then Corporal), 37041602, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Waldbillig, Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. At the time of a numerically superior infantry attack supported by tanks and artillery, Staff Sergeant Dougall was aware that his troop could not hold the town of Waldbillig. With rare presence of mind, Staff Sergeant Dougall commanded a quarter-ton vehicle and stopped at various strategic points within the village to fire a mounted machine gun, thus confusing the approaching enemy into believing that a larger force was holding the town. This daring action stopped the enemy advance and so inspired his men to redouble their efforts, that the enemy was forced to withdraw. Staff Sergeant Dougall's outstanding leadership and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

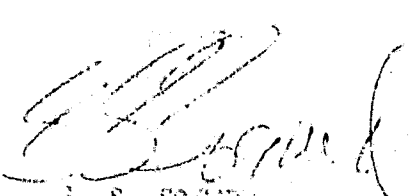
Captain Charles A. Brown, O 25428, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Belgium on 19 and 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Marvin S. McCullough, 38161255, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 20 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

By command of the Division Commander:

HARRY L. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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S. S. SCOBAY,  
Lt. Col., AMT,  
Adjutant General.

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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

*\* Citation amend. by 20144-20 July 1945*

\* Private James P. Connors, 33308554, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chenogne, Belgium on 8 January 1945, while leading a rifle squad in an attack against well organized enemy positions. When the squad's advance was pinned down, Private Connors unhesitatingly crawled to a position where he could outflank the enemy fire. With cool precision he neutralized the fire by killing one man, wounding two, and capturing a third. Upon being halted a second time, Private Connors, with outstanding bravery and complete disregard for his personal safety, again moved to the flank of an enemy machine gun, killing an enemy sniper while so doing. Having eliminated this enemy strongpoint, he was maneuvering his squad toward its objective when he was mortally wounded. Private Connors' inspiring gallantry and determination which enabled his squad to attain its objective despite stubborn enemy resistance, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provision of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Herbert G. Pulsifer, (then Second Lieutenant), 01015683, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Vellereux, Belgium on 21 December 1944. With instructions to proceed with his tank column to the village of Vellereux for the purpose of supporting friendly troops who were containing a numerically superior enemy attack and in dire need of tank support, First Lieutenant Pulsifer preceded his platoon for the purpose of making a reconnaissance. Upon arrival he quickly appraised the situation and without waiting for his column to join him, and with utter disregard of the heavy enemy fire directed at him, First Lieutenant Pulsifer plunged forward into the enemy occupied village in his lone tank. With his guns blasting at the enemy positions he attacked with such fury that the enemy was forced to withdraw. First Lieutenant Pulsifer's gallantry in action reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Sergeant Richard Forke, 37036290, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg on 22 December 1944. During an enemy artillery attack Sergeant Forke

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observed two enemy self-propelled guns at 100 yards approaching his right front. Realizing they could outflank and destroy friendly antiaircraft artillery to the left flank, Sergeant Forke ran 300 yards through enemy artillery fire to his platoon command post where he mounted an armored car and, acting alone, he loaded and fired on the advancing enemy self-propelled guns, destroying the first and causing the second to withdraw. Sergeant Forke's gallant action and utter disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Jack O. Hineline, 35345627, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Savelborn, Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Upon reaching a point designated as the line of departure for an attack, the half-track of Private First Class Hineline sustained a direct hit from an enemy concealed position. The machine gunner was killed and Private First Class Hineline suffered a compound leg fracture and other profusely bleeding wounds. Despite the severity of his wounds, Private First Class Hineline refused evacuation, but remained in the vehicle and manned the machine gun for the next hour under heavy enemy fire, enabling the rest of his platoon to seek cover, reconnoiter and clear the enemy from their concealed positions. His fearless courage and fortitude resulted in securing the line of departure for the approaching friendly troops. Private First Class Hineline's valorous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated.

