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Technician Fifth Grade Lindley J. Maholz, 17067294, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

← Private William S. J. Berry, 31255635, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Frank S. Markums, 32620678, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army. On 13 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Leo Gluza, 36316201, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Ervin W. Hedgecoth, 35265717, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Ernest H. Merkel, 35111774, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Willard L. Montgomery, 37104584, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert B. Hart, 33229897, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Elmer H. Abrud, 37320288, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private John Harvey, Jr., 15089229, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

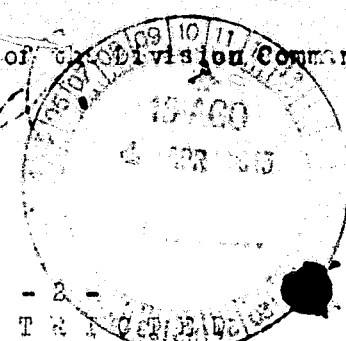
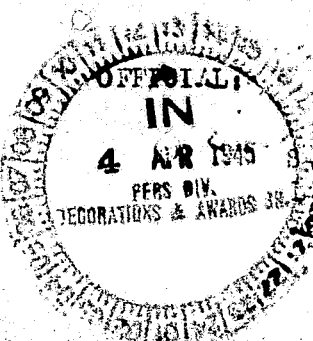
Private First Class Everett C. Carter, 35664275, Military Police Platoon, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Edwin W. Edney, 34474899, Military Police Platoon, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

By command of the Division Commander:

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

HARRY W. JOHNSON,  
Capt. 1, 830,  
Chief of Staff.



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19 March 1945.

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I. **AWARD OF SILVER STAR.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of AM 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 Willie Stumpe, 15056190, Headquarters Company, 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. Repeatedly during extremely heavy artillery and small arms barrages, Technician Fifth Grade Stumpe, with complete disregard for his personal safety, deliberately walked to positions where wounded men had fallen, and, though exposed to the withering enemy fire, he carried the men back to the aid station for treatment. Through the gallantry of Technician Fifth Grade Stumpe, the lives of many men were undoubtedly saved. The heroism and loyalty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Stumpe are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Thomas C. Hand, 35104143, 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 on 18 December 1944. When a part of his platoon was ambushed by a strong enemy force, Technical Sergeant Hand and his remaining men infiltrated through enemy lines and reached battalion headquarters. There he learned that all front line companies had been surrounded for thirty-six hours and all communications with them were out off. That night Technical Sergeant Hand and his company commander infiltrated through four miles of enemy held territory and contacted the isolated units the following day, where he helped devise a daring and spectacular withdrawal plan. Through sheer skill, courage and determination, Technical Sergeant Hand assisted in leading 200 officers and men of his own and adjacent companies through enemy lines without suffering a single casualty though his column often passed enemy outposts, motorized and dismounted columns, and other enemy installations. The outstanding leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Hand is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Third Grade Richard A. Yantis, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 1907458, 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 Neubruck, Belgium on 22 December 1944. Technician Third Grade Yantis crawled 300 yards through the cold water of a drainage ditch under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to treat and bring back a wounded man. A few hours later when the enemy had overrun and captured the aid station, Technician Third Grade Yantis, though a prisoner, went to the aid of two seriously wounded men. When friendly forces were counterattacking and Technician Third Grade

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Yantis realized that the captured aid station faced annihilation by friendly fire. He escaped from his captors, quickly mounted a vehicle, and ran the gauntlet of enemy fire, continuing though wounded, until he reached the counterattacking friendly tank elements to advise them to divert their fire from the aid station. Technician Third Grade Yantis' courage and gallantry are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Master Sergeant Stephen S. Price, (then Staff Sergeant), 32609668, Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ma-bruck, Belgium on 22 December 1944. Master Sergeant Price, though wounded, successfully led a small group of men through small arms, mortar and artillery fire to an enemy-held field to recover several vehicles previously abandoned by a friendly unit when the enemy overran their position. Later, upon being informed that the battalion command post had been captured, he coordinated a small force which participated in recapturing the command post, releasing the battalion commander and other friendly troops, as well as capturing twenty-two of the enemy. The determination and gallant leadership of Master Sergeant Price reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. 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:

Private First Class James J. Boland, 33400340, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Steinbruck, Belgium on 18 December 1944. During an extremely heavy artillery barrage upon the position of Private First Class Boland's company, a soldier suffering from battle fatigue jumped from his foxhole and rushed blindly towards the enemy lines. With utter disregard for his personal safety and defying devastating enemy fire, Private First Class Boland pursued the man, and after tackling him, he held him in a foxhole until medical aid arrived. The heroic action and courage of Private First Class Boland saved the soldier from death or capture by the enemy, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade James L. Tompleton, 33091994, Medical Detachment, 39th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg from 16 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Clyde E. Babbs, 35047642, Medical Detachment, 39th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg from 16 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

III. 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:

Sergeant Raymond W. Askre, 37093432, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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**IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, 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 Julius J. Kronick, 13011629, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Stanley B. Rupnicki, 13004700, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert H. Fields, 13017038, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Carlton Garner, 6997044, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant J. C. Webb, 14092704, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Alvin R. Theden, 36278472, Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Vernon E. Ellis, 37004725, Headquarters Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Donald E. Gabriel, 36524150, Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Melvin J. Russell, 36113704, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Lonnie Thompson, 35636395, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Laurence H. Swync, 53075237, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John L. McFarland, 6983913, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Corporal Louis F. Pariergast, 51250810, Military Police Platoon, United States Army. On 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest B. Moore, 37104626, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Corporal William M. Gray, 6947563, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Vernon L. McDonaldson, 13018792, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Steven C. Papp, 36843295, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Edward J. Kukielski, 6912566, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Pete R. Torres, 18009466, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. On 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Bruce Thiebauth, 42144981, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private William A. Dobson, 34997947, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private Ira E. Potock, 36831410, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

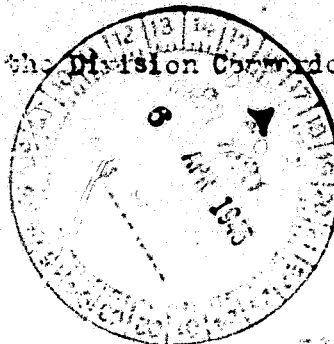
Corporal Kenneth S. Glendon, 16271834, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade John H. Steward, 34474419, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

By command of the Division Commander:

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*S. S. Fogard*  
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Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 500-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Jack Berry, 54937544, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorf Bridge. Private First Class Berry, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private First Class Berry's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Dean T. Craig, 36906946, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorf Bridge. Private First Class Craig, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private First Class Craig's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Marvin D. Jensen, 37462687, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorf Bridge. Private First Class Jensen, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private First Class Jensen's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge and in

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the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Phillip J. Lawrence, 37236860, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorf Bridge. Private First Class Lawrence, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private First Class Lawrence's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Martin J. Reed, 37234534, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorf Bridge. Private First Class Reed, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private First Class Reed's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class John F. Ayres, Jr., 39247968, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorf Bridge. Private First Class Ayres, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private First Class Ayres' devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorf Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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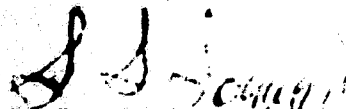
Private Carl A. Parnell, 37643490, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorff Bridge. Private Parnell, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private Parnell's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorff Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Artie L. Massie, 33662725, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorff Bridge. Private Massie, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private Massie's devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorff Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private Joseph K. Peoples, 34863525, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany. At about 1400 hours on 7 March 1945, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion passed through Remagen, Germany and was given the order to cross the Rhine River via the Ludendorff Bridge. Private Peoples, as a member of the lead element, crossed the bridge under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire directed on the bridge from both sides of the Rhine River's banks. Pressing on across the bridge after clearing it of snipers, they branched out and began clearing the shores on the east bank of the Rhine of snipers and gun crews. Private Peoples' devotion to duty and gallant action in the taking of the Ludendorff Bridge and in the establishment of the first bridgehead across the Rhine River by American troops are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
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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:

Second Lieutenant Harold S. Pivnick, 01185276, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bruckhausen, Germany, on 9 March 1945. Second Lieutenant Pivnick was a member of an artillery liaison party in support of infantry units at the initial crossings of the Rhine River at Remagen on 7 March 1945. He continued in the support of these infantry units as they expanded the bridgehead. On 9 March a direct hit by enemy shell on his observation post disabled his radio and wounded both his radio operator and assistant. Providing for the successful evacuation of the wounded, Second Lieutenant Pivnick, realizing the urgent need of continuous artillery support at a critical stage in the defense of a town against an enemy counter-attack, secured a new radio and notwithstanding the heavy enemy shelling at his position, continued with his duties until the mission was accomplished. Second Lieutenant Pivnick's display of courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered the military service from Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant John R. Tuerk, 32543854, Company "B", 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. Staff Sergeant Tuerk's company was ordered to withdraw due to persistent and shattering artillery and machine gun fire. When an outpost was cut off from friendly lines by the enemy advance, Staff Sergeant Tuerk, despite the danger from friendly and enemy artillery fire, returned through the enemy lines, found the outpost and directed the men to friendly territory. To cover their withdrawal he exposed himself in order to draw the enemy fire, thereby sustaining a serious wound. Staff Sergeant Tuerk's gallantry in action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Raymond W. Akre, 37093482, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bruckhausen, Germany, on 9 March 1945. Sergeant Akre, was a member of an artillery liaison party in support of infantry units at the initial crossings of the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, on 7 March 1945. He continued in the support of these infantry units as they expanded

the bridgehead. On 9 March, a direct hit by an enemy shell on his observation post killed Sergeant Aakre's commanding officer. Realizing the urgent and immediate need of continuous artillery support at a critical stage in the defense of a town against an enemy counter-attack, Sergeant Aakre assumed command and continued in such capacity until the mission was accomplished. Sergeant Aakre's courageous display of initiative is in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

Corporal James A. Mouat, Jr., 13007829, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bruckhausen, Germany, on 9 March 1945. Corporal Mouat was a radio operator of an artillery liaison party in support of infantry units at the initial crossings of the Rhine River at Remagen on 7 March 1945. He continued in the support of these infantry units as they expanded the bridgehead. On 9 March, realizing the urgent and immediate need of continuous artillery support at a critical stage in the defense of a town against an enemy counter-attack, Corporal Mouat established his station in a dangerous position and remained there throughout heavy shelling until a direct enemy hit demolished his radio and seriously wounded him. Corporal Mouat's courageous display of initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Second Lieutenant David L. Rubert, 02005701, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bruckhausen, Germany, on 9 March 1945. Second Lieutenant Rubert was a forward observer of an artillery liaison party in support of infantry units at the initial crossings of the Rhine River at Remagen on 7 March 1945. He continued in the support of these infantry units as they expanded the bridgehead. On 9 March, realizing the urgent and immediate need of continuous artillery support at a critical stage in the defense of a town against an enemy counter-attack, Second Lieutenant Rubert remained at his post under heavy shelling, calmly observing and effectively directing artillery fire on the attacking enemy until mortally wounded. Second Lieutenant Rubert's steadfast devotion to duty is an inspiration to the men with whom he served and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

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:

Technical Sergeant Ralph B. Butler, 35169616, Service Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maguret, Belgium, on 19 and 20 December 1944. When his battalion headquarters detachment was fighting its way to a friendly area after being cut off, Technical Sergeant Butler volunteered to lead a combat patrol to determine strengths and positions in an enemy-held town. He brought back information which enabled the detachment to set up a defensive position from which several enemy attacks were repulsed

During the night. Before dawn Technical Sergeant Butler led the detachment three hundred yards through enemy-guarded positions to friendly vehicles. Although the force included about twenty wounded, the move was completed swiftly and silently and the entire detachment was safely withdrawn by the morning. The tactical skill and courage of Technical Sergeant Butler are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Varne E. Smith, 17128934, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galchause, Belgium, on 21 December 1944. During a night attack by the enemy, an artillery shell set fire to a half-track loaded with ammunition and mines. Realizing that the company's night defensive positions were exposed to the enemy by the light of the flames, Technician Fourth Grade Smith, with an utter disregard for the indiscriminate exploding ammunition, rushed to the vehicle and extinguished the fire. Technician Fourth Grade Smith's prompt and courageous action contributed materially to the continued defense of the company and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Wayne S. Curlee, 01178117, Field Artillery, (Armored) Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 11 March 1945. Entered military service Colorado.

Private Jakie Bentley, 13017050, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 7 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class John Dross, 13011616, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 7 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Roy Hardwick, 01011894, Infantry, (Armored), 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 16 December to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Major Dwight S. Hull, 0325558, Field Artillery, (Armored), 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 16 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Harold D. Brown, W-2119711, United States Army, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 20 November 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon V. Fehr, 36051151, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

(Sec III, CO No 41, Hq 9th Arm Div, APO 259, U. S. Army, 21 Mar 1945, Com)

Captain Paul Russomanno, 0419913, Medical Corps, (Armored), 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 Illinois.

Private First Class John Papushak, 35288122, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

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 officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated.

First Lieutenant Guy J. Martin, 01011489, Infantry, (Armored), 2nd Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Evorett W. Pearson, 35160019, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Jonas E. Richman, 32609682, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Calkins, 6932878, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Joseph Rizzo, 36010124, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.


Corporal Russell B. Fonry, 15338464, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Alvert G. Lewis, 35741176, Headquarters Company, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

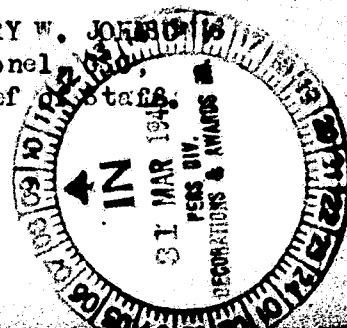
Private First Class Ellis Dannon, 35448235, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

HARRY W. JOHNSON  
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Chief of Staff.



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GENERAL ORDERS )

22 March 1945

NUMBER 42 )

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**I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man (missing in action):

Lieutenant Colonel Robert M. Booth, O19964, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hardigny, Belgium on 19 December 1944. Although he had sustained a broken leg in a fall from a vehicle, Lieutenant Colonel Booth continued to direct his men against the attacks of a numerically superior enemy from a litter. When they became completely surrounded and further resistance was hopeless, Lieutenant Colonel Booth formulated plans for the withdrawal of his men, himself choosing to remain for fear that his condition would hamper their successful disengagement. The unselfish devotion to duty and courage against insurmountable odds displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Booth were a constant inspiration to the men of his command and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Paul C. Gage, 37067415, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Steinbruck, Belgium on 17 December 1944. Repeatedly during extremely heavy artillery and small arms barrages, Private First Class Gage, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, deliberately crawled to positions where wounded men had fallen, and, though exposed to the withering enemy fire, he carried the men back to the Aid Station. Private First Class Gage continued his gallant action until he himself fell wounded in enemy-held territory. The heroism and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Gage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

**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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel Adna C. Hamilton, O12480, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters, Combat Command "B", United States Army, while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action during the period 1 March to 15 March 1945, between the Roer and Rhine Rivers, Germany. As executive officer of the Combat Command, he frequently visited the front line battalions to assist, advise and personally lead them to their assigned

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objectives, in one instance reorganizing a disorganized task force and leading it to its objective. When elements of the Combat Command had secured the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen on 7 March 1945 notwithstanding the concentrated enemy artillery and small arms fire, Colonel Hamilton effectively coordinated the movement of troops for the enlargement of the bridgehead. The courage, sound judgment and leadership displayed by Colonel Hamilton during this period reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

III. 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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Leonard E. Engeman, 0304690, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy between Soller and Remagen, Germany during the period 28 February to 8 March, 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Engeman's services during this period as a task force commander were characterized by his demonstration of energy, initiative and efficient leadership. Leading his column forward in a rapid advance which threw the remaining enemy resistance into complete disorder, he seized the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Engeman's decisive action involved a calculated risk of the loss of a considerable portion of his force to capture intact a bridge of vital importance to the advance of the First United States Army. As a result of Lieutenant Colonel Engeman's capable leadership the bridge was seized with only minor damage, thereby facilitating the advance of the First United States Army over the Rhine River far ahead of schedule. The devotion to duty, initiative and leadership displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Engeman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major Murray Deevers, 0305995, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy between Soller and Remagen, Germany during the period February 28 to March 8, 1945. Major Deevers' leadership as Commanding Officer of the 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, during this period was characterized by sound judgement, tireless energy, and devotion to duty without regard to his personal comfort or safety. In close cooperation with other arms of the task force, he led his infantry in a rapid advance to the Rhine River completely disorganizing all resistance in this zone. On 7 March 1945, upon discovering the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen intact, Major Deevers employed his battalion skillfully and energetically in the seizure of the bridge. His action in seizing the bridge intact and establishing a bridgehead was an important factor in the subsequent rapid advance of the First United States Army across the Rhine River. The courage, sound judgement and leadership displayed by Major Deevers during this period reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert Costello, 33184833, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galehausen, Belgium, on 21 December 1944. During a night attack by the enemy, an artillery shell set fire to a half track loaded with ammunition and mins. Realizing that the company's night defensive positions were exposed to the enemy by the flames, Technician Fifth Grade Costello, with an utter disregard for the indiscriminate exploding ammunition, rushed to the vehicle and extinguished the fire. Technician Fifth Grade Costello's prompt and courageous action contributed materially to the continued defense of the company and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Missouri.

*States (Posthumous) Amended by Act 43-3/23/45.*  
\* First Lieutenant Wilfred D. Wooderson, 31014870, Infantry, (Armored), Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chenogne, Belgium, on 31 December 1944. When his depleted platoon was threatened by an enemy of vastly superior numbers, First Lieutenant Wooderson exposed himself to intense enemy small arms and direct tank fire to personally contact an artillery forward observer, then some distance from his platoon's position. At times, First Lieutenant Wooderson called for friendly artillery fire to fall within fifty yards of his position in order to repulse strong enemy attacks. When the fighting grew intense, First Lieutenant Wooderson took a position in front of his men and in the face of strong enemy fire, led them to a more advantageous position. Due to his fearless leadership and devotion to duty, his greatly outnumbered platoon fought off powerful enemy attacks. First Lieutenant Wooderson's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

*States, Amended to M.O.A. by Act 57-6 Apr. 1945.*  
\* Technical Sergeant George Griesinger, 36036863, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galehausen, Belgium on 21 December 1944. During a night attack by the enemy, an artillery shell set fire to a half track loaded with ammunition and mines. Realizing that the company's night defensive positions were exposed to the enemy by the flames, Technical Sergeant Griesinger, with an utter disregard for the indiscriminate exploding ammunition, rushed to the vehicle and extinguished the fire. Technical Sergeant Griesinger's prompt and courageous action contributed materially to the continued defense of the company and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Daniel E. Patterson, 34141169, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galehausen, Belgium on 20 December 1944. Defying an extremely heavy artillery and small arms barrage, Staff Sergeant Patterson, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, deliberately crawled to an outpost to administer first aid to a wounded man, and though exposed to withering enemy fire, carried the man back to safety. Staff Sergeant Patterson's courage and heroic action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.


Staff Sergeant Herman Stiers, Jr., 37056170, Battery "C", 16th Armored Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galphausen, Belgium, 16 December 1944. Staff Sergeant Stiers, as assistant artillery observer, maintained a dug-in observation post 150 yards forward of the support battery. When enemy infantry attacked, they reached an area so close to his position that it was necessary to whisper fire directions into the radio microphone and to adjust fire on his own observation post. This skillful adjustment of time fire caused the enemy to withdraw with heavy casualties. The intrepid, daring and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Stiers are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

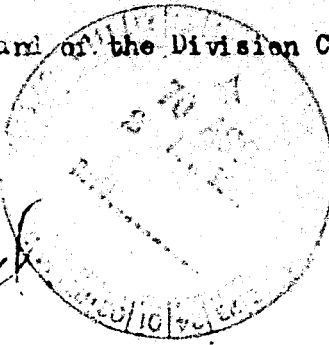
Staff Sergeant Harold W. Pesola, 56403834, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Beaufort, Luxembourg on 16 December 1944. Repulsing repeated attacks of a numerically superior enemy which attempted for ten hours to dislodge him from his machine gun position, Staff Sergeant Pesola, though isolated from his unit which had withdrawn without his knowledge, defied the withering and concentrated enemy fire and held his defensive position. Incessantly the enemy attempted to displace him by grenades, and on one occasion the enemy fire was so direct that it knocked the sight off his gun and pierced the water jacket of another. Realizing that his stand frustrated the enemy's advance, Staff Sergeant Pesola with contemptuous daring returned the fire with such devastating effect that the enemy was forced to withdraw. The valiant and dogged resistance displayed by Staff Sergeant Pesola are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Gerard N. Raleigh, 19103764, (then Private), Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Steinbruck, Belgium on 17 December 1944. When the leading platoon of his company was suddenly attacked by a concealed enemy, Sergeant Raleigh, realizing the need for immediate automatic weapon support, without orders and on his own initiative left his platoon, carrying his machine gun to an advantageous position, and with his gun resting on his knee he returned the intense enemy fire. Sergeant Raleigh's retaliating fire was so effective that the enemy advance was pinned down, allowing his company the necessary time to organize for its defense to repulse the attack. Sergeant Raleigh's quick thinking and heroic action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. 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,  
Chief of Staff.



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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

23 March 1945

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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 Fourth Grade Robert A. Jones, 35687576, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When it was apparent that tank support was essential to the infantry elements that had secured the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Technician Fourth Grade Jones was assigned the mission of establishing a road-block with his tank on the east shore. The bridge had been partially damaged and there was no assurance of the tank's safe crossing, nor was the disposition of the enemy on the far shore known. Despite these hazards and the concentrated enemy fire on the bridge, Technician Fourth Grade Jones and his tank crew resolutely rolled the first American tank to cross the Rhine River to its objective, thereby assisting in the rapid expansion of the then precarious bridgehead and facilitating the advance of the First United States Army across the river. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Jones reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal William E. Richards, 35636406, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When it was apparent that tank support was essential to the infantry elements that had secured the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Corporal Richards was assigned the mission of establishing a road-block with his tank on the east shore. The bridge had been partially damaged and there was no assurance of the tank's safe crossing, nor was the disposition of the enemy on the far shore known. Despite these hazards, and the concentrated enemy fire on the bridge Corporal Richards and his tank crew resolutely rolled the first American tank to cross the Rhine River to its objective, thereby assisting in the rapid expansion of the then precarious bridgehead and facilitating the advance of the First United States Army across the river. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Corporal Richards reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private Borthold Freid, 37598009, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When it was apparent that tank support was essential to the infantry elements that had secured the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Private Freid was assigned the mission of establishing a road-block with his tank on the east shore. The bridge had been partially damaged and there was no assurance of the tank's safe crossing, nor was

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the disposition of the enemy on the far shore known. Despite these hazards and the concentrated enemy fire on the bridge Private Freid and his tank crew resolutely rolled the first American tank to cross the Rhine River to its objective thereby assisting in the rapid expansion of the then precarious bridgehead and facilitating the advance of the First United States Army across the river. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Private Freid reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence H. Swayne, 35075237, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When the continuous and rapid flow of reinforcements across the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen became endangered by a concentration of enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Swayne and his bulldozer tank crew were assigned the mission of giving essential fire support to the crossing troops. Observing that traffic was becoming stalled due to a bomb crater of a depth of 15 feet at the approach to the bridge Staff Sergeant Swayne's bulldozer tank crew, defying direct enemy fire, filled the bomb crater and simultaneously continued the fire support of the crossing troops, returning the enemy fire with such relentlessness that two anti-aircraft guns were knocked out and enemy fire-power was kept to a minimum. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Swayne assisted in the rapid expansion of the first American bridgehead across the Rhine and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Melvin E. Baker, 36213244, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When continuous and rapid flow of reinforcements across the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen became endangered by a concentration of enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Baker and his bulldozer tank crew were assigned the mission of giving essential fire support to the crossing troops. Observing that traffic was becoming stalled due to a bomb crater of a depth of 15 feet at the approach of the bridge, Technician Fourth Grade Baker's bulldozer tank crew, defying direct enemy fire, filled the bomb crater and simultaneously continued the fire support of the crossing troops, returning the enemy fire with such relentlessness that two anti-aircraft guns were knocked out and enemy fire-power was kept to a minimum. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Baker assisted in the rapid expansion of the first American bridgehead across the Rhine and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal Fred Lovely, 35636483, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When the continuous and rapid flow of reinforcements across the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen became endangered by a concentration of enemy fire, Corporal Lovely and his bulldozer tank crew were assigned the mission of giving essential fire support to the crossing troops. Observing that traffic was becoming stalled due to a bomb crater of a depth of 15 feet at the approach to the bridge, Corporal Lovely's bulldozer tank crew, defying the direct enemy fire, filled the bomb crater and simultaneously continued the fire support of the crossing troops, returning the enemy fire with such relentlessness that two anti-aircraft guns were knocked out and enemy fire-power was kept to a minimum. The courage and

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devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Lovely assisted in the rapid expansion of the first American bridgehead across the Rhine and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal Cleron Krapp, 35741164, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When the continuous and rapid flow of reinforcements across the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen became endangered by a concentration of enemy fire, Corporal Krapp and his bulldozer tank crew were assigned the mission of giving essential fire support to the crossing troops. Observing that traffic was becoming stalled due to a bomb crater of a depth of 15 feet at the approach to the bridge, Corporal Krapp's bulldozer tank crew, defying direct enemy fire, filled the bomb crater and simultaneously continued the fire support of the crossing troops, returning the enemy fire with such relentlessness that two anti-aircraft guns were knocked out and enemy fire-power was kept to a minimum. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Krapp assisted in the rapid expansion of the first American bridgehead across the Rhine and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. Thomas, 35508012, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Remagen, Germany on 7 March 1945. When the continuous and rapid flow of reinforcements across the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen became endangered by a concentration of enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Thomas and his bulldozer tank crew were assigned the mission of giving essential fire support to the crossing troops. Observing that traffic was becoming stalled due to a bomb crater of a depth of 15 feet at the approach to the bridge, Technician Fifth Grade Thomas's bulldozer tank crew, defying direct enemy fire, filled the bomb crater and simultaneously continued the fire support of the crossing troops, returning the enemy fire with such relentlessness that two anti-aircraft guns were knocked out and enemy fire-power was kept to a minimum. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Thomas assisted in the rapid expansion of the first American bridgehead across the Rhine and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the 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:

Captain Samuel W. Marsh, C1011201, Infantry (Armored), Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galchhausen, Belgium, on 21 December 1944. During a night attack by the enemy, an artillery shell set fire to a half track loaded with ammunition and mines. Realizing that the company's night defensive positions were exposed to the enemy by the flames, Captain Marsh, with an utter disregard for the indiscriminate exploding ammunition, rushed to the vehicle and extinguished the fire. Captain Marsh's prompt and courageous action contributed materially to the continued defense of the company and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Missouri.

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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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Clyde C. Taylor, 35518866, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Galchhausen, Belgium, on 21 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Taylor, as assistant artillery observer, maintained a dug-in observation post 150 yards forward of the supported infantry. When enemy infantry attacked, they reached an area so close to his position that it was necessary to whisper fire directions into the radio microphone and to adjust fire on his own observation post. This skilful adjustment of time fire caused the enemy to withdraw with heavy casualties. The intrepid daring and devotion to duty of Technician Fifth Grade Taylor are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Lieutenant Colonel Barton W. Karsteter, 02949366, Infantry, (Armed) Headquarters, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 18 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Joseph W. Jogl, 0277949, Infantry, (Armed), Military Police Platoon, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 10 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Major Eugene A. Watts, 0374849, Infantry, (Armed), Headquarters, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Chaplain (Captain) William T. Gibble, 0474570, Headquarters, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

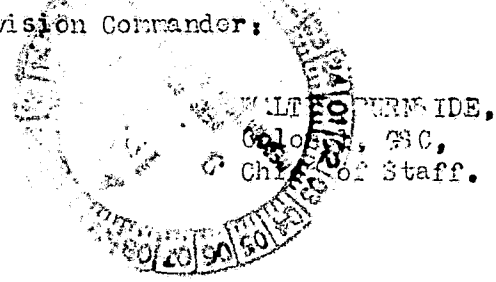
IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 42 this Headquarters, 22 March 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant Wilfred D. Wooderson, 01014870, Infantry (Armed) Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion is amended by adding "POSTHUMOUS".

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

*B. Sogard*  
C. S. SOGARD,  
Lt. Col., AGE,  
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:

Corporal Robert Laccini, 33358480, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wollersheim, Germany on 1 March 1945. While attacking the strongly fortified town of Wollersheim, Germany, Corporal Laccini's tank was disabled by an anti-tank mine, wounding two of the crew members. In spite of the heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Corporal Laccini, aided by his camoneer, successfully evacuated them through a mine field to the rear. Then, upon observing that the advance of friendly infantry was pinned down because of enemy machine gun concentrations, Corporal Laccini, defying the hail of enemy fire, crawled through the mine field, mounted his disabled tank, and manning its machine guns, neutralized two enemy machine gun positions. Corporal Laccini's courageous and unflinching devotion to duty enabled friendly infantry to continue its advance and force the withdrawal of the enemy from their entrenched positions, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis Demkowitz, 33358413, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wollersheim, Germany on 1 March 1945. While attacking the strongly fortified town of Wollersheim, Germany, Technician Fifth Grade Demkowitz' tank was disabled by an anti-tank mine, wounding two of the crew members. In spite of the heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Demkowitz, assisted by his gunner, successfully evacuated them through a mine field to the rear. Then, upon observing that the advance of friendly infantry was pinned down because of enemy machine gun concentrations, Technician Fifth Grade Demkowitz, defying the hail of enemy fire, crawled through the mine field, mounted his disabled tank, and manning its machine guns, neutralized two enemy machine gun positions. Technician Fifth Grade Demkowitz's courage and unflinching devotion to duty enabled friendly infantry to continue its advance and force the withdrawal of the enemy from their entrenched positions, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

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Corporal Melvin W. Buchholtz, 37463522, Service Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in the vicinity of Kopstal, Luxembourg on 11 December 1944. Observing that the rear of his gasoline-loaded truck was enveloped in flames, Corporal Buchholtz, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, jumped into the truck and drove it out of the town of Kopstal, Luxembourg. Corporal Buchholtz's heroism and rare presence of mind in averting possible loss of life and damage to civilian property by the resulting fire and explosion reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

III. 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:

Second Lieutenant Charles G. Bong, 01325568, Field Artillery (TD), Company "C", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 18 to 26 December 1944. Second Lieutenant Bong on numerous occasions displayed individual bravery, keen judgment and skill in employing his platoon of tank destroyers, preventing heavy losses to supporting troops, who were forced to withdraw by a numerically superior enemy. Time and again he covered the disengagement of friendly troops while he personally supervised and exploited his platoon to effectively delay the enemy's advance. His keen judgment, initiative, leadership and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces. Second Lieutenant Bong was killed in a subsequent action. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Glinka, 32073419, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Steinoruck, Belgium on 17 December 1944. Observing that two members of his platoon lay wounded during its withdrawal, Technical Sergeant Glinka with a total disregard for his personal safety defied the intense enemy artillery barrage and small arms fire, and crawled to their positions to administer aid. Realizing that the enemy would soon overrun the area, he carried one of the wounded men over three hundred yards of the fire-swept terrain to safety. With intrepid daring, Technical Sergeant Glinka repeated this valiant feat when he successfully carried and evacuated the second wounded man. The loyalty to wounded comrades and self-sacrifice displayed by Technical Sergeant Glinka are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Technical Sergeant Glinka was killed in a subsequent action. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. 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 Walter J. Hoy, 33344799, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Neidingen, Belgium on 18 December 1944. Defying an extremely heavy artillery barrage and small arms fire, Private First Class Hoy, with complete disregard for his own

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personal safety, deliberately crawled through open terrain to the position where a man had been wounded, and though exposed to the withering enemy fire, carried the man back to safety. Private First Class Hoy's courage and heroic action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain David G. Collins, 0443963, Field Artillery (TD), Headquarters, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany and Belgium from 17 to 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain Edgar A. Terrell, Jr., 0426271, Infantry (Armd), Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg from 17 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

First Lieutenant Raymond L. Mauck, 0454099, Cavalry (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant Willis E. Morning, 01825446, Field Artillery (TD), Headquarters, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

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~~First Lieutenant John E. Hyde, 01017582, Infantry (Armd), Military Police Platoon, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 9 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.~~

Second Lieutenant Lennart O. Sundstrom, 01825650, Field Artillery (TD) Headquarters, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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~~Chiefarrant Officer John B. Reilly, 0110091, Headquarters, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 9 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.~~

First Sergeant Edward B. De Young, 32147387, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Guy C. Crowell, 38072023, Medical Detachment, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

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Technician Fourth Grade Gillie J. Garland, 35125526, Medical Detachment, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest J. Loops, 37046697, (then Private), Battery "B", 482nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 18 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Dulin, 17164817, (then Private), Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 29 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class John E. Godwin, 3538135, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Constantine J. Sternik, 35515957, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

V. 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:

Sergeant William L. Graham, 38098040, Headquarters Company, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Luther R. Kolbe, 35344994, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Thomas J. Mummery, 35515005, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 23 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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SECTION

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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:

Captain Clifford E. Penrose, (then First Lieutenant), 01287580, Infantry, (Armd), 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 Captain Penrose'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, Captain Penrose planned for the withdrawal of his platoon. Posing as enemy infantry under the 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 Captain Penrose are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas

Sergeant Charles E. Anderson, (then Private First Class), 1114112, 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, Belgium on 19 December 1944. Repeatedly during extremely heavy artillery barrages and under small arms fire of the enemy, Sergeant Anderson, with complete disregard for his personal safety, deliberately crawled to positions where wounded men had fallen, and, though exposed to the withering enemy fire, he carried the men back to the aid station and helped to administer aid to them. Through the gallantry of Sergeant Anderson, the lives of many men were saved. The heroism and loyalty displayed by Sergeant Anderson are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant George B. Hardin, Jr., 01287706, Infantry, (Armd), 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 Beaufort, Luxembourg from 16 to 19 December 1944. For a period of three days First Lieutenant Hardin'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 Hardin 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 Hardin are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

~~Colonel Harry W. Lusk, Jr., 019737, GSC, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army.~~ <sup>RPT. BY COM 120 15 June 45</sup> ~~Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army.~~ For meritorious service as Chief of Staff in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel Carl F. Smith, 0264105, GSC, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division (G-1), United States Army. For meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Arizona.

Lieutenant Colonel Erving I. Lusk, Jr., 0536044, GSC, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division (G-2), United States Army. For meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Lieutenant Colonel John S. Crowdon, 019737, GSC, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division (G-3), United States Army. For meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

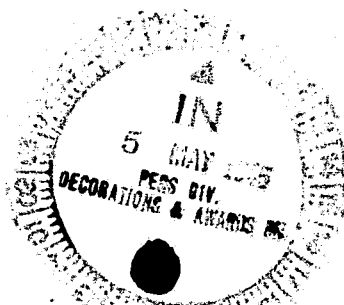
Lieutenant Colonel Rellie F. Adams, 0308511, GSC, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division (G-4), United States Army. For meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

By command of the Division Commander:

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*A. J. ...*  
S. S. SOGARD,  
Lt Col., AG  
Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 369, U. S. ARMY

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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 officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Captain Joseph W. Mitchell, Jr., 01287740, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant Maurice H. Luth, 01317642, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant Donald G. Thorne, 01328093, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

Private Anton Drabiak, 55026323, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Claud O. Wells, 6275693, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 13 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Hyman Radensky, 52789924, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William J. Walker, Jr., 8525473, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Joseph F. Sweeney, 31135842, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur Wlodinger, 32543422, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Conrad J. Ehly, 38069571, Service Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Wilbur M. Westler, 37119148, Service Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Bernard Strickland, 34999383, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade Rodney M. Witmer, 33115926, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur R. Eichelberger, 33153777, Company "1", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Charles R. Jenkins, 34935806, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class George B. Evans, 38525384, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Lloyd F. VanNelson, 36282376, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Cecil L. Sullivan, 34865257, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Joe G. Holguin, 3909788, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

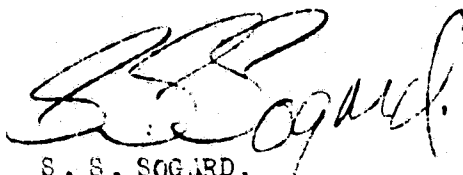
Private Harry J. Kupp, 33837974, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Harold L. Weller, 37748805, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

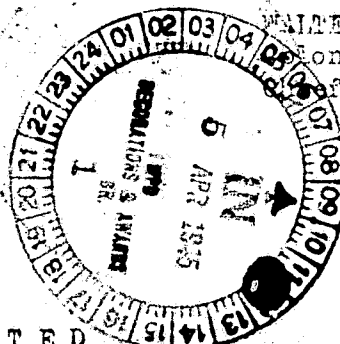
Private Charles Mostow, 33755955, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:



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



WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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 country indicated:

Corporal Delbert K. Lander, 35187205, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Paul R. Meyer, 17026039, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Sergeant Wayne T. Farrier, 36990966, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Henry C. McQuilliams, 38353297, Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant John C. Wallner, 37403655, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry B. Campbell, 32768317, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Saul Koltun, 37181302, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Wesley R. Benge, 36991748, Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Oren Kennel, 37698246, Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Nelse A. Bean, 36100183, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence F. Manthei, 36282332, Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Private Harland E. Jordan, 31401400, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

Private Roy Lane, Jr., 34999369, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Michael G. Cassella, 33432887, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 18 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert H. Hossiter, 0920298, 1st Signal Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Loring R. Smith, 31450753, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

Staff Sergeant Charles S. McMillian, 36037780, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Gilbert C. Rasco, 33317603, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Henry F. Ellington, 17007106, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Edward L. Rowen, 36232363, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

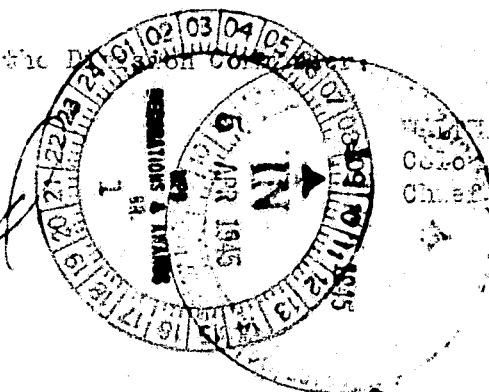
Corporal Walter J. Kotarba, 33036498, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Edward V. Mosteiko, 33105629, Service Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

By command of the Division Commander

OFFICIAL:

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



WALTER BOGARD, JR.,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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31 January 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 47, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, dated 26 March 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Charles S. McMillan, 36 037 780, as reads "for wounds received in action 19 March 1945", is amended to read "for wounds received in action 14 March 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*E. O. Hoyle*  
Adjutant General

*L. O. File*

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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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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:

Staff Sergeant Paul E. Kuhlman, 36081815, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Alvin R. Thaden, 36270472, Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provision 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 Robert J. Urzulis, 01193983, Field Artillery, (Arm), Battery "A", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant Ralph E. Hines, 01018863, Infantry, (Arm), Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Second Lieutenant Hugh R. Morrison, 01017361, Infantry, (Arm), Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Carroll L. Liggerstaff, 37060385, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Martin O. Nysa, 37174961, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Anthony Mancini, 13373953, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Roy E. Ball, 34106515, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

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Corporal Francis G. McIvor, 55518348, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Alden H. Thompson, 31177909, Service Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Technician Fourth Grade Boyd E. Amos, 37023437, Service Battery, 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Randolph R. Lang, 33443006, Battery "A", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Clarence S. Hattenbach, 33073100, Company "B", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army. On 21 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

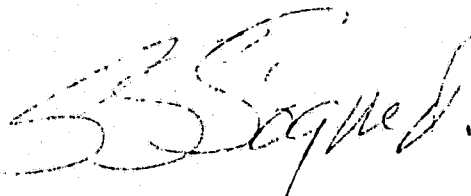
Technician Fifth Grade Albert B. Murdoch, 13018809, Battery "G", 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 27 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Russell C. Wetzel, 36693165, Service Battery, 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Charles E. Pauquay, 36693150, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

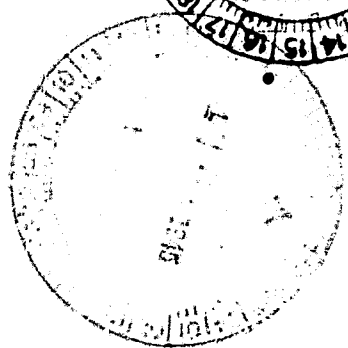
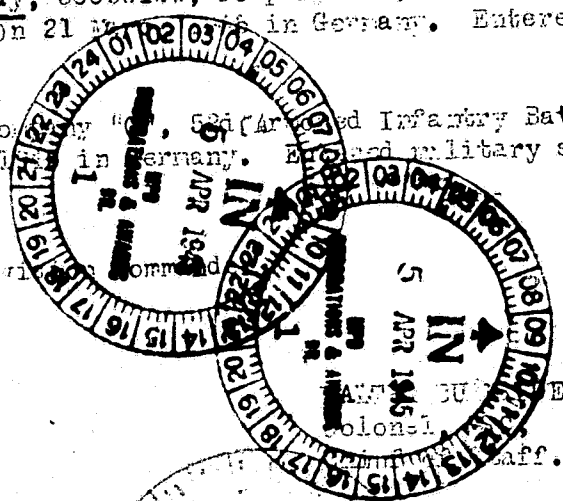
Sergeant Joseph Pachter, 33174391, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. On 21 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of the Division



OFFICIAL:

S. S. SOGARD,  
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:

Second Lieutenant Hugh R. Morrison, 01017961, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Muddersheim, Germany on 1 March 1945. At the outset of his company's attack three tanks of the left flank platoon were disabled by enemy anti-tank fire. Second Lieutenant Morrison then observed that a second platoon was moving into a similar position where enemy anti-tank fire would have a devastating effect. Despite a leg wound, Second Lieutenant Morrison immediately assumed command in the absence of the commanding officer, and moved his platoon out of its concealed positions to attract the enemy anti-tank fire, placing his own tank in the most exposed position. Simultaneously by radio he ordered smoke laid on the enemy anti-tank gun positions then dismounted to personally supervise the withdrawal of the company and the evacuation of the wounded to the rear. The calm and assuring manner, the tactical skill he employed in estimating the situation, and the confidence inspired by his leadership reflect great credit upon Second Lieutenant Morrison and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Clarence E. Wallace, 33075497, Company "B", 14th Tank 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, during a counterattack, the tank of which Staff Sergeant Wallace was a crew member was disabled by enemy anti-tank fire, seriously wounding him and three crew members. Although his left leg was severed below the knee, his right leg fractured, and he was bleeding profusely, Staff Sergeant Wallace dismounted from his tank. Oblivious to his painful wounds and with utter disregard for his own being, Staff Sergeant Wallace ignored the concentrated enemy automatic and small arms fire, raised himself to the sitting position, and by using arm signals maneuvered the remaining tank of his section to a place of safety, thereby avoiding further possible loss of lives. Staff Sergeant Wallace's personal bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Carl E. Linder, Jr., 01011420, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. First Lieutenant Linder's company, spearheading a task force on 28 February 1945, was temporarily halted in the outskirts of Sievernich when supporting infantry failed to assault the town as contemplated. Sensing the importance of immediate decisive action,

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First Lieutenant Linder, though sustaining a wound from enemy bazooka fire, boldly led his tanks into the town and captured it without dismounted support. On 5 and 6 March 1945, First Lieutenant Linder, with unique tactical skill and timing, continued to spearhead this task force, the momentum of which the enemy could not contain, until in rapid succession the towns of Esch, Ludendorf, Essig, Miel, Mor-enhoven, Flerzheim and Meckenheim had been captured. Throughout this action First Lieutenant Linder's courageous leadership and wanton disregard for his personal safety which inspired his men to attain these objectives, reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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 in Germany from 7 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Major James M. Baker, 0345026, Medical Corps, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 7 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

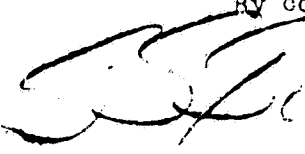
Captain Oliver W. Harmon, 0465206, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

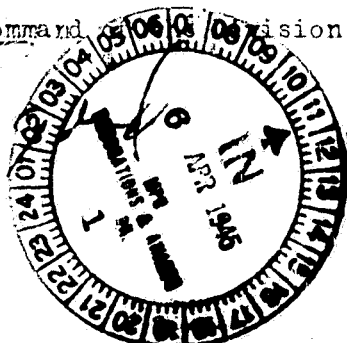
Captain Bernard O'Neill, 01287574, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Melvin W. Correll, 0468480, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C", 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 18 to 27 December 1944. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

By command, Division Commander:

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Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.