First Lieutenant Carl E. Linder, Jr., 01011420, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Second Lieutenant Stokes Templeton, 01018478, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Georgie E. Clevenger, 7040226, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl S. Burris, 35741281, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIALS

S. S. SCOTLAND,  
Lt. Colonel, ASD,  
Adjutant General.

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1944, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Andrew Spencer, 0469956, Field Artillery, (Armored), 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Langvilly, Belgium, on 19 December 1944. When the Fire Direction Center was destroyed, Captain Spencer immediately assumed command for the purpose of coordinating three firing batteries of artillery. As the enemy approached, Captain Spencer, realizing that there was no friendly infantry support, adjusted fire to destroy enemy positions, directed the displacing of batteries to better positions, and organized a perimeter defense, delaying the advance of a numerically superior enemy. When orders were given for withdrawal, Captain Spencer kept his battalion in position to cover other units leaving the area, remaining until last to direct vehicles and assist the evacuation of casualties. Captain Spencer's heroic leadership and courage reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Louis T. Moore, (then Private), 37234880, Medical Detachment, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium on 25 and 26 December 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, and while exposed to intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, Private First Class Moore repeatedly made his way to wounded comrades and administered aid. On one occasion, he evacuated three wounded comrades from extreme forward positions, and in another instance, on hearing the call of a wounded officer, Private First Class Moore, with gallant daring, painstakingly made his way through a hail of enemy sniper fire, administered aid to the officer, and evacuated him to safety. Private First Class Moore's outstanding heroism and supreme devotion to duty served as a constant inspiration to his comrades and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1944, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

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Sergeant William J. Pakkala, 36403701, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sennechamps, Belgium, on 1 January 1945. Sergeant Pakkala was machine gun squad leader in one of three tank-supported rifle platoons spearheading an attack on the town of Sennechamps. When the supporting tanks were driven back by heavy enemy artillery and anti-tank fire and his platoon was cut off, Sergeant Pakkala moved a machine gun to an exposed and commanding position, and returned the withering fire of the enemy to cover the retreat of his platoon until all had withdrawn. Sergeant Pakkala's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

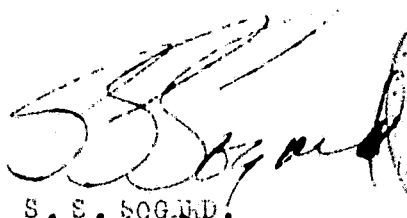
Private Delbert H. Ivers, 15043277, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sennechamps, Belgium, on 1 January 1945. Private Ivers was a machine gunner in one of three tank-supported rifle platoons spearheading an attack on the town of Sennechamps. When the supporting tanks were driven back by heavy enemy artillery and anti-tank fire and his platoon was cut off, Private Ivers moved a machine gun to an exposed and commanding position, and returned the withering fire of the enemy to cover the retreat of his platoon until he was mortally wounded. Private Ivers's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

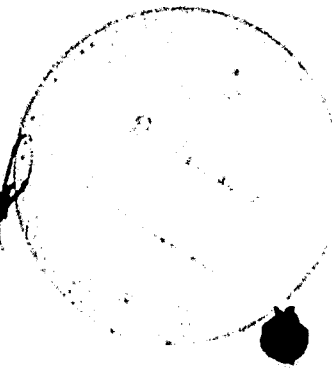
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Vincent R. Meschan, 01015631, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sennechamps, Belgium, on 1 January 1945. Lieutenant Meschan was platoon leader of the most forward of three tank supported rifle platoons spearheading an attack on the town of Sennechamps. When the supporting tanks were driven back by heavy enemy artillery and anti-tank fire and his platoon was cut off, Lieutenant Meschan moved a machine gun to an exposed and commanding position, and returned the withering fire of the enemy until all of his platoon had safely withdrawn. Lieutenant Meschan's heroic action and leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