WALTER BURNS IDE,  
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	<u>SECTION</u>
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Award of Bronze Star Medal (Missing in Action) - - - - -	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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Stanley D. Krauss, 01104930, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), 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. Spearheading a task force in the role of tank supported infantry, Captain Krauss' engineer platoon launched an attack on a strongly dug-in and concealed enemy pocket. As the enemy simultaneously attacked, Captain Krauss, realizing that an advance of yards would break the resulting stalemate, rushed to the lead of his men, and with indomitable courage and determination in the face of intense enemy fire, eliminated the pocket, killing thirty-five and capturing forty of the enemy. When his other platoon reached the area, Captain Krauss immediately organized them for a further advance, and with a wanton disregard for the fierce enemy fire directed at him, so inspired his men by his courageous leadership, that the enemy was never able to effectively launch its contemplated attack. The intrepidity and gallantry displayed by Captain Krauss reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Norris J. Hamilton, 01016706, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B" 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sievernich, Germany on 1 March 1945. When proceeding to the town of Sievernich, Second Lieutenant Hamilton's company was attacked by the enemy firing anti-tank guns from their front and flanks. Four tanks were immediately knocked out, inflicting heavy casualties among the crew members. Realizing the precarious position of the rest of the company, Second Lieutenant Hamilton drove his tank to open ground in full view of the enemy, so as to attract the enemy fire and to cover the withdrawal of the company. Defying the direct concentrated fire of the enemy, even when his tank was hit, Second Lieutenant Hamilton engaged the enemy until all of the tanks and the wounded of the disabled tanks were removed to safety. The utter disregard for his personal safety, the courage and intrepidity displayed by Second Lieutenant Hamilton saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

II. 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):

Private Jerome Bach, 32543458, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military

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operations against the enemy in Belgium on 21 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Louis P. Simondi, 0139854, Cavalry, (Arm), Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 17 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Herbert G. Pulsifer, 01015683, Infantry, (Arm), Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Second Lieutenant Sherman P. Turner, 01825512, Infantry (TD), Headquarters Company, 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Major John E. Chandler, 0351811, Cavalry, (Arm), Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 15 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Paul M. Fisher, 01011309, Cavalry, (Arm), Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 17 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

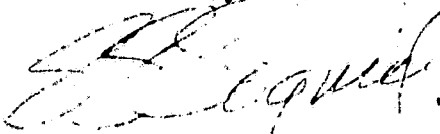
Captain Breckan J. Manning, 0450554, Cavalry, (Arm), Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 17 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Bob B. Wiggins, 14016676, Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 9 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Nolan E. Smith, 6859355, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 19 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

By command of the Division Commander:

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Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	II
Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	III
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	IV

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:

Technician Fifth Grade Wayland B. Buzzelli, 32156404, 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 Sibret, Belgium on 30 December 1944. While travelling in convoy along a route subjected to enemy artillery fire, a near miss caused Technician Fifth Grade Buzzelli's armored car to block the road. Realizing the immediate need of the convoy to continue, and notwithstanding a wound he sustained which later proved fatal, Technician Fifth Grade Buzzelli adjusted his vehicle for further operation, enabling the convoy to clear the enemy barraged area. The unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Buzzelli reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Joseph J. Baratta, 0366940, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Company, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Echternach, Luxembourg on 10 November 1944. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Captain Baratta with complete disregard for his personal safety and in full view of the enemy, crawled 250 yards to the position where a wounded man had fallen and administered aid to him. As he was evacuating the man under enemy observation, they were subjected to terrific fire concentration so that it was necessary for them to lie immobile feigning death until the firing ceased. Then with a final dash he carried the wounded man to safety. The heroic action displayed by Captain Baratta reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant David P. Duck, 01015424, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Neubruck, Belgium on 22 December 1944. When the enemy had broken through friendly lines and overrun a battalion command post, capturing the battalion commander, his staff, and other personnel, First Lieutenant Duck was assigned the mission with his tank platoon to recapture the command post. Neutralizing some enemy resistance along the way, First Lieutenant Duck approached the command post, but realizing that he might inflict harm

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on the friendly troops therein, held his fire to afford the enemy an opportunity to surrender. When the enemy refused to surrender, he then dismounted his tank and assisted by infantrymen, with daring intrepidity rushed the position, forcing the enemy to surrender, releasing the friendly troops. First Lieutenant Duck's heroism and inspiring leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant William J. Sweeten, 32073405, Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 17 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III. 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:

Sergeant Raymond W. Sakre, 37093482, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

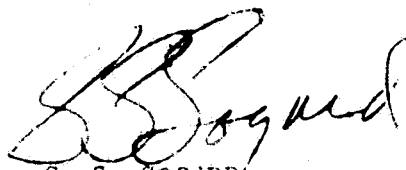
IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in country indicated;

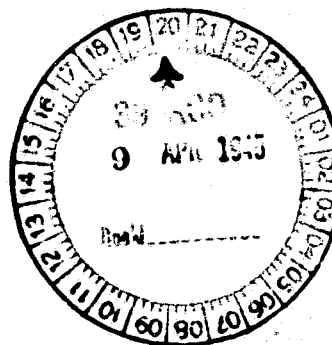
Private First Class Freddie J. Griffin, 38317171, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Hubbard W. Newton, 38137944, Headquarters Battery, 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. On 26 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of the Division Commander:

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Adjutant General.



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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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond K. Winburn, 37000542, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Gruflange, Belgium on 21 December 1944. Observing an enemy tank supported by bazooka teams and infantry about to launch an attack, Technician Fourth Grade Winburn, though cognizant that his lone tank was without friendly support, awaited the enemy advance until it came within striking distance. With cool audacity he measured the enemy approach and directing the fire on the enemy tank, disabled it, and then concentrating on its supporting elements, forced them to disperse and withdraw. Technician Fourth Grade Winburn sustained a wound in this action but refused treatment or evacuation. The courage and coolness under fire displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Winburn reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Lloyd T. Williams, 35024781, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Gruflange, Belgium on 21 December 1944. Observing an enemy tank supported by bazooka teams and infantry about to launch an attack, Technician Fourth Grade Williams, though cognizant that his lone tank was without friendly support, awaited the enemy advance until it came within striking distance. With cool audacity he measured the enemy approach and fired on the enemy tank, disabled it, and then concentrating on its supporting elements, forced them to disperse and withdraw. The courage and coolness under fire displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Williams reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade William J. Arndorfer, 36272607, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Gruflange, Belgium on 21 December 1944. Observing an enemy tank supported by bazooka teams and infantry about to launch an attack, Technician Fifth Grade Arndorfer, though cognizant that his lone tank was without friendly support, drove his tank into a defilade position from which his crew awaited the enemy advance until it came within striking distance. With cool audacity they measured the enemy approach and as the tank neared, his gunner disabled it, and then concentrating on the supporting elements forced them to disperse and withdraw. The courage and coolness under fire displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Arndorfer reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Major William F. Brand, Jr., 025323, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Major James H. Weyhenmeyer, Jr., 0415260, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain Ruben B. Kimbrough, 0378931, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain Walter M. Meier, 0345937, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant George R. Doyle, 01166898, Field Artillery, (Armd), Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Francis M. Sager, 01166827, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

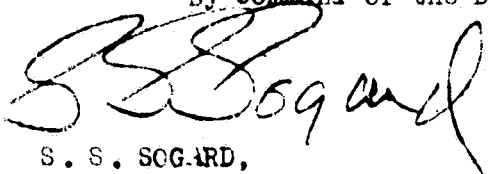
Staff Sergeant Paul H. Stutzman, 33111817, Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Mack T. Zellers, 35343328, Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 51, this Headquarters, 29 March 1945, as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant David F. Duck, 01015424, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, is amended by adding "MISSING IN ACTION".

By command of the Division Commander:

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Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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5TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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Award of Bronze Star Medal (Missing in Action) - - - - -	II
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Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	IV

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:

Captain Dan R. Dunnett, O339643, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium on 18-19 December 1944. Captain Dunnett was directing artillery fire in the Fire Direction Center when his battalion was surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety he remained in the building to direct the fire until the enemy encircled it, then defying the hostile fire directed at him, he ran out of the building to man a machine gun. When further resistance became hopeless, Captain Dunnett, providing for the escape of some of his men, retreated into the building where with daring intrepidity, he fought the enemy from floor to floor until reaching the roof where he concealed himself for the next five hours. Sliding down a drainpipe in the darkness, Captain Dunnett escaped on foot through the enemy lines to join friendly troops. The gallantry displayed by Captain Dunnett against overwhelming odds reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Frank P. Scardello, 6911147, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of St. Vith, Belgium on 17 December 1944. While spearheading a column proceeding along an enemy-held road, Staff Sergeant Scardello's tank overturned when hit by anti-tank fire. With utter disregard for the concentrated hostile small arms fire around his position, he evacuated his crew from the disabled tank and skillfully led them, without suffering a casualty, through the fire-swept terrain to safety. The devotion to duty and intrepidity displayed by Staff Sergeant Scardello reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. 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):

Lieutenant Colonel Floyd N. Warner, O273409, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 16 to 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

III. 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:

Major Dean M. Kerl, 0362400, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain John P. Johnson, Jr., 0577576, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Captain Zack Stockton, 0452406, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Joseph P. Pleva, 01178938, Field Artillery, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, G-5 Section, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, 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 country indicated:

Sergeant Frank J. Maziarz, 36070781, Headquarters Battery, 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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# Technician Fifth Grade Edward B. Ciochetto, 37320530, Battery "A", 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Third Grade George E. Anderson, 37075787, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Robert W. Marberry, 19104928, Company "B", 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, on 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Corporal James H. Quimet, 6909894, Division Headquarters Company, United States Army, on 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

By command of the Division Commander:

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Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster	-----	SECTION I
Award of Purple Heart	-----	SECTION 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 officer for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

First Lieutenant Carl E. Linder, Jr., O1011420, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 24 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

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 Fred DeRango, O1311322, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant William V. Graham, O1011809, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Julius Wassell, O1015742, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Thomas D. Marshall, 33371520, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Jesse R. Gonzalez, 36917898, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 29 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Robert R. Parkin, 32758173, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 29 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Delaware.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur L. Ikenberry, 33907347, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Floyd H. Kornegay, 34945919, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

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Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Marshall, 33442991, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant Raymond F. Simkiss, 36119599, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 28 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Harry A. Albert, 6941270, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Archie Carpenter, 15018590, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Stephen J. Banks, 62046268, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal John C. Ballard, 35741196, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Charles W. Kyle, 15044882, Headquarters Company, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Reed Clements, 34376292, Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 22 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant John J. Biras, 36078098, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert S. Bowers, 35508019, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Charles J. Comella, 35518555, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., AFM,  
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9TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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GENERAL ORDER )

4 April 1945.

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SECTION

Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque (131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion)-	I
Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	II
Award of Air Medal - - - - -	III
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	IV

I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (131ST ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE BATTALION). Under the provisions of War Department Circular 10, 23 August 1944, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for superior performance in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 December 1944 to 15 March 1945.

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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Brigadier General William M. Hoge, 04437, USA, (Armd), then Commanding General, Combat Command "B", 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bodenheim, Germany on 4 March 1945. Observing that an attack by a task force was not progressing satisfactorily because of heavy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, Brigadier General Hoge joined the front line units. By his fearless leadership under intense fire, he reorganized the attack and without regard for his personal safety led the task force to its objective. His example of courage and determination was an inspiration to all ranks and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Perry A. Durr, Jr., 0531688, Field Artillery, (Armd) Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, having completed 35 flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant Harold E. Larsen, 01175202, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, having completed 35 flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 500-45, 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.

Sergeant Clifford M. Daws, 17002308, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant John L. Dodds, 35013957, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Harvey L. Washburn, 36906651, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Sam N. Langdon, 34474714, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class J. C. Triplett, 34778806, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant David J. Cox, 5275183, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class John W. Davis, 33381853, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade Joe O. Mathes, 34375855, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Richard W. Zeltwanger, 55905370, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

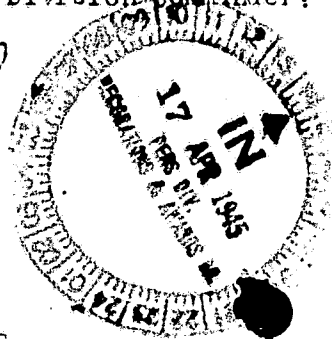
Private Melvin W. Schiesl, 36990796, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

By command of the Division Commander:

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GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 56 )

ORIGINAL ORDER

5 April 1945.

	<u>SECTION</u>
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:

Colonel Thomas L. Harrold, 016051, Infantry, (Armd), Commanding Officer, Combat Command "A", 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 to 9 March 1945 in Germany. Without regard for his personal safety, Colonel Harrold repeatedly exposed himself to enemy observation and direct and small arms fire in order to more advantageously direct the operations of his command. His inspiring leadership and devotion to duty were instrumental in the rapid advance of his command over seventy kilometers of enemy territory, effecting the capture of thirty-five towns and 2,652 prisoners. Colonel Harrold's keen foresight, sound military judgment and tactical skill reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. 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 1945, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph B. Kettlewell, 0285430, Medical Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Division Surgeon in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 17 December 1944 to 16 March 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal Hugh R. Bar, 37235182, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private John L. Wehmeyer, 37083534, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Joseph L. Vitro, 31213939, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private Joseph A. Trinchitella, 42136939, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private Hugh S. Osborn, 34476758, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Durwood L. McCoy, 38081210, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Earl A. McCormack, 31222567, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class Obad E. Harpole, 34475002, Company "C", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. 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 enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in country indicated:

Private James C. Lacy, 34904725, Company "D", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 5 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

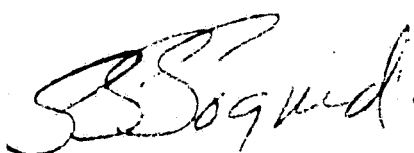
Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Dulin, 17164817, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Gene A. Diodrich, (then Private), 39590139, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class James M. Ingalls, 37642228, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

ORIGINAL ORDER

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GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 57 )

6 April 1945.

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	<u>SECTION</u>
Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	I
Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster - - - - -	II
Amendment of General Orders - - - - -	III

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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major Joseph L. Trierweiler, 0340609, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

Major Wilbur O. Nelson, Jr., 0360126, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 27 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant Alex Semryck, 0111044, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 20 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Jerry H. Rubin, 02049843, Medical Corps, (Armd), Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Harden G. Mosell, 37104659, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion Armored, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Eugene B. Moore, 37104625, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade George F. Henry, 32578924, Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Edward J. Armstrong, 37399829, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Technician Third Grade Robert L. Revolt, 36023396, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Donald S. Stovel, 36548303, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 8 to 12 March 1945.

Corporal Edward M. Phillips, 12123267, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 and 10 March 1945. 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, 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 country indicated:

Private Thomas D. Marshall, 36471520, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Dulin, 17164817, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Gene A. Diedrich, 39590189, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

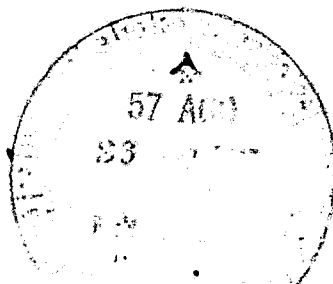
OK III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 42, this Headquarters, 22 March 1945, as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant George Griesinger, 36036863, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, is amended by adding "MISSING IN ACTION".

WJ 2. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 65, this Headquarters, 4 April 1945, as pertains to award of the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant David J. Cox, 6275183, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion as reads "Purple Heart", is amended to read "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster To Purple Heart".

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 58 )

ORIGINAL ORDER  
April 1945

	<u>SECTION</u>
Award of Silver Star - - - - -	I
Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart - - - - -	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 Earl H. Rogers, 6861247, Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maguret, Belgium on 18 and 19 December 1944. Isolated from his battalion when they became surrounded by a numerically superior enemy, Staff Sergeant Rogers, surmising the hopelessness of the situation, planned for the withdrawal of his kitchen unit. Leading them under the cover of darkness without compass or map, Staff Sergeant Rogers judged direction of friendly lines by the artillery barrages and skillfully guided his men around enemy outpost positions and through enemy lines to safety. The gallant leadership and intrepid daring displayed by Staff Sergeant Rogers saved ten comrades from possible capture, reflecting great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Corporal Anton Drabiak, (then Private First Class), 38026323, 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 Vellereux, Belgium on 22 December 1944. On hearing the cry of a wounded comrade during his platoon's withdrawal, Corporal Drabiak, with total disregard for his own safety, defied the intense enemy artillery barrage and small arms fire to crawl to the position where the wounded man had fallen. Although he had been hit in the neck by shrapnel, Corporal Drabiak carried the man a quarter of a mile through fire-swept terrain to the rear. The gallantry and intrepid daring displayed by Corporal Drabiak reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Sergeant Clifford M. Daws, 17002308, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

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 country indicated:

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First Lieutenant William E. Baker, 01012533, Cavalry, (Armd), Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Conrad P. Wildensteiner, 33120363, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

First Sergeant William A. Bauer, 34147147, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 29 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Virgil W. Hansen, 37773149, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Robert B. Mainzer, 42037862, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Albert J. Dzenkites, 42192915, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

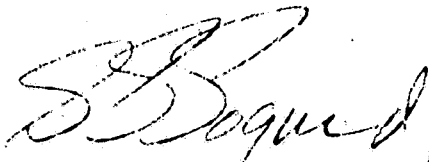
Technician Fifth Grade Donald M. Doster, 33382358, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private Julian F. Abele, Jr., 33838063, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

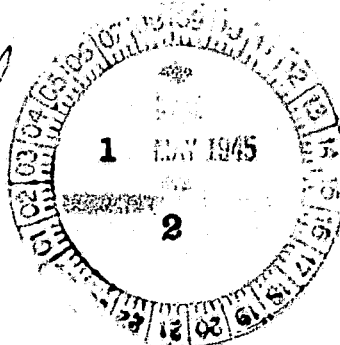
First Sergeant Robert T. VanKeuren, 32148691, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

By command of the Division Commander:

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

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GENERAL ORDERS )

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SECTION

Award of Purple Heart	-----	I
Withdrawal of Authority to Wear Combat Infantryman Badge	-----	II

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:

Staff Sergeant Melville F. Wallace, 15011621, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Don W. Slayder, 37235394, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Lewis A. Rhoades, 33877596, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Marion B. Shepard, 37597068, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Ralph J. Vance, 34924560, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Roger A. McLain, 36989022, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Robert V. Bachman, 13094815, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Clyde W. Sanders, 34738953, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Victor C. Andreia, 42137565, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private William R. Graves, 33893547, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fifth Grade Luda M. Brown, Jr., 33344763, Company "B", 30th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Alex Yankosky, 33393940, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private Robert E. Campbell, 33592688, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Nunzio Gaudino, 33344659, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Emile Klynkow, 32048195, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd C. Johnson, 37126310, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Charles F. Frazier, 15091080, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

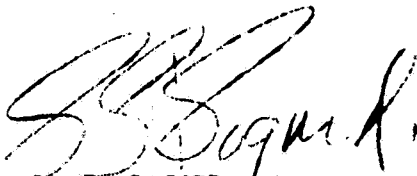
Private Harold W. Bloom, 35750713, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Eugene R. Morgan, 16132727, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

~~II. WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORITY TO WEAR COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 6, Circular Number 408, War Department, 17 October 1944, the authority to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge by Lieutenant Colonel S. Fred Cummings, Jr., 019796, Infantry, as announced previously by General Orders Number 22, this Headquarters, 5 February 1945, is hereby withdrawn.~~

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

ADP-GS 201 Bloom, Harold W.  
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16 April 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Harold W. Bloom  
709 East "A" Street  
Brunswick, Maryland

So much of General Orders 59, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, dated 8 April 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Harold W. Bloom, service number 35 750 713, for wounds received in action 21 December 1944, is amended to read "awarded First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Harold W. Bloom, service number 35 750 713, for wounds received in action in Germany on 2 March 1945."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*H. H. Newman*  
Adjutant General

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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:

Lieutenant Colonel Ashley L. Rico, 0473836, Ordnance Department, (Armd), Commanding Officer, 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Lieutenant Colonel Ezra L. Evans, Jr., 0314195, Medical Corps, (Armd), Commanding Officer, 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain John M. Lepore, 01718278, Medical Corps, (Armd), Company "A", 2d Medical Battalion, (Armd), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 16 December 1944 to 4 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain George P. Soumas, 01011146, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 19 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain Robert G. Rupp, 0391107, Field Artillery, (Armd), Service Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Arthur M. R. Charrington, Jr., 0365377, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "A", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant Spottswood W. H. Williams, Jr., (then Second Lieutenant), 01184607, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "A", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Belgium from 22 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