  
HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - - II

1. **AWARD OF SILVER STAR.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Ray H. Pearson, (then Second Lieutenant), 0539537, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Colchausen, Belgium on 21 December 1944. First Lieutenant Pearson maintained a dug-in observation post 150 yards in front of the infantry. When heavy infantry attacked, they reached an area so close to his position that it was necessary for First Lieutenant Pearson to whisper his directions into the radio microphone and to adjust fire on his own observation post. His skillful adjustment of time fire caused the enemy to withdraw with heavy casualties. The intrepid daring and devotion to duty of First Lieutenant Pearson are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain Glen L. Strange, 0101156, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Neubruck, Belgium. On 22 December 1944, the entire command post, including the battalion commander, Captain Strange, and other personnel, was captured by the enemy. As enemy guards were searching some of them, including Captain Strange, to the rear area as prisoners, the group was caught in an exchange of machine gun fire. Fearing the frustration of the enemy guards, Captain Strange escaped. As he was passing a nearby road junction, he came upon a platoon of friendly tanks. Intent upon rescuing his battalion commander and other personnel who were left at the command post, he immediately took charge, and laying devastating, direct enemy fire, Captain Strange personally led an attack that recaptured the command post, released the battalion commander and other personnel, as well as capturing 22 of the enemy. The intrepid courage and loyalty to his comrades exemplified by Captain Strange are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain William C. Leachman, 0558101, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Neurest, Belgium on 19 and 20 December 1944. As Captain Leachman's vehicle was withdrawing towards Neurest, Belgium with a column of vehicles of various units, they were halted by enemy fire. As the fire grew in intensity the column became panicky and began to abandon their vehicles. Realizing the disaster that the confusion could create, Captain Leachman leaped from his vehicle and upon mounting enough men to man the combat vehicles, personally led an attack on the enemy, forcing them to withdraw. Having reached Neurest, Belgium, Captain Leachman, that night, ably assisted in the plans that successfully contained a prolonged enemy attack. In the execution of these orders

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order to withdraw, Captain Lochman effected the evacuation of his forces as well as all of the wounded. The coolness under fire, inspiring leadership, and loyalty to his comrades displayed by Captain Lochman reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Ray E. Gilpin, 37235337, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Foubreck, Belgium on 22 December 1944. Hearing of a soldier lying wounded and exposed to enemy small arms and artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Gilpin, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled to the aid of his comrade, administered aid, and though wounded in the process, dragged the wounded man back to the aid station. After having his wounds assessed, Technician Fifth Grade Gilpin again exposed himself to enemy fire to unload wounded from an ambulance. When the safety of the aid station became endangered by enemy fire and capture was imminent, Technician Fifth Grade Gilpin ran through intense enemy small arms fire to the enemy command post to make terms with the enemy for the safe removal of the wounded. The devotion to duty and outstanding heroism displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Gilpin is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Thomas R. Barnett, 6938702, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Noidingen, Belgium on 19 December 1944. When his company lost contact with battalion headquarters, Private Barnett volunteered to contact another company previously reported on the left flank. To accomplish this mission it was necessary to cross areas raked by enemy artillery fire and to move through a town occupied by the enemy. Private Barnett accomplished the mission and returned with the information so that his company was enabled to successfully withdraw and contact its battalion. The successful completion of Private Barnett's mission saved his company from possible encirclement. His gallantry in the face of unknown danger on a lone mission is in conformity with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

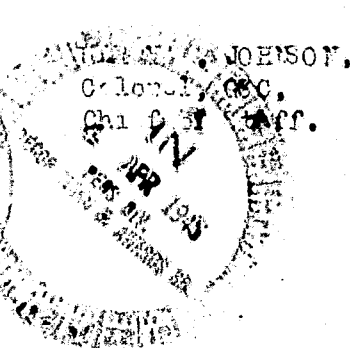
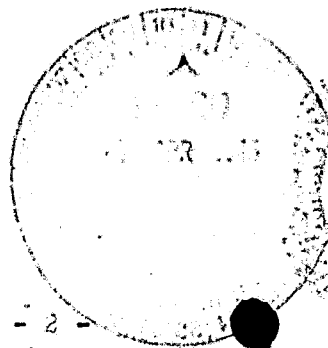
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