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Captain John F. McKinney, 0478219, Ordnance Department, (Armd), Company "C", 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium from 16 to 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd A. Alt, 35159989, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Sergeant Joseph W. Matyskiola, 33083645, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 28 February 1945 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Marvin C. Graham, 37055868, Battery "B", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

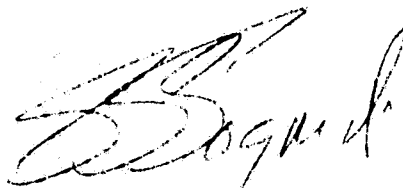
Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Kocher, 6775173, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Lewis H. Ping, 15054343, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant George C. Connor, 34376236, Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from 1 March 1945 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
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Lt. Col., AGD,  
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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:

Second Lieutenant Robert L. Trower, 01015151, Cavalry, (Arm'd), Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Froitzheim, Germany on 28 February 1945. While entering a town which had been erroneously reported as held by friendly troops, Second Lieutenant Trower's company was subjected to intense anti-tank fire. When the order to withdraw was given, Second Lieutenant Trower endeavored to gain a position where he could cover the withdrawal of the other tanks, and in so doing his tank became mired in the mud. Rather than abandon his tank, Second Lieutenant Trower remained at his radio and sent back detailed information to his company concerning the enemy positions, until mortally wounded by enemy grenades hurled into his tank. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant Trower reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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 Fourth Grade John E. Donohue, 33083502, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Froitzheim, Germany on 28 February 1945. While entering a town which had been erroneously reported as held by friendly troops, Technician Fourth Grade Donohue's tank was subjected to intense anti-tank fire. When his company was ordered to withdraw, Technician Fourth Grade Donohue endeavored to gain a position where he could cover the withdrawal of the other tanks, and in so doing his tank became mired in the mud. Although his tank commander and gunner were killed, and the assistant driver and himself were wounded by enemy grenades hurled into his tank, Technician Fourth Grade Donohue remained at his radio and sent detailed information to his company concerning the enemy positions. Upon completion of his report, Technician Fourth Grade Donohue, despite his wounds and disregarding direct fire from an enemy but a few yards distant, evacuated his wounded comrade through the fire-swept terrain to safety. The intrepid courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Donohue reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Corporal Donald G. McIver, 35518348, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Vallendar, Germany on 26 March 1945. When his tank became exposed to enemy anti-tank fire and his tank commander was wounded and evacuated, Corporal McIver, though injured himself, immediately assumed command. Realizing the vulnerability of his position, Corporal McIver, disregarding his own safety and though suffering great pain from his injury, dismounted from his tank to reconnoiter for a more advantageous position and estimate the enemy situation. He then returned to his tank and directed fire on the enemy with such relentless accuracy that they were forced to withdraw. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal McIver reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Cecil E. Roberts, 0400932, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement as S-3 in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

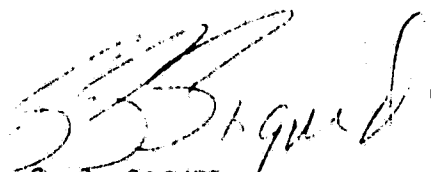
Corporal Lonnie F. Fennell, Jr., 3414915, Battery "C", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Quinten C. DeMoss, 37234856, Medical Detachment, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Harry H. Maas, 35575815, Battery "C", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
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18 April 1945.

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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 officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Captain Parker E. Cooley, 01165836, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant William E. McMaster, 01289782, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant James P. Pero, 01014838, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Robert W. West, (then Technical Sergeant), 02005700, Infantry (Armd), Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant Harold S. Pivnick, 01185276, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Sergeant Wloyd G. Phillips, 37032614, Company "A", 32d Armored Regiment, United States Army, on 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Wilbur C. Whittet, 6860189, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant IG E. Novotny, 17002329, Battery "A", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard E. McCarty, 37005711, Battery "C", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Henry M. Baker, 37050598, Battery "C", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Sergeant Harold D. Lewis, 36343286, Headquarters 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Joseph W. Smith, 33067720, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fourth Grade Floyd Jones, 38296174, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Loren E. Jacobs, 37036651, Battery "A", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal William M. Valikonis, 37036644, Battery "B", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Irving W. Spence, 33229565, Service Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Wilbur L. Smith, 17057369, Company "C", 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry S. Hayes, 17129204, Company "B", 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant James J. Sylvester, 35345639, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class James E. Harrison, 7026316, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Frank J. Scheffler, 32132747, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Frederic A. Gladue, 6131960, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (2D MEDICAL BATTALION, ARMORED).

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 2d Medical Battalion, Armored, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945.

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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Henry C. Fuller, 6241719, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wilebadessen, Germany on 1 and 2 April 1945. When the enemy counterattacked an American held town, Private First Class Fuller, though realizing that his company was outnumbered two to one, nevertheless disdained retreat and drove his tank to a position where his gunner opened fire and destroyed an enemy tank. When three direct hits on a second tank did not effect any damage, Private First Class Fuller, disregarding the intense fire being directed at him and armed with a bazooka, dismounted from his tank, crawled within twenty feet of the enemy tank, and destroyed it with a direct hit. The intrepid daring and outstanding courage of Private First Class Fuller in assisting in the successful defense of a town against the enemy despite tremendous odds, reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Edward A. Auld, 13007605, Battery "B", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Lowen, Germany on 1 April 1945. When an intense enemy artillery barrage on his column forced all personnel to take cover, a shell fragment set fire to Sergeant Auld's half-track. Realizing the imminence of an explosion of the mines in his vehicle, Sergeant Auld, with an utter disregard for the enemy shells falling about him, ran from his cover to his vehicle and attempted to extinguish the flames. When his attempts failed, with further jeopardy to his life, Sergeant Auld drove his half-track out of the column to a position where he unloaded the smouldering mines and extinguished them. The intrepid daring and courage displayed by Sergeant Auld reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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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Private Leon F. Beene, 38571763, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wilebadessen, Germany on 1 and 2 April 1945. Private Beene was bow gunner of a tank spearheading an attack on an enemy-held town. When the advance was threatened by a tiger tank located at a road junction leading to the town, Private Beene's tank maneuvered to an exposed but commanding position and returned the enemy fire with such effect that the tank was destroyed. Then surging forward, he continued to spearhead his company in forcing the enemy to withdraw from the town. The next day when the enemy counterattacked with a numerically superior force, Private Beene, though realizing that his company was outnumbered two to one, nevertheless disdained retreat and opened fire on the enemy, knocking out two of their tanks and demoralizing the enemy to such an extent that they were forced to withdraw. Private Beene's courageous and determined devotion to duty which enabled his company to capture and hold an enemy town despite tremendous odds, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

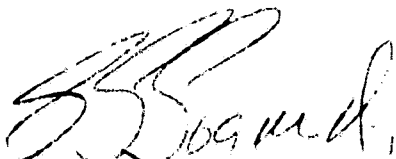
Private Richard G. Rogers, 55845096, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wilebadessen, Germany on 1 and 2 April 1945. Private Rogers was cannoneer of a tank spearheading an attack on an enemy-held town. When the advance was threatened by a tiger tank located at a road junction leading to the town, Private Rogers' tank maneuvered to an exposed by commanding position and returned the enemy fire with such effect that the tank was destroyed. Then surging forward, he continued to spearhead his company in forcing the enemy to withdraw from the town. The next day when the enemy counterattacked with a numerically superior force, Private Rogers, though realizing that his company was outnumbered two to one, nevertheless disdained retreat and opened fire on the enemy, knocking out two of their tanks and demoralizing the enemy to such an extent that they were forced to withdraw. Private Rogers' courageous and determined devotion to duty which enabled his company to capture and hold an enemy town despite tremendous odds, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Lieutenant Colonel William R. France, 020219, Cavalry, (Armd), Commanding Officer, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

  
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GENERAL ORDER

21 May 45  
20 April 1945.

Award of Bronze Star Medal ----- I

Award of Purple Heart ----- II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 500-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal Steven W. Buroz, 33467936, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wilebadessen, Germany on 1 and 2 April 1945. Corporal Buroz was tank commander of a tank spearheading an attack on an enemy-held town. When the advance was threatened by a tiger tank located at a road junction leading to the town, Corporal Buroz's tank maneuvered to an exposed but commanding position and returned the enemy fire with such effect that the tank was destroyed. Then surging forward, he continued to spearhead his company in forcing the enemy to withdraw from the town. The next day when the enemy counterattacked with a numerically superior force, Corporal Buroz, though realizing that his company was outnumbered two to one, nevertheless disdained retreat and opened fire on the enemy, knocking out two of their tanks and demoralizing the enemy to such an extent that they were forced to withdraw. Corporal Buroz's courageous and determined devotion to duty which enabled his company to capture and hold an enemy town despite tremendous odds, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Charles F. Ziers, 37744409, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wilebadessen, Germany on 1 and 2 April 1945. Corporal Ziers was a gunner of a tank spearheading an attack on an enemy-held town. When the advance was threatened by a tiger tank located at a road junction leading to the town, Corporal Ziers's tank maneuvered to an exposed but commanding position and returned the enemy fire with such effect that the tank was destroyed. Then surging forward, he continued to spearhead his company in forcing the enemy to withdraw from the town. The next day when the enemy counterattacked with a numerical superior force, Corporal Ziers, though realizing that his company was outnumbered two to one, nevertheless disdained retreat and opened fire on the enemy, knocking out two of their tanks and demoralizing the enemy to such an extent that they were forced to withdraw. Corporal Ziers's courageous and determined devotion to duty which enabled his company to capture and hold an enemy town despite tremendous odds, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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 country indicated:

Private First Class Walton K. Knight, 38068406, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Private Frank W. Boberek, 31130010, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Cleat R. Nelms, 25903852, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

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~~Private [Name], [Number], Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.~~

Corporal Marshall Stewart, 37257065, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Herman F. Michael, 37236808, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Walter H. Rynyse, 32281251, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Jerrel M. Treadwell, 6934459, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Alton H. Gloor, Sr., 6384703, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Joseph J. Durs, 53058029, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Roland K. Epperson, 37463527, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
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Award of Second Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	SECTION I
Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	SECTION II
Award of Bronze Star Medal	SECTION III

I. AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster thereto previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel Thomas L. Harrold, 018091, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Combat Command "A" in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

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~~\* Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016691, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B" in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.~~

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Wesner, 016842, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Reserve Command in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel Ashley L. Rice, 0473836, Ordnance Department, (Armd), Headquarters 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, 131st Ordnance Maintenance Battalion in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Lieutenant Colonel Carl N. Smith, 0264105, General Staff Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-1), United States Army, for meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arizona.

Lieutenant Colonel John S. Growdon, 019737, General Staff Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-3), United States Army, for meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Lieutenant Colonel Rellie W. Adams, 0308511, General Staff Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-4), United States Army, for meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph B. Kottlowoll, 0285430, Medical Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Division Surgeon in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Major Joseph W. Jogle, 0277949, Infantry, (Armd), Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for meritorious service as Provost Marshal in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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:

Colonel Walter Burnside, 015208, General Staff Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Chief of Staff in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Idaho.


Colonel Joseph W. West, 0235499, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service as Division Artillery Commander in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Utah.

Colonel James T. Roberts, 0220864, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Division Trains, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Division Trains in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 in Luxembourg and Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Lieutenant Colonel Sears Y. Coker, 023697, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 in Luxembourg and Belgium. Entered military service from Florida.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal ----- I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal ----- II

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel James T. Roberts, 0220864, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Division Trains, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Division Trains in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

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\* ~~Lieutenant Colonel Sidney S. Sogard, 0299850, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.~~

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:

Lieutenant Colonel Sidney S. Sogard, 0299850, Adjutant General Department, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Adjutant General in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel Caesar F. Fiore, 019897, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 in Luxembourg and Belgium. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter C. Dolle, 021813, Signal Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Division Signal Officer in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Fred A. Linn, 0368446, Signal Corps, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Assistant Division Signal Officer in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Major Walter L. Halverson, 0351021, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Headquarters Commandant in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Major Howard P. Morley, 0143658, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-5), United States Army, for meritorious service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain Robert W. Alexander, 0409493, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Aide-de-camp in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Charles C. Chowning, 0448935, Cavalry, (Armd), Division Headquarters Company, United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Division Headquarters Company in connection with military operations against the enemy from 3 January 1945 to 16 April 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

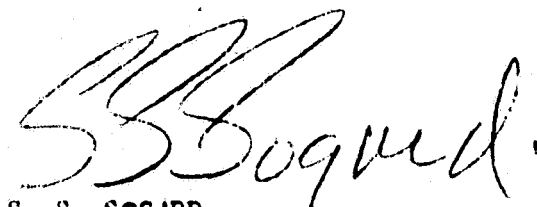
Captain James R. Odle, (then First Lieutenant), 01011671, Infantry, (Armd), Division Headquarters Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Chief Warrant Officer Harold J. Heyka, W2110427, United States Army, (Armd), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, United States Army, for meritorious service as Chief Clerk in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 16 April 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

By command of the Division Commander:

WALTER BURNS IDE,  
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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to;

Corporal Robert Laockini, 33358480, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 April 1945. Corporal Laockini was commander of a tank at an outpost at Wilebadessen, Germany when a numerically superior enemy counter-attacked in an attempt to recapture the town. As four enemy tanks moved to within 400 yards of his position, the supporting infantry withdrew. Rather than retreat despite the overwhelming enemy odds, Corporal Laockini, with complete disregard for his own being, defiantly moved his tank forward to a more commanding position to engage the enemy. Then returning the direct, withering fire of the advancing enemy, he succeeded in destroying one tank before his own tank received a direct hit and he was mortally wounded. The gallantry and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Laockini exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel William R. Prince, 020219, Cavalry, (Armd), Commanding Officer, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ober Mienterich, Germany on 4 March 1945. When all other means of communication to inform the elements of his battalion of important last minute changes in plans for a night attack had failed, Lieutenant Colonel Prince, with complete disregard for his own safety, deliberately made his way through areas being subjected to intense enemy artillery barrages and withering small arms fire to personally notify his unit of the new plan. Through his intrepid daring and gallant action, Lieutenant Colonel Prince prompted a successful night attack and also avoided a possible disastrous fire fight between his troops and troops of the adjacent unit, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant John L. McFarland, 6983913, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Romersdorf, Germany on 11 March 1945. When friendly advancing infantry was pinned down by the fire from an enemy Mark V Tank during the battle for the town, Staff Sergeant McFarland fired several rounds of anti-tank shells at it. When his fire failed to have any effect, Staff Sergeant

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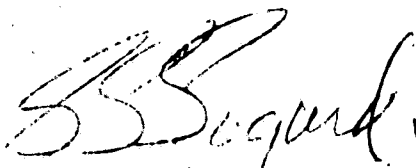
McFarland, disregarding the direct enemy small arms and automatic fire, advanced forward on foot. Upon reaching the enemy tank, he threw two thermite grenades on the engine compartment and then climbed up the front slope of the enemy tank and hurled a third grenade through the hatch, completely destroying the tank. The personal gallantry and outstanding courage of Staff Sergeant McFarland reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Luther R. Kolbe, 35344994, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Warburg, Germany on 31 March 1945. During an attack on an enemy-held town, a direct hit from a bazooka shell set fire to Sergeant Kolbe's tank, forcing him and his crew to abandon it. Realizing that the tank could be used for further action, Sergeant Kolbe remounted and though exposed to direct enemy anti-tank and small arms fire, extinguished the flames and drove the tank to safety. Then observing that the crumbling walls of a burning building were about to bury a wounded comrade lying at its base, Sergeant Kolbe, with complete disregard for his safety, made his way through the avalanche of debris and carried the man to safety. The outstanding valor and loyalty of Sergeant Kolbe exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Donald D. Stout, 0926269, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limburg, Germany on 26 March 1945. While spearheading an advance across the Lahn River, Second Lieutenant Stout's tank and three others were isolated from their unit when the bridge was blown after they had crossed it. The enemy immediately surrounded the tanks and destroyed them, wounding four of the crew members and forcing Second Lieutenant Stout and the other crew members to withdraw to a nearby house and set up a defensive position. Realizing that his enemy-encircled force would soon be annihilated if reinforcements did not arrive, Second Lieutenant Stout disregarded direct enemy fire and rushed through the enemy lines to the river. Then wading across in full view of the enemy, Second Lieutenant Stout informed friendly infantry of the situation. After designating a point for the infantry to cross, Second Lieutenant Stout again made his way through the enemy fire to rejoin his men, directing their defense until relieved by friendly infantry. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant Stout are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

By command of the Division Commander:

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (9TH ARMORED DIVISION BAND). Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 9th Armored Division Band, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945.

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 George F. Richardson, 6895042, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bonenburg, Germany on 1 April 1945. During an attack on an enemy-held town, the advance of friendly infantry was pinned down by intense enemy automatic and panzerfaust fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Richardson moved his tank forward into the hail of direct enemy fire and, though his tank was hit and he was wounded by panzerfaust fire, he neutralized two enemy machine gun positions. The displayed heroism and intrepidity of Sergeant Richardson enabled the infantry to continue their advance and capture their objective, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Henry E. Kamper, 39286153, Division Headquarters Company, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wormeln, Germany on 31 March 1945. As Private First Class Kamper's half-track was passing through an enemy-held town, it stalled when it made a sharp turn to ascend a steeply inclined side street. The enemy, from a machine gun nest located in the corner building, immediately opened fire into the rear of the half-track, pinning down all of the crew. Realizing that they were in imminent danger of being annihilated, Private First Class Kamper, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the point-blank enemy fire and stood up in the rear of the vehicle to man the rear machine gun. Then returning the withering fire of the enemy with superior accuracy, he succeeded in destroying the enemy machine gun nest and killing its crew. The intrepid daring and outstanding courage of Private First Class Kamper exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-4, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Technical Sergeant Arnold T. Ferrington, 37116706, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Joseph S. Gosotski, 36402980, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant James E. Burk, 33897982, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 22 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Ben Burnstein, 36695647, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant Roscoe Deuberly, 6374932, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Avery Matheson, 34375758, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Harvey G. Hazuda, 13132322, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

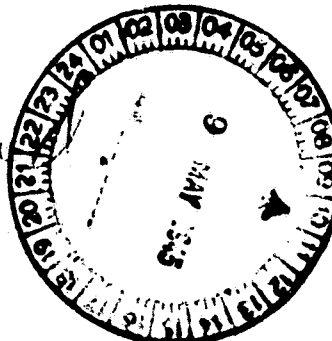
Technical Sergeant John B. Martin, 34375150, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Walter A. Rajala, 36403372, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 23 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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



WALTER DURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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 officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

First Lieutenant William J. Sigmann, (then Second Lieutenant), 01018431, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Owen E. Lancaster, Jr., 01018698, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 9 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class George Engelsma, 36180178, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Reginald L. Sawyer, 34898876, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Sergeant Frank J. Armstrong, 18018927, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Casimer T. Czerwinski, 31121015, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Theodore R. Rhoads, 33773728, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade John F. Gobhardt, 32120524, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Doyle W. Croy, 38732197, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Paul M. Arigo, 32984774, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Private Joseph W. Vondra, 37674413, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Lev E. Reed, 38247001, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Ivan L. Johnson, 34371028, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Ralph C. Preston, 35636476, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Wheeler J. Carpenter, 35034549, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Charles F. Schimpf, 42034092, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Charles I. Snodgrass, 37577811, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class William R. Spears, 15305559, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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~~Commercial First Grade Packer Jones, 34371814, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.~~

Private First Class Theodore A. Kuntz, 36065334, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private Rodney O. Jones, Sr., 36992335, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of the Division Commander:

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SECTION

Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart - - - - -  
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 officer and enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in country indicated:

First Lieutenant Vincent P. McCarthy, 01017740, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal John C. Ballard, 35741196, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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:

Captain Walter M. Meler, 0345937, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain Cecil E. Roberts, 0400932, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade James L. Ward, 33132034, 988th Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private William J. Feary, 33740378, Company "C", 59th Signal Battalion, United States Army, on 27 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Corporal Albert E. Stacks, 39552599, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade John H. Piszcz, 31207610, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private Jack S. Gola, 36471585, Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Ralph E. Tothoro, 33075348, Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Billy I. Taylor, 38100671, Medical Detachment, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank E. Mattingly, 16074969, Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Louis R. Lapacz, 36993911, Headquarters Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade George S. Matthews, 36271485, Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade John J. Curtin, 36381320, Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Robert M. Reynolds, 29915206, Company "D", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.


Private First Class William D. Carden, 37641870, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Norbert J. Klofta, 36290931, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Leo Kott, 37776009, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

By command of the Division Commander:

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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 officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Captain Samuel S. Wortham, Jr., 0450135, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

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~~First Lieutenant~~ Scout, 01012345, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 21 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Second Lieutenant William S. Kenty, 01018202, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "F", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Vermont.

Second Lieutenant William J. McCurdy, 01330940, Infantry, (Armd), Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Ruben E. Schwartz, 36272714, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald A. Diez, 36609784, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Francis F. J. Snider, 11998254, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Joseph V. Windsor, 35813871, Headquarters Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade Sherman L. Duncan, 13017037, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Max G. Goyke, 36918263, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technician Fourth Grade Earl J. Lloyd, 37157745, Service Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Armand J. Moisan, 31069990, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant William G. Halkett, II, 33814761, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Aaron C. Reynolds, 6397984, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Stanley W. Karpinski, 31250120, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Robert R. Watson, 31250038, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur R. Shurata, 34375777, Headquarters 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Third Grade Robert L. Revolt, 36023396, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Indiana.