*\* Status changed to MIA by GO 82 - 11 May 1945*  
Technical Sergeant Joseph A. Colapozzo, 36036463, Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 17 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
S. S. SOCARD,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Alias D. Samaras, 31233987, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Neubruck, Belgium on 22 December 1944. When the battalion command post was overrun by the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Samaras was among those made prisoner, but continued to care for the wounded. To treat the seriously wounded more effectively, Technician Fifth Grade Samaras arranged to have an enemy soldier accompany him back to the battalion aid station for medical supplies. The enemy soldier deserted him under heavy shelling, but Technician Fifth Grade Samaras took cover in a ditch, still hoping to reach the aid station. When the intense artillery fire made this impossible, he returned to the command post, but tried again to reach the aid station and was driven back, slightly wounded. He made a third attempt, but was driven back by intense fire, and was preparing to make a fourth attempt when help arrived. Technician Fifth Grade Samaras' determination and perseverance reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private Richard R. L. Chambers, 34190066, Company "B", 80th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Senonchamps, Belgium on 1 January 1945. Private Chambers was a machine gunner in one of three tank-supported rifle platoons spearheading an attack on the town of Senonchamps, Belgium. When the supporting tanks were driven back by heavy enemy artillery and anti-tank fire and his platoon was cut off, Private Chambers moved a machine gun to an exposed and commanding position, and returned the withering fire of the enemy to cover the retreat of his platoon, until he was mortally wounded. Private Chambers' heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION). By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer (missing in action):

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Lieutenant Colonel Ralph S. Harper, 019645, Cavalry, (Armed), Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 15 to 21 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Harper served as Battalion commander of the 2d Tank Battalion attached to Combat Command "A", 9th Armored Division, which was overrun by numerically superior enemy forces before Bastogne, Belgium, but which succeeded in delaying the enemy advance on that city for a period of 36 hours. The 2d Tank Battalion displayed a high standard of training and combat efficiency throughout the operation. Lieutenant Colonel Harper exhibited a loyalty and a devotion to duty which reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 800-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class August L. Smith, (then Private), 5817047, Troop "B", 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chateau, Belgium on 30 December 1944. On hearing the cries of one of two wounded men at a listening post only 30 yards from enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Smith, without orders, and knowing of the proximity of enemy fire, ran to them and effected the removal of the wounded men to safety. His action saved them from probable capture and made valuable information in the possession of the wounded men available for repulsing a proposed enemy attack. Private First Class Smith's courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Frank E. Garay, 20546093, Company "B", 24th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Grilchesen, Belgium on 21 December 1944. During an enemy attack, it became necessary for Private First Class Garay's company to establish contact with flanking units. Private First Class Garay volunteered for the mission, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled through an intense barrage of small arms fire. He encountered an enemy patrol and engaged it, killing two of them before he was able to continue and successfully accomplish his mission. Private First Class Garay's displayed courage and heroic action reflect the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from West Virginia.

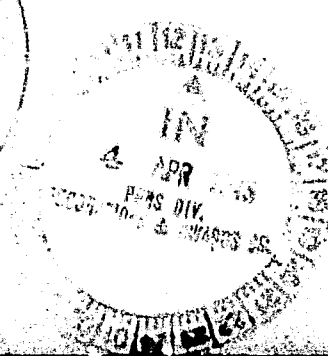
By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



H. J. JOHNSON,  
Colonel, G-1,  
Chief of Staff.



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Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster . . . . . I  
Award of Purple Heart . . . . . II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Private Harold M. Dunn, 3700000, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in countries indicated:

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Hanson, 016942, Field Artillery, (Arm'd), Headquarters 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Robert H. Brooker, 01106017, Corps of Engineers, (Arm'd), Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Raymond L. Hancock, 0454099, Cavalry, (Arm'd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. On 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Second Lieutenant Herbert G. Walker, 0553554, Corps of Engineers, (Arm'd), Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Recognition Fifth Grade John F. Oehl, 36619306, Company "G", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class George E. DesJardins, 36409206, Company "G", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Earling D. Peterson, 37089678, Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Norbert W. Fitzgerald, 36637615, Company "G", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oregon.