Sergeant Richard A. May, 36120731, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

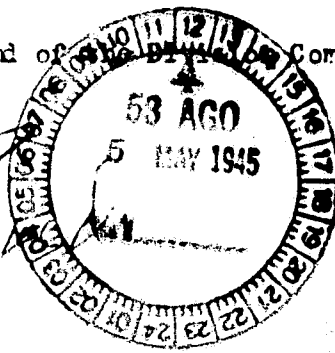
Sergeant Ralph R. Lovelace, 35667381, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal John H. Brewer, 35741185, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

By command of \_\_\_\_\_, Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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



WALTER BURNS IDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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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:

Lieutenant Colonel David T. Peals, III, (then Major), 0363950, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service as Executive Officer, Division Artillery, in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Major Richard E. Kosman, 0362401, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service as S-1 and S-4 in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Fred DeKango, (then First Lieutenant), 01311622, Infantry, (Armd), Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement as S-2 in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Milton E. Klein, 01542306, Medical Corps, (Armd), Company "A", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Ralph J. Wulf, 37109889, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Frank O. Starnes, 34474902, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald D. Margolis, 36277865, Division Headquarters, Special Service Section, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 November 1944 to 5 April 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Private First Class Elwin H. Chapman, 11127937, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Technician Fifth Grade Elwood W. Coates, (then Private First Class), 13152965, Headquarters 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Harold J. Maxwell, 36170172, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Willard L. Montgomery, 37104684, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Taylor W. Glick, 37055729, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Onezime Abshire, 38264697, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

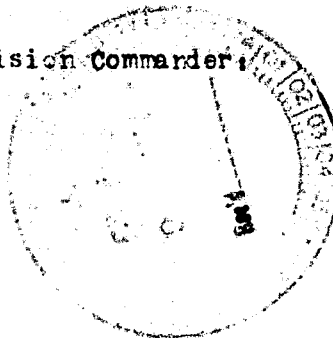
Staff Sergeant Stanley E. Miller, 35441523, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private Louis L. Lerman, 31281967, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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



WALTER BURNS IDE,  
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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

*Rev. Ronald M. ...  
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GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 73 )

26 April 1945.

*5/23/45*

	<u>SECTION</u>
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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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private Clarence S. Hattenbach, 38078100, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class George J. Sierzyniarz, 36409081, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Ervin W. Hedgecoth, 35265717, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Lloyd T. Hollam, 38296357, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Corporal Delbert K. Lander, 33187205, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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 enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in country indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Francis Demkovitz, 33358413, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Corporal John Marshall, 6911936, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Raymond E. Dirkin, 33083637, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Joe Johnson, 13018917, Service Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold W. Houk, 13011750, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 8 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Charles E. Davidson, Jr., 37009373, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Hugh W. Craft, 34474017, Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade Peter J. Rappel, 36303921, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 11 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Herman Stiers, Jr., 37056179, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.


Technician Fifth Grade Clyde C. Taylor, 35518856, Battery "C", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

IV. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 55, this Headquarters, 2 April 1945, as awards a Purple Heart to Technician Fifth Grade Edward B. Cicchetto, 37320530, Battery "A", 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

2. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 59, this Headquarters, 8 April 1945, as awards a Purple Heart to Private Robert E. Campbell, 33692688, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, is revoked.

By command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:

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

WALTER BURNS IDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
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IN REPLY  
REFER TO:

AGRS-DC-S 201 Johnson, Joe  
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7 April 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Joe Johnson  
Route #1  
Jonesville, Virginia

So much of General Orders 73, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, dated 26 April 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant Joe Johnson, service number 13 018 201, which reads "wounded in action 7 April 1945" is amended to read "wounded in action 5 April 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*E. C. Hoge*  
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS )

27 April 1945.

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	<u>SECTION</u>
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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 William M. Haakana, 01011357, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Messen, Germany on 3 April 1945. During a reconnaissance of the city by a tank and infantry platoon under the command of First Lieutenant Haakana, a heavy enemy mortar barrage inflicted severe casualties upon the infantry, completely disorganizing them. Perceiving the critical situation, First Lieutenant Haakana dismounted from his tank, and, with utter disregard for his safety, courageously moved through the intense mortar fire, contacted the infantry platoon, and reorganized his forces. While returning to his tank First Lieutenant Haakana was painfully wounded, but a coordinated attack which he then devised routed the enemy and enabled his forces to accomplish their mission. The gallantry and inspiring leadership displayed by First Lieutenant Haakana reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Maurice J. Crawford, 01017228, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Peckloshelm, Germany on 2 April 1945. During the attack of First Lieutenant Crawford's company on an enemy-held city, heavy enemy concentrations of artillery and small arms fire pinned down the supporting infantry and First Lieutenant Crawford moved his tank platoon forward to engage the enemy. When communications between elements of the attacking force became disrupted and the operations disorganized, First Lieutenant Crawford dismounted from his tank, and, with utter disregard for his safety, moved through the fire-swept field, contacted the infantry platoon leaders and coordinated the efforts of the tanks and infantry which resulted in the capture of the town. As First Lieutenant Crawford was leading his platoon in the capture of the town, he was wounded when he exposed himself from the turret of his tank to better direct the operations of his platoon. The initiative and gallantry displayed by First Lieutenant Crawford reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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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Second Lieutenant Meron J. Thompson, (then Staff Sergeant), 02008403, Cavalry, (Armd), Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Honaf, Germany on 10 March 1945. As Second Lieutenant Thompson's company was driving the enemy from the town, they were pinned down by fire from an enemy tank. Realizing that he would have to expose his tank to direct hostile fire, Second Lieutenant Thompson ordered all of the crew but the driver to dismount. Then loading his gun with one round of ammunition, he maneuvered the tank into an exposed position and fired the one round with such accuracy that the enemy tank was damaged and forced to withdraw, enabling his company to resume their advance. The personal valor and daring of Second Lieutenant Thompson reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR 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, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Henry C. Lamar, Jr., (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), 0519978, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium and Germany during the period 1 January 1945 to 27 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.


First Lieutenant Harold E. Larson, 01175202, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 21 March 1945 to 1 April 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

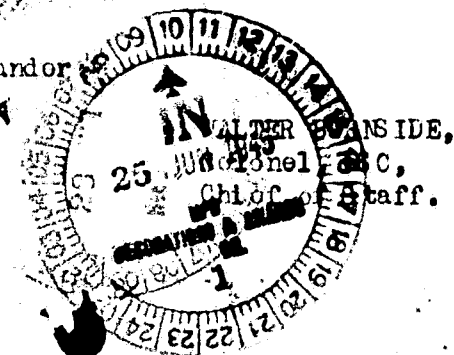
IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Captain Wayne E. Woltz, 01175296, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium and Germany during the period 25 October 1944 to 25 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

By command of the Division Commander

OFFICIAL:

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



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

*Typed Name*  
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*27 April 1945*

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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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

*Revised by G-2 - 1 June 45*  
\* Sergeant Ellis C. Foss, 01104680, Corps of Engineers, (Armd), Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Frederick W. Chartier, 02006594, Cavalry, (Armd), Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Frank Biffar, Jr., 12182195, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 March 1945 to 29 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Henry B. Lyman, 39012589, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade George H. Dean, 36452481, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Frank B. Quinteros, 39282658, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Louis W. Jorgenson, 37109847, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Jesse L. Morrison, 34611696, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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Technician Fifth Grade Ross Crivaro, 33291684, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Ray E. Flrl, 33144844, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 29 March 1945 to 5 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fifth Grade Bernard A. Patasa, 35378973, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Milan Deay, 37133401, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Ignatius J. Zuzga, 36105112, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

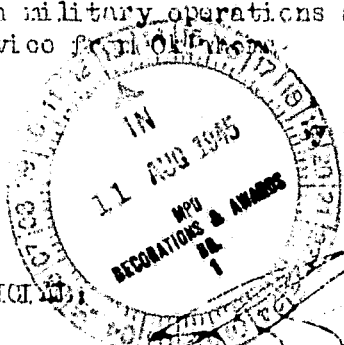
Staff Sergeant Wickliff J. Willoughby, 37212412, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Frank L. Waugh, 01173379, Field Artillery, (2nd), Battery "C", 263d Assault Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 2 March 1945 to 28 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

in command of the Division Commander:

OFFICIAL:



*[Signature]*  
S. S. SCOTT  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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GENERAL ORDERS )

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1 May 1945.

SECTION

Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque (9th Armored Division  
Military Police Platoon)- I

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (9TH ARMORED DIVISION MILITARY POLICE PLATOON). Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 28 August 1944, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 9th Armored Division Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945.

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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Wesner, 016842, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Reserve Command, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Beersdorf, Germany on 13 April 1945. Leading his command forward in an advance, Lieutenant Colonel Wesner observed the bridge across the Weisse Elster River had not as yet been blown by the enemy. Notwithstanding the risk involved of being cut off from the rest of his command should the bridge be blown after his crossing, Lieutenant Colonel Wesner fearlessly led a company of infantry and a platoon of tank destroyers forward and successfully seized the bridge. Then, the securing of the bridgehead being of paramount importance, he directed the fire of the tank destroyers with such accuracy that the enemy was forced to withdraw. The intrepid courage, inspiring leadership and tactical skill of Lieutenant Colonel Wesner reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Major Murray Deevers, 0305995, 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 Podolwitz, Germany on 14 April 1945. Observing that the attack of his command was being stopped by enemy panzer thrust and small arms fire, Major Deevers, disregarding the concentrated enemy fire, fearlessly went forward to his front line elements. By his daring leadership under intense fire, he reorganized the attack and led the task force to its objective. Major Deevers' example of courage and determination was an inspiration to all ranks and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph Frinzi, 33078135, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Morrison M. Heady, 36190075, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

*Award amend. to OLC to BS M by G-82-10 May 1945*  
\* Sergeant Charles E. Mabry, 33360277, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Ernest P. Lynch, 11017315, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 28, this Headquarters, 25 February 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private Vernon D. Adams, 34049125, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, is amended by adding "MISSING IN ACTION".

By command of the Division Commander:

WALTER EURNS IDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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*S. S. Sogard*  
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SECTION

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

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated;

Sergeant Albert E. Fuchs, 32194448, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph P. Steiger, 37018957, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 25 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Roy E. Phipps, 33581968, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 31 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Otis B. Scruggs, 34474861, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Rogue Ramirez, 38112945, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 28 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Manuel Silva, 36120586, Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Eugene Dorland, 36046411, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Alfred J. Abrams, 31060108, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Technician Fifth Grade LaRue Confor, 42021132, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Harvey J. Fernoy, 33244367, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Harold F. Fisher, 17066889, Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Charles P. Graco, 32106260, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Joseph S. Capshaw, 38152603, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Harold J. Heeren, 36271647, Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Lester W. Salmer, 35154530, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerhard J. Winkelman, 37089832, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

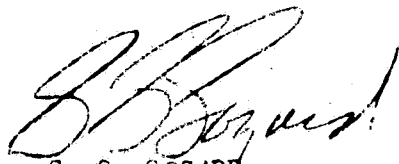
Private First Class Harvey L. Bouldin, Jr., 35741195, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

*Citation amend. by GO 84-26 May 1945*  
Private First Class John C. DiLeg, 38257244, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on ~~12 April~~ *2 March 1945* in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade William D. Showers, 33244349, Headquarters 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of the 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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private Herman Shook, 39286365, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy between the towns of Himburg and Rottbitze, Germany on 15 March 1945. Exposing himself to enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Private Shook, with utter disregard for his personal safety, deliberately made his way over a road subjected to enemy fire to a trench which two wounded comrades had fallen, and, though exposed to the withering hostile fire, he brought the men back to the aid station for treatment. Through the gallantry of Private Shook the lives of two men were undoubtedly saved. The intrepid daring, outstanding courage, and supreme loyalty to his comrades displayed by Private Shook reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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:

First Sergeant Rudolph F. Cerveny, 6639815, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 9 March 1945 in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade George W. Dean, 36452401, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain Charles A. Brown, 0325428, Cavalry, (Armd); Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

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IV. 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:

Major William H. M. Gould, 0364261, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Major William J. Graham, 0226543, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 March 1945 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Captain Vernon S. Atwood, 0454334, Cavalry, (Armd), Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 April 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain James M. Packer, 0417863, Medical Corps, (Armd), Company "C", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 April 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.


Major Philip J. Baird, (then Captain and Major), 0362320, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain James T. Jones, 01166749, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant David J. Elias, 01060425, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of the Division Commander:

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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:

First Lieutenant Frank D. Winchester, 01061032, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Cleston F. Stevens, (then Sergeant), 38322487, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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:

Major Edwin J. Frenzel, 0311019, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters Division Trains, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Erskine Stroop, 01635386, Signal Corps, (Armd), 149th Armored Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant Woodrow W. Willard, 01060993, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 13 March 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Howard W. Jackson, 01048031, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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First Lieutenant Warren F. Haick, 01060789, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 13 March 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Sidney Halberg, 36532684, Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Harry R. Anast, 39379569, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence A. Williams, 36071345, Medical Detachment, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Ted Taft, 38131043, Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

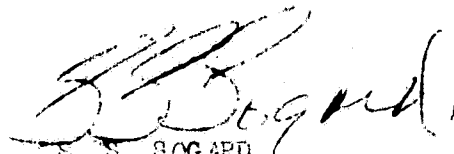
Corporal Alois J. Schwabe, 37426379, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon C. Korf, 37220287, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Samuel L. Lomicux, 36403858, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

By command of the Division Commander:

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S. S. BOGARD,  
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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-46, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Lawrence E. Schuler, 37058426, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany on 17 March 1945. Weakened by constant artillery barrages and aerial bombardment, the Ludendorf Bridge suddenly collapsed, hurtling all who were on it into the river below. From a position on the shore, Staff Sergeant Schuler observed a comrade float clear of the debris and begin to flounder about in the water. Realizing that the man was in danger of drowning, he immediately dived into the river, and with rope in hand, he made his way through the swift current to the helpless man. Then tying the rope around him aided by bystanders on the bank, he towed him to safety. The intrepid courage and outstanding loyalty to a comrade at the risk of his life displayed by Staff Sergeant Schuler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-46, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal Mario S. Torrasi, (then Private), 35054142, 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-46, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant Robert H. Morris, 0375501, Field Artillery, (Arm'd), Headquarters Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 16 December 1944 to 10 April 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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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 country indicated:

Private First Class Wilber H. Merk, 42095891, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Phillip J. Calvano, 16132583, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade LaVern C. Hagen, 16132585, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Harvey H. Hanson, 36272111, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Stanley R. Tolan, 35297792, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Charles A. Clementi, 36993013, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

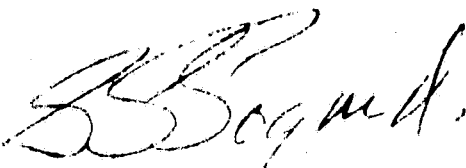
Staff Sergeant Alfons C. Balkun, 35026400, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

V. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS. So much of General Orders Number 71, this Headquarters, 25 April 1945, as awards a Purple Heart to First Lieutenant Myron P. Crout, 01012345, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, is revoked.

By command of the Division Commander:

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the periods indicated:

Service Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, from 27 October 1944 to 16 April 1945.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Division Trains, United States Army, from 1 November 1944 to 2 January 1945.

II. AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Air Medal and Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster thereto previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Donald R. Brown, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), 0546018, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium and Germany during the period 30 December 1944 to 25 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Clyde D. Ware, 0523723, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium and Germany during the period 26 December 1944 to 24 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

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IV. 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 Robert A. Lewis, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), O1166763, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany during the period 26 October 1944 to 2 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant Frank T. Bays, 37157538, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 1 March 1945 to 28 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

V. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 36, this Headquarters, 23 March 1945, pertaining to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Technical Sergeant Joseph A. Gulchreze, 36036263 Headquarters 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, is amended by adding "MISSING IN ACTION".

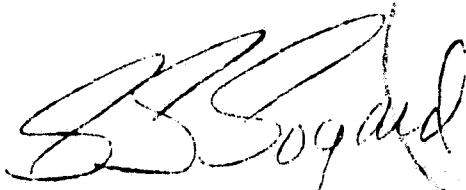
2. So much of General Orders Number 69, this Headquarters, 24 April 1945, pertaining to Private Rodney C. Jones, Sr., 36036265, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, as reads "Purple Heart", is amended to read "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster To Purple Heart".

3. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 75, this Headquarters, 27 April 1945, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade Bernard A. Petose, 35575973, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), as reads "Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster To Bronze Star Medal".

4. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 76, this Headquarters, 1 May 1945, pertaining to Sergeant Charles E. Mabry, 33330277, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), as reads "Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster To Bronze Star Medal".

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Robert A. Lewis, 01166768, Field Artillery, (Armd), Headquarters 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 2 March 1945 to 29 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond W. Jackson, 37463506, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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 George J. Oblander, 01175818, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 7 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Chester F. Kapicki, 01824874, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Irving J. Neuman, 0657390, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Staff Sergeant Jack R. Smith, 13127950, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Louis J. Picariello, 32364525, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 23 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Edmund P. Ogden, 31462994, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis Cohen, 11047601, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Jack Hall, 38279316, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward T. Pederzoli, 31361353, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

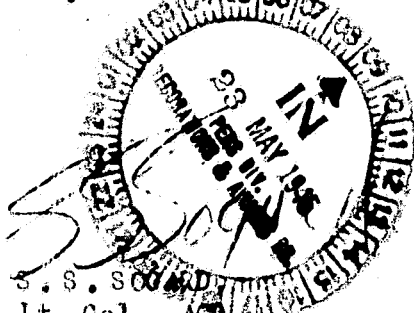
Technician Fourth Grade Bernhard Rust, 38059312, Company "B", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Leo J. Sobieralski, 35344940, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Indiana.

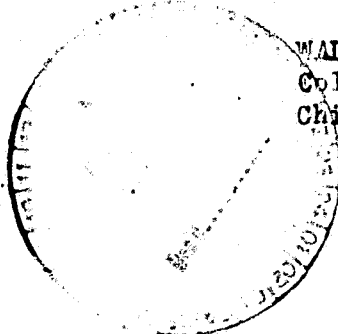
Private First Class Charles A. Ruston, 38071589, Service Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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Sergeant Harold R. Damm, 36337067, Company "A", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, on 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General LEONARD:



S. S. SCOTT  
Lt. Col., AGO  
Adjutant General.



WALTER BURNS IDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 84 )

**ORIGINAL ORDER**

20 May 1945.

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Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	II
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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 First Class John L. Kazmersky, 35515946, Military Police Platoon, United States Army, on 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

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 Norris J. Hamilton, (then Second Lieutenant), 01016706, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

*Rev. by HQ 9p-1 June 1945*  
~~First Lieutenant George J. Oblander, 0115818, Field Artillery, (Armd), Battery "C", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 7 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Kansas.~~

Second Lieutenant Merritt B. Booth, Jr., 01329682, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Chester D. Warner, W2106545, United States Army, (Armd), Headquarters Company, Combat Command "B", United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Chester D. Christie, 01011332, Cavalry, (Armd), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, on 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Robert C. Johnson, Jr., 01048953, Infantry, (Armd), Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Albert E. Roberts, 35213154, Company "A", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, on 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.



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Corporal John C. Lynch, 37252398, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 5 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Corporal Donald R. Johnson, 17155889, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal John J. Sunczik, 32298889, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Thomas E. Knight, 37060422, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Roy L. Leese, 56130178, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Clarence E. Orpin, 37735561, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 26 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Myron E. Hanson, 16132307, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.


Technician Fifth Grade William R. Anderson, 36431692, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Andrew J. Arvay, 53101139, Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Maryland.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 77, this Headquarters, 1 May 1945, awarding the Purple Heart to Private First Class John C. Diloo, 33257244, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, as reads "13 April 1945" is amended to read "2 March 1945".

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL:

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

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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*Original Order*

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21 May 1945.

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, 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 Anthony Kippes, 37462729, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Marco E. Crestani, 35599020, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Charles E. Robertson, 33128580, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Theodore A. Hosie, 36574429, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Antonio P. Hizon, 32418679, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Willard F. Wright, 37109906, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Carlos M. Muriz, 32542367, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Raul S. Herrera, 38457080, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Ogden C. Slade, 34474817, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade Patrick Rossignol, 1122454, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

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Private Julius J. Lema, 36843227, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Clarence P. Davies, 33941397, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 6 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Jirmio J. Sanchez, 39237564, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 22 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class August E. Vovles, 37238750, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Mercedes H. Guorero, 37463537, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private Ray W. Brown, 36471404, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

*Rev. by HQ 124-16 June 1945*  
~~\* Corporal Dennis J. Russo, 32609790, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.~~

Staff Sergeant Joe S. Petrencsik, 35304892, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

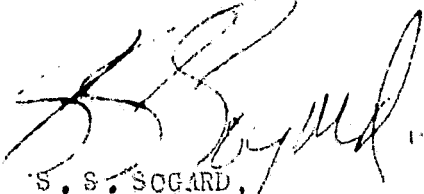
Staff Sergeant Anthony L. Samelo, 32610116, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant John P. Hunter, 17054423, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Marion H. Kolley, 37235385, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL:

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

WALTER BURNS IDE,  
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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:

Private Selden G. Wadkins, 35085824, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Boyd R. Coffey, 34609492, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis E. Sullivan, 11103301, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Clyde Schrader, 38274664, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Stephen J. Maziarz, 33298956, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Delmar L. Winner, 35164615, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Maurice J. Willaert, 36024232, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Paul M. Galliano, 38317960, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Joe T. Wood, 35039205, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Hillman H. Currin, 34678120, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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22 May 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 Seaden G. Wadkins, 35083824, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Boyd R. Coffey, 34609492, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis E. Sullivan, 11103301, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Clyde Schrader, 38274664, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Stephen J. Maziarz, 33298956, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Delmar L. Winner, 35164615, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Maurice J. Willaert, 36024232, Company "D", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Paul M. Galliano, 38317960, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Joe T. Wood, 35039205, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Hillman H. Carrin, 34876120, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Technician Fifth Grade James H. Carroll, 34737944, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Homer Pile, 15048667, Military Police Platoon, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade David E. Wingo, 34474370, 149th Armored Signal Company United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Albert R. Lubinski, 31231917, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 5 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant David S. Kelly, 36273263, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Thomas J. O'Rourke, 32987353, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Rolland C. Root, 37085001, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class Lester J. Ball, 34867081, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Norman C. Davall, 35083542, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Niles A. Palmer, 36986091, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Raymond F. Raddatz, 36619359, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL:



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

WALTER BURNS IDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

AGRS-DC-6 301 Willson, Maurice J.  
36 OLI 232 (6 Feb 52)

1 April 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 86, Headquarters, 9th Armored Division, dated 22 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Maurice J. Willson, 36 OLI 232, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart has previously been awarded to the above-named individual by General Orders 56, Headquarters, 177th General Hospital, dated 25 April 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*E. C. Hoge*  
Adjutant General

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23 May 1945.

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Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart - - - - -	<u>SECTION</u>
Award of Purple Heart - - - - -	I
	II

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action dates and in country indicated:

Second Lieutenant Merritt B. Booth, Jr., 01329682, Infantry, (Armd), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Chester D. Warner, W2106545, United States Army, (Armd), Headquarters Company, Combat Command "B", United States Army, on 4 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Albert R. Lubinski, 31231917, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 26 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Gordon O. Cornette, 16132975, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 26 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Thomas S. Hicks, 36403587, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 22 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Clarence Witt, 36273219, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal John C. DiLeo, 33257244, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant David S. Kelly, 36273263, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Thomas J. O'Rourke, 32987353, Company "E", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provision 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 Joseph E. Rozner, 36274174, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Edward L. Gazaway, 34474207, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Ernie D. Wagner, 38297139, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Fonten P. Clark, Jr., 35345613, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Lowell J. Calhoun, 37699353, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Clifford P. O'Brien, 31213985, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles Goldofsky, 33780813, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Lacy L. Metcalf, 6271203, Military Police Platoon, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Norman S. Gates, 39286940, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL:



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

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 88 )

24 May 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;

Technician Fourth Grade Rufus H. Ayers, 35343341, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Clyde E. Frazier, 37746322, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Donald L. Petersen, 37747065, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 23 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private James B. Goad, 34717454, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Clarence J. Johns, 36273013, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant George A. Smith, 32970398, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence S. Ketter, 37104756, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Paul B. Treiger, 36986800, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Eugene R. Rosato, 31345808, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Robert G. Koehno, 35664184, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Sergeant Roy Hojio, 37114302, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Nebraska.

*rev. July 20/28 - July 1945*  
\* ~~Private Ralph Hagan, 2147429, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.~~

Private Dan Mowens, 35065649, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Herman A. Novak, 37593900, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Private Rudy M. Zyjka, 16133783, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Louis Kovensky, 31320991, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Maine.

Sergeant Vernon Rishell, 17002689, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Eugene J. May, 17003490, Service Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.


Technician Fifth Grade Martin J. Manton, 32578952, Service Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Clayton W. Barrett, 17002668, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Herman Wartik, 39530284, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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WALTER EURESIDE,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Adjutant General.

WALTER EURESIDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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25 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDER

Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque (149th Armored Signal Company) - - SECTION I  
Award of Purple Heart - - - - - II

I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (149TH ARMORED SIGNAL COMPANY).  
Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 149th Armored Signal Company United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provision of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, 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 Leon S. Nance, 44017305, Medical Detachment, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Walter J. Tomaszewski, 36273268, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal John V. Kettunen, 36405737, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Wilbert T. Devine, 33382745, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Martin J. Walsh, 31306068, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Russell E. Sanders, 35271279, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 21 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Edward E. Walneck, 36686202, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class John J. White, Jr., 31185906, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 6 May 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class Kamel S. Shehon, 34657843, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Vernon E. Jaks, 39678852, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Edward M. Cahill, 33893492, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant David L. Goodrow, 6151057, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class David A. Haze, 54399940, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class William E. Dickerson, 34968525, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 24 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

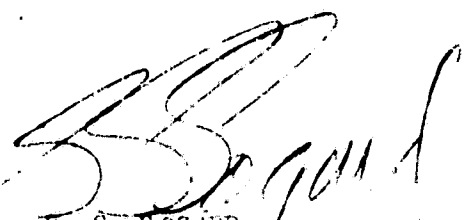
Private Angelo L. Bartol, 37056462, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

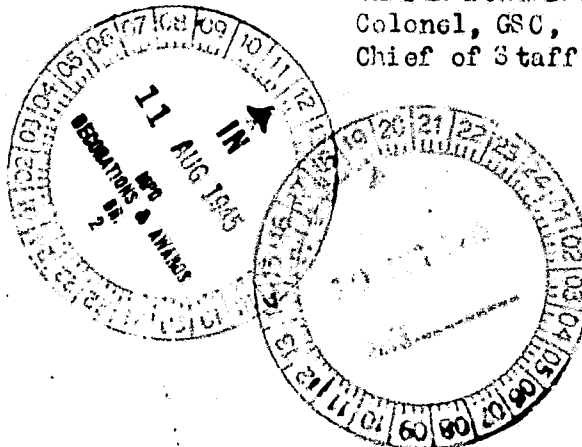
Private James T. Tidrick, 6896744, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (3458TH QUARTERMASTER TRUCK COMPANY)  
Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 3458th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 February 1945 to 2 April 1945.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 country indicated:

Private First Class John E. Hutchinson, 15110421, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Michael A. Ungvarsky, 32849135, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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 enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Private Henry N. Olds, 38390098, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Corporal Stanley C. Jacobio, 33454071, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Private Jay L. Cook, 33082897, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Private First Class Paul A. Frank, 36403731, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Paul E. Erard, 36403713, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Robert F. Maschari, 35343471, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Ohio.

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~~\* Private First Class Warren N. Powers, 37727002, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.~~

Private First Class Charles H. Ventura, 31234550, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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~~\* Staff Sergeant James C. S. S. S. S., 36403622, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.~~

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~~\* Sergeant Reginald L. Denny, 15027755, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.~~

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~~\* Private First Class Arthur O. Griffith, 35932302, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.~~

Private First Class Harold J. Fearn, 52011923, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 6 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

IV. REVOCACTION IN GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 64, this Headquarters, 20 April 1945, awarding the Purple Heart to Private Archie, 42143424, Company "C", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, is revoked.

2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 34, this Headquarters, 20 May 1945, awarding the Purple Heart to First Lieutenant George J. Colander, 01175819, Field Artillery, (Armd), 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion is revoked.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-15, 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:

Technical Sergeant Steven P. Yates, 35229269, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Gilbert C. Rasco, 38317603, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Cletus B. Appleton, 34376109, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Martin J. Johns, 37602632, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 26 September 1944 in France. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-15, 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 Edward P. Stahl, Jr., 42099595, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Eugene F. Sweeney, 31365935, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Oras R. F. Harper, 37745804, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Daniel A. Luddeck, 16132660, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Staff Sergeant Herbert G. Wickman, 36273254, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade George A. Stanek, 36273036, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Rinaldo Forina, 42137821, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Henry J. Spencer, 44026020, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private Donald M. Retlick, 36275215, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Winford Edmondson, 34810994, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Joseph G. Foley, 42140451, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Isadore B. Oberran, 33578406, Company "C", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

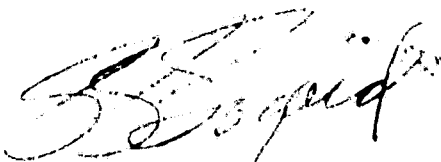
Private First Class Dean T. Craig, 36906046, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Bernard A. Burton, 35667401, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Gerald W. Thiede, 37050612, Company "D", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 31 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

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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 Carl C. Schmitthoner, 01178519, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 3 March 1945 to 1 April 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. 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 Arthur C. Sloan, 6268867, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Charles R. Donham, 36991935, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry A. Paprocki, 36282454, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Glen A. Willsey, 37141332, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class William T. Spring, 42122978, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Duane E. Wilson, 37735382, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Vernon T. Linnauson, 36907174, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Joseph F. Maceri, 32041712, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private George Bergstrom, 31255219, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Edwin D. Haase, 36282353, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Lester H. Holberg, 16155437, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Edwin C. Peterson, 36409037, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Elwin E. Davenport, 33891952, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technical Sergeant Clifton W. Fifield, 31200239, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Farrest Holtsclaw, 35042202, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

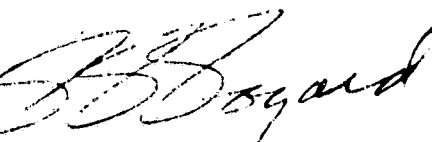
Private Jimmie D. Giboney, 18003160, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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~~Private First Class Roy H. Vernon, 31246712, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.~~

OK. III. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 76 this Headquarters, 27 April 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Ellis G. Foo, 01104659, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion is revoked.

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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:

Captain Arthur J. Bamford, Jr., 0357932, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. While spearheading an advance across the Lahn River, Captain Bamford's tank and three others were isolated from their unit when the bridge was blown after they had crossed it. The enemy immediately surrounded the tanks and destroyed them, wounding four of the crew members and forcing Captain Bamford and the other crew members to withdraw to a nearby house and set up a defensive position. Deploying his forces in strategic positions, Captain Bamford directed the fire of his small crew in repelling repeated attacks of the numerically superior enemy, inflicting heavy casualties, until relieved by friendly troops three hours later. The inspiring leadership displayed by Captain Bamford in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold V. Fleming, 32611129, Medical Detachment, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberspier, Germany. On hearing the cries of wounded comrades lying at the base of a burning tank, Technician Fifth Grade Fleming, with utter disregard for his own safety and despite the fact that the enemy was still subjecting the tank to intense anti-tank fire, deliberately made his way to the wounded men. Ignoring exploding ammunition from the burning tank and direct machine gun fire from an enemy only 600 yards distant, Technician Fifth Grade Fleming persisted in administering aid until his job was completed. Then loading the men on his truck, he drove through the hail of fire to a rear aid station. The gallantry and loyalty to his comrades displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Fleming reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Floyd H. Kornegay, 34945919, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Eissen, Germany. As Private First Class Kornegay's platoon was advancing on the town of Eissen, Germany, they became pinned down by intense hostile machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing the importance of continuing the attack, Private First Class

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Kornogay, with complete disregard for his own safety, boldly charged through the hail of point-blank enemy fire and hurled a grenade upon the machine gun nest, killing the crew and enabling his platoon to continue their attack. The aggressiveness and determined valor displayed by Private First Class Kornogay exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant John R. Klopfer, 0514405, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium and Germany during the period 29 December 1944 to 30 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

First Lieutenant Keith H. Miller, 0422543, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany during the period 26 October 1944 to 21 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant Robert C. O'Leary, 01176151, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany during the period 26 October 1944 to 3 March 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

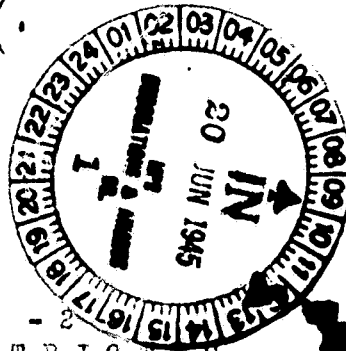
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 500-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Corporal Joseph W. Smith, 33067720, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ebeleber Germany. During an attack on an enemy-held town, Corporal Smith's tank was hit and set on fire by hostile anti-tank fire, wounding some of the crew members. Despite intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, Corporal Smith immediately assisted one of his wounded crew members to safety. Realizing that his platoon commander had not left the tank, Corporal Smith made his way back through the seventy five yards of fire-swept terrain to the tank. Though sustaining severe burns from the hot steel, he crawled up the side and re-entered the tank only to find the commander dead. Nevertheless he attempted to extricate him from the holocaust, but was forced to abandon the tank when the ammunition in it began to explode. Returning to his wounded comrade, he administered aid to him before he allowed himself to be treated. The indomitable courage and unsurpassing loyalty to his comrades displayed by Corporal Smith reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Fenton P. Clark, Jr., (then Corporal), 35345613, Headquarters Battery, 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 April 1945 in the vicinity of Heinichen, Germany. During an attack on an enemy-held town, Sergeant Clark, serving as forward observer with his battalion, was seriously wounded in the right arm when his tank was hit by enemy anti-tank fire. Realizing the need for effective artillery support for the success of the battalion's attack on the town, he refused to be evacuated. Then with further disregard for his own safety he proceeded alone, on foot through 800 yards of fire-swept terrain into the town and set up an observation post. Despite repeated enemy attempts to shell him from his position, he persisted for two hours in directing the artillery fire until relieved by another observer. Through his outstanding courage and expert fire direction, Sergeant Clark contributed materially to the destruction of thirty-six enemy artillery weapons and the capture of an enemy-held town, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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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:

Private Cecil E. Hall, 37036587, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Buskirchen, Germany. When the advance of his platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun, mortar and anti-tank fire, Private Hall, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved his gun to an exposed by commanding position. Then returning the withering fire of the enemy with superior accuracy, he formed a base for his platoon to advance until he was hit by shrapnel and died at his position. The outstanding valor and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private Hall enabled his platoon to neutralize the enemy positions, reflecting great credit upon himself and exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

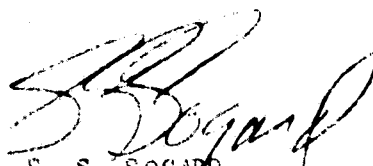
Corporal Walter J. Kotarba, 53056498, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Corporal Kotarba assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Corporal Kotarba's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Corporal Kotarba was killed in a subsequent action. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Robert C. O'Leary, 01176151, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 3 March 1945 to 4 April 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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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:

Major Henry C. Mabry, 0379224, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Major Leonard J. Harris, 0415120, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Major Sol Kramer, 0321251, General Staff Corps, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-4 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain Lloyd L. Bates, 01011364, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain Vincent D. Dargiani, 01000220, Adjutant General Department, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Adjutant General Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Charles C. Ballard, 0516068, Cavalry, (Armored), Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March 1945 to 28 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Stewart H. Evans, 01541793, Medical Administrative Corps, (Armored), Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Second Lieutenant Roy B. Cowin, Jr., 0541882, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 January 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant George J. Shoche, 33015241, Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John A. Nadolski, (then Sergeant), 36712743, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Albert Searco, 14019991, Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade John M. Dobbins, 33111825, Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Sol R. Satran, 32543305, Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

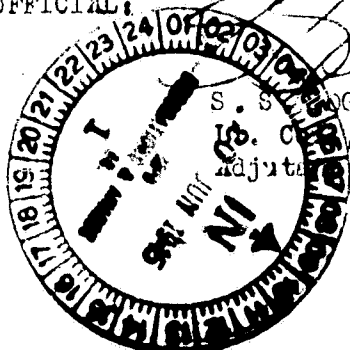
Private First Class Martin Cohen, 33814008, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul Popovich, 33144900, Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (SERVICE BATTERY, 73D ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION). Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 25 August 1944, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the Service Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 February 1945.

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 Manuel Pasquale, 33164037, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Technician Fifth Grade Pasquale assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Technician Fifth Grade Pasquale's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Francis E. Brosious, 33095153, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 March 1945 in Germany. While spearheading an advance across the Lahn River, Private First Class Brosious' tank and three others were isolated when the bridge was blown after they had crossed it. Immediately thereafter the enemy surrounded the small force and succeeded in knocking out three of the tanks and damaging that of Private First Class Brosious. With utter disregard for his own being, Private First Class Brosious remained at his gun, and returning the direct fire of the enemy, he repelled repeated attacks to overrun his position for three hours until friendly infantry arrived. The courage and determination displayed by Private First Class Brosious reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Corporal Harold O. Resler, 35461350, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Corporal Resler assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Corporal Resler's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.


Staff Sergeant Carl E. Osburn, Jr., (then Sergeant), 35930295, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Staff Sergeant Osburn assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Staff Sergeant Osburn's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

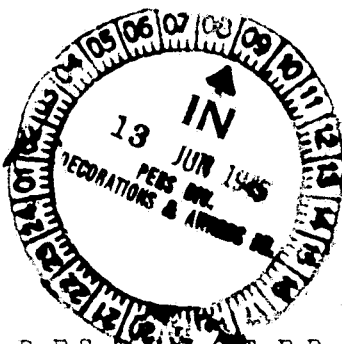
III. AWARD OF THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters thereto previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Donald R. Brown, 0546018, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 26 March 1945 to 10 May 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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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:

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\* ~~Sergeant Hugh L. Autry, (The Infantryman Fifth Grade) 34474200, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mageret, Belgium. Disdaining close range enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Autry inspired and led a small group of men in neutralizing fire from enemy positions that were bogging down the advance of his task force. Each time he spearheaded the attack of his men, once advancing alone and killing a sniper who threatened their advance. During the intense fire fight, he led his small group in killing over twelve of the enemy, annihilating three hostile strong points, and destroying a Mark VI tank. Sergeant Autry's unflinching courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.~~

Staff Sergeant Edward L. Fitzpatrick, 37005044, Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in the vicinity of Zangerberg, Germany. The tank platoon commanded by Staff Sergeant Fitzpatrick was assigned the mission of clearing the town of Zangerberg and the surrounding territory of emplaced artillery guns and supporting infantry. Skilfully manuevering his platoon into position, he directed their fire in destroying eight enemy guns. As the enemy fire grew in intensity, Staff Sergeant Fitzpatrick, realizing the need of artillery support, ordered his men to a position of safety. Then deliberately exposing himself to the concentrated enemy fire aimed directly at him, he successfully directed the artillery fire in neutralizing all enemy gun positions in the area. The intrepid daring and outstanding gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant Fitzpatrick contributed to the destruction of eighteen enemy artillery guns reflecting great credit upon himself and exemplifying the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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:

Private William E. Linger, 35845276, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany.

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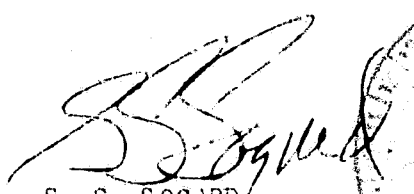
Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private Linger assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private Linger's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class James E. Walls, 33907566, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private First Class Walls assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private First Class Walls' undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Private Benjamin F. Cummings, 36992058, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private Cummings assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private Cummings' undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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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 William J. Sigmann, 01018431, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remhof, Germany. First Lieutenant Sigmann, a rifle platoon leader, was assigned the mission of defending a hill against a desperate, numerically superior enemy. Though his platoon was greatly depleted and composed mostly of men who were receiving their baptism of fire, First Lieutenant Sigmann displayed undaunted courage and gallantry in inspiring his men to repel repeated enemy attacks during a nine hour period. On four occasions after they had completely surrounded his force, the enemy called upon him to surrender or be killed, and each time his answer was to order his men to increase their volume of fire. Throughout the action First Lieutenant Sigmann personally killed five fanatical enemy soldiers who charged to within ten feet of his foxhole in an attempt to kill him. By his determined resistance, staunch valor, and ceaseless devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Sigmann held the hill from enemy control until other elements of his company were able to counterattack and drive the enemy from the hill. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Donald E. McAlpine, 01178241, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of St. Bath, Belgium. Second Lieutenant McAlpine was acting in the capacity of artillery liaison officer when his battalion command post was surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. As the encircling enemy drew closer, Second Lieutenant McAlpine, in an effort to stem the advance and with utter disregard for his personal safety, called for fire directly on his position, thereby delaying the enemy and inflicting several casualties upon them. He continued calling for this concentrated fire until the enemy overran the position and he was captured. In a subsequent action Second Lieutenant McAlpine was released from enemy control. The intrepid daring and outstanding courage displayed by Second Lieutenant McAlpine reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Isadore Marks, 36633831, Battery "A", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on

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11 March 1945 in the vicinity of the Ludendorf Bridge, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Marks' battery was assigned the mission of giving anti-aircraft support to the first allied bridgehead across the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany. During an intense hostile artillery barrage, a hit was scored on one of the half-tracks at the approach to the bridge and it was immediately enveloped in flames. Though thrown to the ground by the explosion, Technician Fifth Grade Marks, realizing that the flames would soon reach the ammunition and cause a delay to the much needed supply of men and materiel to the bridgehead, immediately climbed aboard the vehicle. Then, with utter disregard for his own safety, he climbed among the smoldering ammunition and extinguished the flames. The intrepid daring and outstanding valor displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Marks in risking his life to insure expeditious flow of men and materiel to the bridgehead, contributed materially to the allied cause, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 23 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 Henry F. Lagocki, 3819284, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Sergeant Lagocki assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Sergeant Lagocki's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Stanley J. Melancon, 33617413, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private Melancon assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private Melancon's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Robert E. Moser, 34868850, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private First Class Moser assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw.

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His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private First Class Mosier's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

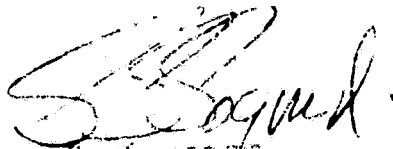
Private First Class James F. Tucker, 35344938, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Krotzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private First Class Tucker assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private First Class Tucker's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private Paul S. Nelson, 31401373, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Krotzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private Nelson assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he materially aided in wiping out three enemy strong points, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold aggressive actions, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private Nelson's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

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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:

Lieutenant Colonel Leo W. H. Shaughnessey, 019458, Infantry, 3d Battalion, 273d Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 and 15 April 1945. Realizing that important personages of the British Government were imprisoned in Colditz, Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Shaughnessey personally led a frontal assault on the town. When the intensity of the enemy fire pinned the attack down, he then organized a force to envelope the town and attack from the rear. Inspiring his men on by his courage, aggressiveness and daring, Lieutenant Colonel Shaughnessey personally directed the successful night attack and succeeded in freeing the captives. The superior leadership and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Shaughnessey reflect great credit upon himself and are 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 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Robert T. Self, 6332367, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Valendar, Germany. Observing two wounded comrades pinned down under a vehicle by withering fire from enemy machine guns, Technical Sergeant Self, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ordered his tank forward to provide protective cover. Defiantly exposing himself to the enemy fire, he dismounted from his tank and aided the two wounded comrades to safety behind a tank turret. After evacuating the two wounded soldiers, he returned and engaged the enemy with superior accuracy, neutralizing the machine gun nests. Technical Sergeant Self's courage and coolness in action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis E. Barr, 0302606, Finance Department, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Finance Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

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Major Matt W. Werve, 0362309, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-3 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Major William H. Sullivan, (then Captain), 01796374, Corps of Military Police, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-5 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Captain Ernest A. Bolt, Jr., 0407120, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-4 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain J. Melvin Spissen, 0453914, Signal Corps, (Armored), 149th Armored Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Charles Sneddon, Jr., 37086328, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-3 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Adolph E. Zandron, 36213057, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-3 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Master Sergeant Luther B. Prosser, 36312915, Company "C", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

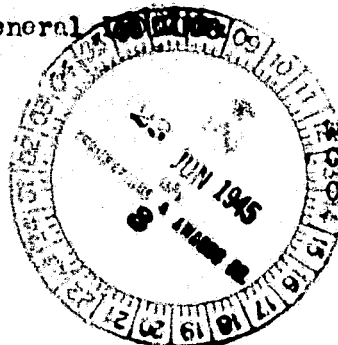
Sergeant James H. Michelson, 31112529, Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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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:

Corporal Judson L. McBrine, Jr., 31283022, Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. Defying extremely intense small arms and machine gun fire, Corporal McBrine, with complete disregard for his personal safety, deliberately made his way to where wounded men had fallen. Though exposed to the withering fire, he moved from position to position giving aid and comfort to the wounded. As he was proceeding from one casualty to another, he was caught in the deadly enemy fire, fell, and died almost immediately. Through his heroism the lives of many of his comrades were saved. The intrepid daring and outstanding loyalty displayed by Corporal McBrine reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

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 Samuel S. Wortham, 0450135, Cavalry, (Armored), Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. When the enemy blew up a bridge in the face of his company's advance into Limburg, Captain Wortham immediately went on a personal reconnaissance and located a partially demolished railroad span. After a quick appraisal, he led a platoon to it, and without regard for the enemy machine gun and sniper fire, supervised hasty repairs which soon made the span passable. Without waiting for the rest of his company, he led the platoon into the city and under extremely heavy machine gun fire, rescued four entrapped American tanks. Securing the position, Captain Wortham returned to bring up the remainder of his company and skillfully and successfully attacked and captured the city. The aggressiveness and courage displayed by Captain Wortham are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Kenneth H. Haas, 0397216, Field Artillery, (Armored), Battery "C", 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ringen, Germany. When enemy artillery fire began to fall with much

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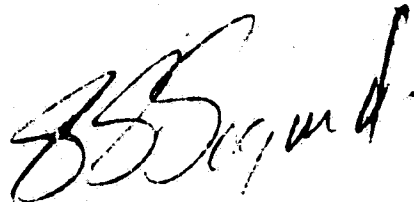
accuracy on his position, Captain Haas, as Battery Commander, decided to move his battery to an alternate position so that they could continue firing. While supervising the displacement, Captain Haas was hit in the ankle by shell fragments. Refusing to be evacuated, though unable to walk without aid, and, with utter disregard for his personal being, he remained in the shelled area until the last vehicle had moved. Not until the battery had set up in their new position and were again ready for action did Captain Haas consent to evacuation. The outstanding valor, ceaseless devotion to duty, and inspiring leadership displayed by Captain Haas reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant James B. French, Jr., 01058516, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "A", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany on 8 and 9 March 1945. During this period a desperate and fanatical enemy was employing every means in his power to destroy the Ludendorff Bridge in order to isolate the troops who had already crossed to establish the first Allied bridgehead across the Rhine River. Repeatedly during these extremely heavy artillery barrages, First Lieutenant French with complete disregard for his personal safety, made his way to positions where wounded men had fallen, and, though exposed to the withering enemy fire, he carried the men back to the aid station for treatment. Through the gallantry of First Lieutenant French the lives of many men were saved. The heroism and loyalty to comrades displayed by First Lieutenant French reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant Weston C. Cooley, 0544234, Cavalry, (Armored), Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of Drossdorf, Germany. When a truck containing valuable operational maps was hit and abandoned by its driver, Second Lieutenant Cooley, with utter disregard for his personal safety, dismounted from his tank and made his way through a hail of direct enemy fire and removed the maps. Later, on being informed that a very vital map was still in the wrecked truck, he again exposed himself to hostile fire in order to obtain it. The intrepid gallantry displayed by Second Lieutenant Cooley in risking his life to save the maps from possible enemy capture, reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. 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 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private Milton R. Wilson, 34919937, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Grossender, Germany. As Private Wilson's company was attacking an enemy-held town, the enemy opened fire on them, knocking out the lead tank and pinning down the remainder of the column. With utter disregard for his personal being, Private Wilson immediately made his way forward through the hail of direct hostile fire and hurling two grenades on the enemy strongpoint, he knocked out the crew. Then leading the rest of the tanks forward, he directed their fire on other enemy positions with such devastating accuracy that the enemy opposition was neutralized and seventy-five of the enemy surrendered. The intrepid valor and inspiring gallantry displayed by Private Wilson exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Norbert E. Mitchell, 31260162, Headquarters Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On the night of 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bomal, Luxembourg, during a cold, rainy, blackout march, Staff Sergeant Mitchell's vehicle skidded and plunged over an embankment into a creek. On hearing that two of his men were trapped in the truck after he had reached the shore, Staff Sergeant Mitchell, though injured, unhesitatingly dived into the creek and succeeded in rescuing the men. Through the heroism of Staff Sergeant Mitchell the lives of two men were saved. The intrepid daring and loyalty to his comrades displayed by Staff Sergeant Mitchell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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:

Lieutenant Colonel John J. MacFarland, O18100, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Lieutenant Colonel George K. Ditlew, (then Major), 0330681, General Staff Corps, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-3 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Major Harry E. Young, 0388412, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 31 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Major John L. Mack, (then Captain), 0322772, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 20 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Captain Robert L. Lybarger, 01011462, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain John E. DeRoche, (then First Lieutenant), 01010053, Infantry, (Armored) Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 and 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

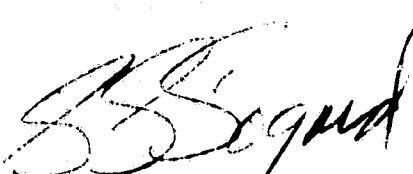
First Lieutenant Alonso Acosta, 01178049, Field Artillery, (Armored), Battery "B", 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Keith E. Roberts, 01181099, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Norman F. Brickman, (then Second Lieutenant), 01013336, Ordnance Department, (Armored), Company "B", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

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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, 28 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant John J. Biras, 36073098, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Valendar, Germany. Observing two wounded comrades pinned down under a vehicle by withering fire from enemy machine guns, Staff Sergeant Biras, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ordered his tank forward to provide protective cover. Defiantly exposing himself to the enemy fire, he dismounted from his tank and aided the two wounded comrades to safety behind the tank turret. After evacuating the two wounded soldiers, he returned and engaged the enemy with superior accuracy, neutralizing the machine gun nests. Staff Sergeant Biras' courage and coolness in action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Staff Sergeant Biras was killed in a subsequent action. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant John W. Ward, 32120865, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Dattenburg, Germany. After leading his platoon in the capture of an enemy-held town, Staff Sergeant Ward observed that advancing infantry was pinned down by fire from well-concealed enemy positions. Immediately moving his tank forward for support, Staff Sergeant Ward disregarded his personal safety and opened the hatch of his tank in order to spot the enemy strongpoints. After ascertaining the location of the enemy, he relayed the information to his gunners, and while directing their fire from his exposed position Staff Sergeant Ward was killed by the fire of an enemy sniper. Through his intrepid courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant Ward was directly responsible for the destruction of the enemy, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur L. Ikenberry, (then Private), 33907347, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Buskirschen, Germany. As Staff Sergeant Ikenberry's platoon was advancing on enemy positions they became pinned down by intense machine gun, mortar and anti-tank fire. Realizing the importance of continuing the attack, Staff Sergeant Ikenberry deliberately exposed himself to the direct fire of the enemy to locate their positions and return their fire. Inspired by his actions and protected by his base of fire, the platoon surged forward, and under the skillful leadership of Staff Sergeant Ikenberry they successfully overran all enemy positions in the area. The intrepid

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daring, outstanding heroism, and inspiring leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant Ikenberry reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Aulton E. Roland, 0379424, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 December 1944 to 11 April 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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:

Second Lieutenant Floyd D. Carter, (then Staff Sergeant), 02008715, Cavalry, (Armored), Company "F", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 21 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Tristram W. Phinney, 01060249, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

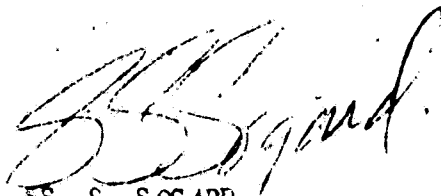
Warrant Officer Junior Grade Henry A. Tisler, W2132127, United States Army, (Armored), Company "C", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 21 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Rolland C. Root, (then Sergeant), 37085001, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class Ralph E. Whitaker, 35667368, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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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 John P. Darnell, 36106685, Battery "C", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Volkmarson, Germany. Observing three children repeatedly carrying food into a nearby woods, Corporal Darnell became suspicious and followed them to a concealed enemy hideout. There his presence was discovered by two enemy soldiers who ran into the hut. Corporal Darnell immediately fired two shots into the roof and called for their surrender. When he was answered by a burst of small arms fire, he unhesitatingly attacked and fired into the hostile entrance, wounding one and forcing five other enemy soldiers to surrender. His courageous action removed a potential source of sabotage behind enemy lines, reflecting great credit upon Corporal Darnell and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Clifford Haga, 20925144, Battery "C", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Volkmarson, Germany. Observing three children repeatedly carrying food into a nearby woods, Private Haga became suspicious and followed them to a concealed enemy hideout. There his presence was discovered by two enemy soldiers who ran into the hut. Private Haga immediately fired two shots into the roof and called for their surrender. When he was answered by a burst of small arms fire, he unhesitatingly attacked and fired into the hostile entrance, wounding one and forcing five other enemy soldiers to surrender. His courageous action removed a potential source of sabotage behind enemy lines, reflecting great credit upon Private Haga and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Charles W. Kyle, 15044892, Headquarters Company, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class James L. Peterson, 37237162, Company "B", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Tony Romeo, 39012644, Company "C", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry A. Bradley, 36537351, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Kirby Lowery, 6298869, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

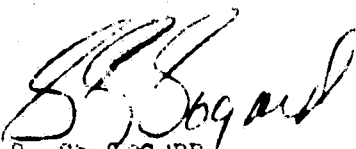
Sergeant Pierce R. Smith, 39282353, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

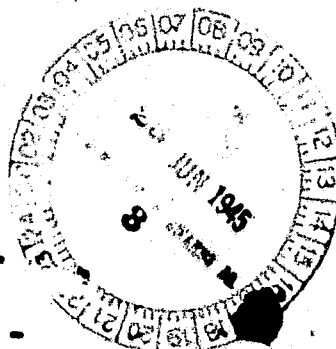
II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Carl E. Schmitthomer, O1178519, Field Artillery, (Armored) Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the vicinity of Beersdorf, Germany, on 13 April 1945. When the intense fire from emplaced enemy antiaircraft guns halted the advance of friendly infantry, First Lieutenant Schmitthomer, as aerial observer, adjusted artillery fire on them. In complete defiance of bursting flak on all sides of his liaison plane, he flew within close range of the enemy guns in order to accurately observe his adjustments. He quickly and skilfully brought devastating artillery fire to bear on the hostile positions. The intrepid daring displayed by First Lieutenant Schmitthomer resulted in the neutralizing and destruction of the enemy guns and enabled the infantry troops to advance without further casualties. His coolness under fire and fearless devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Award of Purple Heart - - - - - II

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded posthumously, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Wilbur L. Ikenberry, (then Private), 33907347, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Krotzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Staff Sergeant Ikenberry inspired and led his squad in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he spearheaded his group in wiping out three enemy strongpoints, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other hostile troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding a numerically superior enemy, resulted in the killing of fifteen of the enemy, the capture of five, and paved the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Staff Sergeant Ikenberry's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Staff Sergeant Ikenberry was killed in a subsequent action. Entered military service from New York.

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 officer and enlisted men for wounds received as the result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

First Lieutenant Maurice M. Deal, 01014295, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon V. Fehr, 36051151, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 23 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade John K. Kolling, 37230539, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred F. Link, 35345576, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Private Richard O. Morris, 34990851, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 3 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Donald R. Maahs, 36845658, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd R. Pilkington, 14072014, Troop "C", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Thomas W. Chapman, Jr., 35012951, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward O. Fehlau, 36703034, 42d Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 29 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Edgar A. Waters, 33299759, 998th Treadway Bridge Company, United States Army, on 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Elwin I. Bagley, 37083673, Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

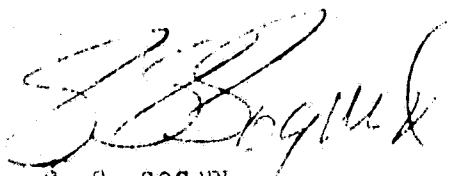
Technician Fifth Grade Alfred C. Reed, 6936900, Service Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 3 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Carl H. Gebhart, 7042000, Medical Detachment, 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Ohio.

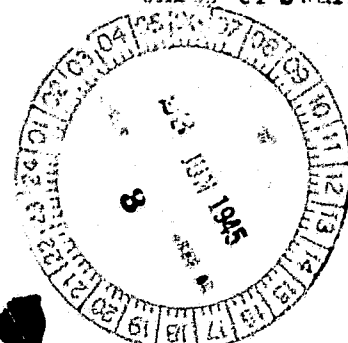
Private First Class Leonard A. Wanner, 33016223, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 26 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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 Ellis G. Fee, 01104659, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 to 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. On 8 March 1945 Captain Fee was assigned the mission of controlling traffic across the Ludendorf Bridge to the newly established first Allied bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine River. The enemy was subjecting the bridge to constant artillery barrages and repeated aerial attacks in an effort to destroy it. Disregarding hazardous blackout conditions and the threat of the collapse of the bridge from repeated direct hits, Captain Fee remained on the bridge directing his men in the repair of the damaged structures, thereby maintaining a continuous flow of men and materiel so urgently needed for the expansion and securing of the bridgehead. The intrepid daring and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Captain Fee contributed materially to the successful maintenance of the bridge, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Frederick R. Hendrickson, 01010046, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. When elements of his command were unsuccessful in radiating a report of vital strategical importance to rear headquarters, First Lieutenant Hendrickson volunteered to personally attempt to carry the message through enemy lines. Realizing that all previous attempts to travel the only available road were halted by fire from strong enemy positions along the way, he ventured to risk his own being in order to deliver the message. Though he met wounded men along the way who were unsuccessful in getting through, he nevertheless sped along the road until the enemy scored a direct hit on his vehicle and he was severely wounded. First Lieutenant Hendrickson was not evacuated until friendly infantry later overran the enemy position. The intrepid daring and outstanding valor displayed by First Lieutenant Hendrickson in attempting to overcome insurmountable odds at the risk of his life in order to further the advance of his own troops, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Corporal Alois J. Schwabe, 37426379, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Ross Crivaro, 35391664, Battery "B", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Kochor, 6775173, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

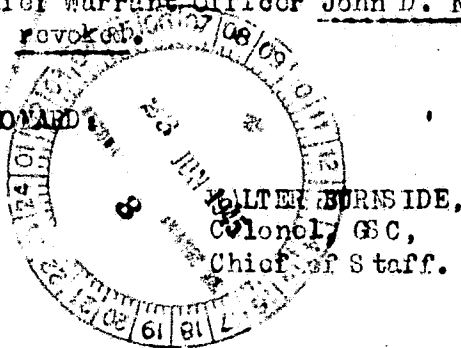
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Charles R. Riley, (then First Lieutenant), 0513295, Medical Corps, (Armored), Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 24 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

IV. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 44, this Headquarters, 24 March 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant John E. Hyde, 01017582, Infantry, Military Police Platoon, is revoked.

2. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 44, this Headquarters, 24 March 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Chief Warrant Officer John D. Noell, W-2119691, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, is revoked.

By command of Major General LEONARD



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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 Murray Ulm, 01328097, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. When his platoon became trapped between interlocking bands of grazing enemy machine gun fire, Second Lieutenant Ulm, though seriously wounded, displayed outstanding courage and leadership in directing his men to safety. Refusing evacuation, he then reorganized his forces and led them in a successful assault on the enemy positions. The valor and devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant Ulm contributed materially in the defeat of the enemy and the capture of 280 prisoners, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Staff Sergeant Martin L. Baker, (then Sergeant), 36992150, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Staff Sergeant Baker inspired and led his squad in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he spearheaded his group in wiping out three enemy strongpoints, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding a numerically superior enemy, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Staff Sergeant Baker's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Gilbert C. Rasco, (then Staff Sergeant), 38317603, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Technical Sergeant Rasco inspired and led his squad in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he spearheaded his group in wiping out three enemy strongpoints, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive actions, utterly disregarding a numerically superior enemy, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Technical Sergeant Rasco's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Private First Class James T. Jeffery, (then Private), 39558444, Battery "A", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. As Private First Class Jeffery's battery was proceeding across the Ludendorf Bridge to support the first Allied bridgehead across the Rhine River, the enemy subjected the bridge to heavy artillery fire. When the barrage grew in intensity the platoon commander, deeming it better to risk the vehicles rather than the lives of his men, ordered them to take cover. Private First Class Jeffery alone remained in his vehicle on the alert for enemy aircraft. As a Messerschmitt 109 swooped down on the bridge, Private First Class Jeffery opened fire on it and scoring a direct hit, brought the plane down. The heroism and daring displayed by Private First Class Jeffery saved the bridge from possible damage, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Arthur G. Dean, 35667575, Company "B", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in the vicinity of Sievernich, Germany. Moving his tank to cover when his company was trapped by enemy 88mm anti-tank guns, Sergeant Dean suddenly discovered the proximity of a concealed enemy gun. Immediately perceiving his precarious situation, Sergeant Dean, without thought for his personal safety in exposing himself to small arms fire, courageously opened his tank hatch and accurately threw hand grenades into the enemy position. His alertness of mind and prompt action neutralized the anti-tank gun and thereby prevented the further loss of lives. Sergeant Dean's fortitude and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

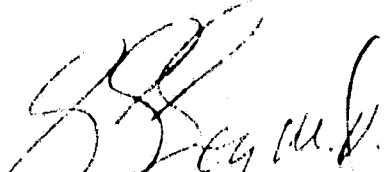
Captain France B. McConkie, 0416413, Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company "B", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 12 January 1945 in Luxembourg and Belgium. Entered military service from Utah.

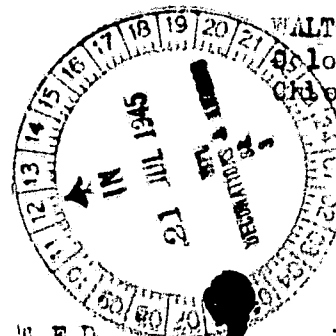
Captain Wiley B. Trivett, Jr., (then First Lieutenant), 0376420, Medical Corps, (Armored), Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant George A. Billias, 01541896, Medical Administrative Corps, (Armored), Company "C", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the Service Battery, 13th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 13 December 1944 to 13 March 1945.

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:

First Lieutenant John E. Hyde, O1017582, Infantry, (Armored), Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 13 March 1945. On 9 March 1945 First Lieutenant Hyde was assigned the mission of supervising the movement of troops and material passing through Remagen, Germany towards the Ludendorf Bridge and the first Allied bridgehead across the Rhine River. Throughout the period a desperate and fanatical enemy was subjecting the roadways leading to the bridge to constant artillery barrages and frequent aerial attacks in an effort to disrupt the flow of traffic. When the enemy fire grew in intensity and panicky drivers abandoned their vehicles, thereby halting traffic, First Lieutenant Hyde, with utter disregard for his own safety, made his way up and down the halted column encouraging drivers to remount their vehicles and continue their march. Through his daring actions and coolness under fire, First Lieutenant Hyde insured a constant flow of men and supplies so urgently needed to secure and expand the bridgehead, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Chief Warrant Officer John D. Noell, W-2119691, United States Army, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-4 Section), United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 13 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. On 9 March 1945 Chief Warrant Officer Noell was assigned the mission of supervising traffic clearance of units proceeding to the newly established first Allied bridgehead across the Rhine River. Although a desperate and fanatical enemy was subjecting the Ludendorf Bridge and his control points to constant artillery barrages and frequent aerial attacks, Chief Warrant Officer Noell repeatedly exposed himself to the withering hostile fire in order to maintain liaison between his forces. Through his gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty in maintaining an uninterrupted

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flow of men and materiel, Chief Warrant Officer Noell contributed materially to the successful expansion of the bridgehead, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-46, 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 Donald Sprang, 35633966, Reconnaissance Company, 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private David Middleton, 37489888, Reconnaissance Company, 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Richard Wallace, 35633990, Reconnaissance Company, 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private John M. Savot, 36954406, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry B. Campbell, 32768317, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant Roscoe Douberly, 6374932, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Robert W. Lotzer, 37159215, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Corporal George M. Shumar, 33078920, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 March 1945 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Russell L. Schmitt, 19103842, Company "A", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 December 1944 to 27 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from California.

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Technician Fourth Grade William E. Machetto, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 20934458, Company "A", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 20 January 1945 in Luxembourg and Belgium. Entered military service from Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis G. Hacker, 36175750, Battery "B", 482d Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Bersonavago, 53488642, Battery "L", 482d Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Leland L. Fradet, 37081641, Battery "B", 482d Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

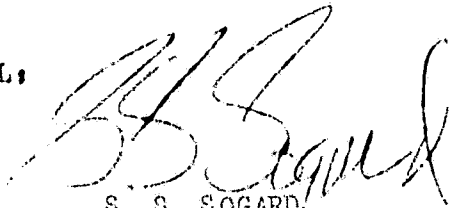
IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Act 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as the result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

Private First Class Cletus B. Appleton, 54376109, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 28 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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First Lieutenant Alfred J. Matskovich, (then Second Lieutenant), O2049011, Medical Administrative Corps, (Armored), Company "B", 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant William H. Nickless, O475058, Ordnance Department, (Armored), Company "C", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 December 1944 to 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Ernest A. Simpson, Jr., O1633548, Signal Corps, (Armored), 149th Armored Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Kenneth L. Patterson, O1017168, Infantry, (Armored), Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Alex F. Bisterfeldt, 6865356, Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Hobert E. Watkins, 34376229, Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Garland E. Combs, 6864500, Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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First Sergeant Raymond E. Schorz, 37047098, Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Willard W. Goolsby, 34054062, Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Dale D. Smodley, 37033085, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Thurman L. Wilson, 15338410, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Frank J. Malazzo, 36609705, Medical Detachment, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Antonio C. Horedia, 39160310, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert H. Rossiter, 6920298, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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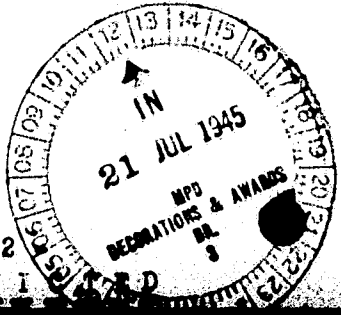
OK } II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section 17, General Orders Number 45, this Headquarters, 25 March 1945, awarding a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016591, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command "B", as ~~reads~~ "Chief of Staff" is amended to read "Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B" and so much as reads "28 February to 12 March 1945" is amended to read "24 March 1945 to 16 April 1945".

OK } 2. So ~~much~~ *REV. BY GOG 120 -- 15 June 1945* of Section 17, General Orders Number 65, this Headquarters, 21 April 1945, awarding a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016591, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command "B", as reads "25 March 1945 to 16 April 1945" is amended to read "17 April 1945 to 30 April 1945".

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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First Sergeant Raymond E. Scherz, 37047098, Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Willard W. Goolsby, 34054062, Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Dale D. Smedley, 37033085, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Thurman L. Wilson, 15338410, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Frank J. Milazzo, 36609706, Medical Detachment, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Antonio C. Heredia, 39160310, Company "A", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert H. Rossiter, 6920298, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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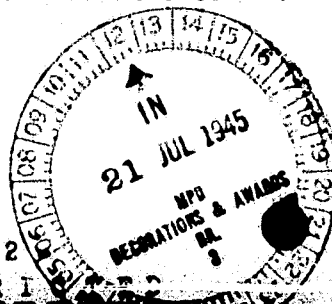
*OK* II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 45, this Headquarters, 25 March 1945, awarding a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016391, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command "B", as ~~Chief of Staff~~ "Chief of Staff" is amended to read "Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B", and so much as reads "28 February to 12 March 1945" is amended to read "24 March 1945 to 16 April 1945".

*OK* 2. So ~~much of Section I, General Orders~~ *REV. BY GOG 120 -- 15 June 1945* Number 65, this Headquarters, 21 April 1945, awarding a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016391, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command "B", as reads "23 March 1945 to 16 April 1945" is amended to read "17 April 1945 to 30 April 1945".

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I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the periods indicated:

Service Company, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, from 3 November 1944 to 21 April 1945.

3600th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, from 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945.

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 Clarence Thieme, O380673, Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in the vicinity of Schotteroy, Germany. As Captain Thieme's tank destroyer platoon was attacking an enemy-held town in support of a tank battalion, they became subjected to intense hostile fire and the lead destroyer was hit, killing two and wounding three members of the crew. With utter disregard for his own safety, Captain Thieme made his way through the hail of withering enemy fire still being directed at the damaged vehicle and assisted the wounded men in dismounting. Then loading them on his armored car, he evacuated them to safety. Through the gallantry of Captain Thieme, the lives of three men were saved. The valor and outstanding loyalty to his comrades displayed by Captain Thieme reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Reginald J. Heffernan, (then Staff Sergeant), 35606750, Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 March 1945 in the vicinity of Cuchenheim, Germany. As First Sergeant Heffernan's platoon was advancing on an enemy-held town they became pinned down by intense mortar and machine gun fire which inflicted numerous casualties on his forces. As the fire grew in intensity and the further safety of his platoon became endangered, First Sergeant Heffernan, with utter disregard for his personal safety, charged forward through the hail of enemy fire in an effort to locate the enemy positions.

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After making his way into the town, despite desperate attempts of the hostile forces to dispatch him, First Sergeant Heffernan located and mapped the enemy positions. Then making his way back to the platoon, he directed their fire in neutralizing the enemy positions. The inspiring leadership and gallantry displayed by First Sergeant Heffernan contributed materially to the successful capture of the enemy town, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Sidney G. Pittman, 38371575, Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of Nellschutz, Germany. When concealed enemy 88mm anti-tank guns suddenly opened fire on Staff Sergeant Pittman's tank destroyer column, he immediately deployed his vehicles to cover. Realizing that the entire column was pinned down by the intense enemy fire and unable to observe the enemy guns, he crawled several hundred yards to a slight knoll without regard for his own safety, and located the enemy positions. Then, in defiance of the intensity of the enemy fire, he made his way back and directed his destroyers to firing positions. Under his skilful leadership they engaged the enemy with superior accuracy and completely neutralized the hostile emplacements accounting for more than forty enemy dead. The aggressiveness and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Pittman enabled the column to continue the advance with minimum losses and is in direct keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Emerson R. Drake, 0184442, Infantry, (Tank Destroyer), Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Cuchenheim, Germany on 5 March 1945. During an attack on an enemy-held town, the infantry forces that First Lieutenant Drake's tank destroyer platoon was supporting suffered many casualties when they were caught in an open field by enemy firing from well-concealed machine gun nests. Immediately First Lieutenant Drake deployed his destroyers and in the ensuing fire fight, he successfully directed their fire in neutralizing the enemy positions. As the infantry forces showed reluctance to advance on the town, First Lieutenant Drake dismounted from his destroyer and started forward. Inspired by his contemptuous daring, the infantrymen followed. Then synchronizing the fire of the destroyers and the infantry as they charged through the town, he succeeded in driving the enemy from it. The inspiring leadership and valor displayed by First Lieutenant Drake reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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:

Captain Archie S. Benegar, 0394293, Infantry, (Tank Destroyer), Company "B", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 April 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.



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Captain Richard H. Tuggle, 0469959, Field Artillery, (Tank Destroyer), Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 April 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Ronald J. Fairfield, Jr., 01824002, Infantry, (Tank Destroyer), Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade William Barnett, 35605376, Company "B", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal John E. Clubb, 17009223, Battery "C", 3d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

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 officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in country indicated:

Captain Kenneth H. Haas, 0397216, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class J. C. Lewis, 35448174, Company "B", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Kermit M. Olsen, 36403824, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman J. Hageman, 35401167, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Alexander E. Anderson, Jr., 20250960, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL: 

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

WALTER BURNS IDE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 300-45, 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:

First Lieutenant Ronald J. Fairfield, Jr., 01824002, Infantry, (Tank Destroyer), Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in Germany. 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:

Staff Sergeant Paul V. Batdorf, (then Sergeant), 35549862, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Unkel, Germany. As friendly infantry attempted to capture an enemy-held town, they were subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire. Immediately moving his tank destroyer in the lead, Staff Sergeant Batdorf maneuvered it through the winding streets of the town, and, though exposed to direct fire from his open turret position, he layed searching fire on enemy positions. Guided by the tracers from his steady stream of fire, his destroyer cannoner was enabled to direct high explosive fire on the hostile strongpoints and destroy them. The indomitable courage and valorous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Batdorf in spearheading the attack on the town contributed materially to its successful capture, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Odis V. McCormick, 35751090, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Unkel, Germany. As friendly infantry attempted to capture an enemy-held town, they were subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire. Immediately moving his tank destroyer in the lead, Sergeant McCormick maneuvered it through the winding streets of the town, and, though exposed to direct fire from his open turret position, he layed searching fire on enemy positions. Guided by the tracers from his steady stream of fire, his destroyer cannoner was enabled to direct high

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explosive fire on the hostile strongpoints and destroy them. The indomitable courage and valorous devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant McCormick in spearheading the attack on the town contributed materially to its successful capture, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Edward J. Tamerlani, 32862632, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Unkel, Germany. As friendly infantry attempted to capture an enemy-held town, they were subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire. Immediately moving his tank destroyer in the lead, Sergeant Tamerlani maneuvered it through the winding streets of the town, and, though exposed to direct fire from his open turret position, he laid searching fire on enemy positions. Guided by the tracers from his steady stream of fire, his destroyer cannoner was enabled to direct high explosive fire on the hostile strongpoints and destroy them. The indomitable courage and valorous devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Tamerlani in spearheading the attack on the town contributed materially to its successful capture, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Captain David V. Cleary, 03399191, Cavalry, (Tank Destroyer), Company "A", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 March 1945 to 6 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant James F. Lill, 01825688, Infantry, (Tank Destroyer), Headquarters 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Marshal Smith, 35634121, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Walter A. Satola, 35054033, Reconnaissance Company, 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade William T. Drew, 39616551, Company "C", 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Montana.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 officer for wounds received as a result of enemy action on date and in country indicated:

First Lieutenant George E. Arneson, 01301412, Infantry, (Armored), Service Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 28 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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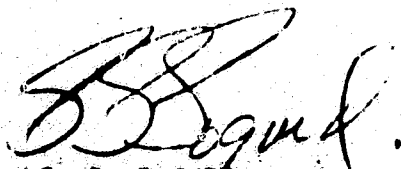
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IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 83, this Headquarters, 11 May 1945, awarding the Purple Heart to Sergeant Harold M. Dahn, 36387067, Company "A", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, as reads "on 30 December 1944 in Belgium", be amended to read "on 21 December 1944 in Belgium".

By command of Major General LEONARD:

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
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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 Leonard E. Engeman, 0304690, Cavalry, (Armored) Headquarters, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Throughout this period Lieutenant Colonel Engeman brilliantly coordinated the operations of his tank battalion in their rapid advance of 325 miles through Germany. On occasions when the advance of his troops bogged down due to the intensity of the enemy fire, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he proceeded with the point, and, through his inspiring leadership and contemptuous daring, he personally led his troops in neutralizing the enemy positions. By his adept deployment of his troops the enemy was often surprised and demoralized, hostile forces were routed and 1965 enemy troops were captured. Throughout every phase of the operations, Lieutenant Colonel Engeman went about tirelessly synchronizing the activities of his unit and succeeded in constantly improving their dispositions. The competence and exceptional strategical ability displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Engeman reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant Leroy R. Cluelow, 01823565, Infantry, (Armored), Company "A", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 March 1945 in the vicinity of Wellen, Germany. Approaching a vital bridge leading to the town, Second Lieutenant Cluelow, as platoon leader, alertly noticed prepared demolition charges which were set to blow this span. Without hesitation, he rushed onto the bridge in defiance of heavy sniper and small arms fire concentrated on him. Disregarding the possibility that the explosives might be set off at any second, he removed the detonators and neutralized the charges. Through his gallant action the bridge was saved, enabling the uninterrupted advance of infantry and tanks. The courageous daring and devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant Cluelow reflect great credit upon him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Welsh, (then Sergeant), 32134203, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in

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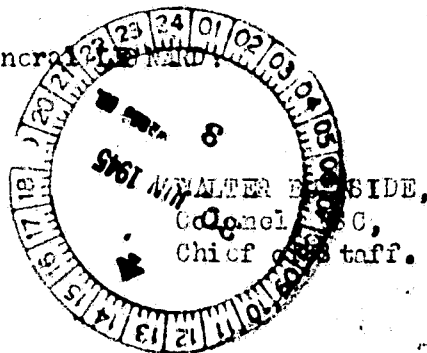
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the vicinity of Mollersheim, Germany. As Staff Sergeant Welsh was loading his squad across an open field, the enemy opened fire on them with intense machine gun and small arms fire, wounding one of the men and forcing the remainder to seek the cover of a near-by ditch. When the enemy continued firing at the wounded man, Staff Sergeant Welsh, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled to the position where the wounded man had fallen, and, though wounded by the direct enemy fire, he carried the man to safety. The intrepid daring and outstanding loyalty to his comrade displayed by Staff Sergeant Welsh reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Lauren E. Little, 36125704, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 9 March 1945, a desperate and fanatical enemy was subjecting the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany to constant artillery barrages and frequent aerial attacks in an attempt to destroy it and isolate the forces which had already crossed. Disregarding hazardous blackout conditions and the threat of the collapse of the bridge from repeated direct hits, Staff Sergeant Little remained on the bridge directing his men in the repair of the damaged structures and controlling the flow of traffic of vitally needed men and material. When direct hits on the bridge inflicted casualties on crossing troops, he repeatedly made his way to the wounded men and carried them to safety. The intrepid daring and gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant Little insured a steady flow of traffic to the bridgehead and expedited the treatment of many wounded, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Cecil W. Hanson, 36281741, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 9 March 1945, a desperate and fanatical enemy was subjecting the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany to constant artillery barrages and frequent aerial attacks in an attempt to destroy it and isolate the forces which had already crossed. Disregarding the intensity of the enemy fire, Sergeant Hanson remained on the bridge in order to direct the flow of traffic of vitally needed men and material and to assist in repairing damage caused by enemy action. When direct hits on the bridge inflicted heavy casualties on crossing troops, he repeatedly made his way to the wounded men and carried them to safety. The intrepid daring and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Hanson insured a steady flow of traffic to the first Allied bridgehead across the Rhine River and expedited the treatment of many wounded, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

By command of Major General



OFFICIAL:

*Albert Spietzer*  
ALBERT SPIETZER,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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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 Nat LoCurto, 02006599, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant John J. Manning, 32181384, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Quartermaster Section), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Raymond L. Zanker, 37001068, Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 March 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Earling D. Peterson, 37089678, Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in Luxembourg, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Charles Stuart, 33111894, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Clarence H. Menke, 36049609, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Rudolph Sustarsic, 35741327, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Louis Larkowski, 37463480, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Technician Fifth Grade Burl T. Jones, 33709408, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Warren M. Hutson, 35636216, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade Lincoln Sharples, 31234600, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Stinson Bryant, 35449752, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Floyd L. Smith, (then Private), 19103844, Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Quartermaster Section), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Merle E. Hines, 6291945, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Nolven E. Garrard, 34147093, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Harry C. Scott, 35636421, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Woodrow L. Wilson, 37728147, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL:

*Albert Spitzer*  
ALBERT SPITZER,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

WALTER BURNSIDE,  
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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:

First Lieutenant Chester F. Kopicki, 01824874, Infantry, (Armored), Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 April 1945. During an attack on the enemy-held town of Peckelsheim, Germany, the command tank was destroyed and the assault became disorganized. Perceiving this situation, First Lieutenant Kopicki made his way forward through the hail of enemy fire and mounting the lead tank, he reorganized the forces. Then surging forward, he led the men on to successfully capture the town and 256 enemy soldiers. The intrepid daring and inspiring leadership displayed by First Lieutenant Kopicki enabled his force to attain its objective, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Arthur G. Horton, 32024382, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 April 1945 in the vicinity of Borna, Germany. Staff Sergeant Horton's reconnaissance party was ambushed by enemy small arms fire while advancing through an area believed to have been in friendly hands. Without regard for his own safety he took up an exposed position and pinned down the enemy troops with superior and accurate fire while his comrades maneuvered to a more protected position. Through the defiant resistance displayed by Staff Sergeant Horton, the enemy was dispersed, effecting the capture of forty-four prisoners, four enemy wounded and one dead. His courageous determination and coolness under fire enabled his group to re-join friendly forces without a casualty, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Tommy L. Watson, 34474213, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. Taking command of two squads after his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties, Sergeant Watson fearlessly led them in an assault on an enemy airport. When his group was halted by intense enemy machine gun fire, he organized one squad and in defiance of the withering fire, led his men in an attack and overran the hostile positions. With the destruction of the enemy machine guns, his force was able to continue the successful capture of the airport. Sergeant Watson's undaunted courage and aggressive leadership reflect great credit upon him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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Technician Fourth Grade John Brozovich, 35741269, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Holzappel, Germany. As Technician Fourth Grade Brozovich's tank company and supporting infantry were attacking enemy positions, the enemy inflicted numerous casualties on the infantry and succeeded in pinning it down. Observing that some of the wounded were lying in full view of the enemy and exposed to their fire, Technician Fourth Grade Brozovich, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, opened the hatch of his tank to observe the enemy positions. Though exposed to the enemy fire, he counter-fired on their positions and succeeded in pinning them down long enough for the medical aid men to come forward and evacuate the wounded. The intrepid daring and outstanding loyalty to his comrades displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Brozovich reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Joseph B. Fleming, Jr., 6537551, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 April 1945 in the vicinity of Borna, Germany. Corporal Fleming's reconnaissance party was ambushed by enemy small arms fire while advancing through an area believed to have been in friendly hands. Without regard for his own safety he took up an exposed position and pinned down the enemy troops with superior and accurate fire while his comrades maneuvered to a more protected position. Through the defiant resistance displayed by Corporal Fleming, the enemy was dispersed, effecting the capture of forty-four prisoners, four enemy wounded and one dead. His courageous determination and coolness under fire enabled his group to re-join friendly forces without a casualty, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant William P. Davis, 37050774, Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Ernest L. Shull, 37053299, Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Jessie J. Dowdy, 35215102, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 March 1945 between the towns of Schadeck and Kirtroff, Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Raymond F. Raddatz, 36639359, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 March 1945 between the towns of Schadeck and Kirtroff, Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

OFFICIAL:

*Albert Spitzer*  
ALBERT SPITZER,  
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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:

First Lieutenant Norman C. Bearden, 01104468, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Headquarters Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant Lester H. Boyer, 36215747, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Walter Schmidt, Jr., 36277806, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Robert J. Bell, 39288704, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Corporal Glenn E. Sutton, 37148985, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Steven K. Kasper, 37041577, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Stanley Domino, 32200109, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Stephen E. Duncan, 36281916, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Technician Fifth Grade Jack Nash, 32617263, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Leland W. Pickard, 34474856, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman R. Jackson, 38262749, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Julius Haynes, 38264643, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Leslie R. Patton, 37682765, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Wilbur R. Massey, 34476717, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class William D. McCoy, 34476796, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Henry A. Vincent, 33308480, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Liberio F. Mauro, 36321484, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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

Sergeant Norman C. Davall, 33083542, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 March 1945 between the towns of Schadeck and Kirtroff, Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Benjamin E. Spenner, 39345455, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private Harold J. Smith, 38570268, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

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 officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates and in country indicated:

First Lieutenant James A. Carver, 0759569, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L), United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Honolulu, T. H.

Staff Sergeant Nathan E. Graham, Jr., 14131123, 416th Bombardment Group (L), United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Forrest C. Brown, 37493292, 416th Bombardment Group (L), United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Martin E. Brubaker, 36951984, 393d Infantry Regiment, United States Army, on 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technician Fourth Grade Louis W. Thompson, 38336119, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert R. Stark, 32201426, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Victor R. Gage, 37050887, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal Robert H. Holder, 14022381, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 13 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Corporal Roy Z. Beck, 37003299, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 31 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class John Morrow, 33467899, Headquarters, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Vern I. Best, 34375518, Company "B", 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 1 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

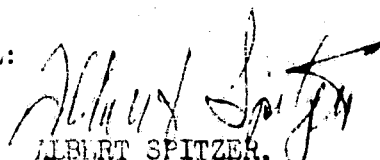
Private Allie C. Welch, 35636214, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, on 6 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade Elvin T. Waddell, 34476694, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 19 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	I
Award of Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	II

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of LR 600-45, 22 September 1945, 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 Thomas W. Chapman, Jr., (then Sergeant) 35012951, Company "C", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Fleishiem, Germany. After a continued advance of twenty-four hours, Staff Sergeant Chapman's company was completely surprised by an enemy attack. Immediately, two tanks were destroyed, two became mired, and the crew from the other was forced to abandon their tank due to the intensity of the hostile fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Chapman left his position of safety and ran through the hail of enemy fire to the abandoned tank. Then driving it to a defensive position, he opened fire on the enemy emplacements with such relentless accuracy that the enemy was pinned down. Inspired by his actions, the rest of his unit surged forward and drove the enemy from the area. Through the intrepid daring and outstanding courage of Staff Sergeant Chapman, an enemy attack was dissipated and many valuable combat vehicles were saved from certain destruction. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of LR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major Robert D. Schuttler, 0521560, Cavalry, (Armored) Headquarters, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 22 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Indiana.

Captain, George F. Adams, (then First Lieutenant) 01011686, Infantry, (Armored), Service Company, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 March 1945 to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant James E. Haynes, 01012519, Cavalry, (Armored) Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Florian P. Wopalensky, (then Second Lieutenant) 01182292, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Harold A. Ritzio, 0390451, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 February 1945 to 21 April 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Donald H. McKay, 0449325, Ordnance Department, (Armored), Company "C", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

Second Lieutenant Harry F. Buck, 02006506, Cavalry, (Armored), Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 April 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant Harold R. Browning, (then Staff Sergeant), 02025338, Cavalry, (Armored), Company "C", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 April 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Master Sergeant Brum Benedetti, 19103647, Company "A", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 December 1944 to 15 April 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Robert Flockhart, Jr., 19071651, Company "C", 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 21 December 1944 in the vicinity of Waddinger, Belgium. Entered military service from Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Norman A. Steinbrink, (then Sergeant) 39012785, 149th Armored Signal Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Biagio E. Vitagliano, 32004566, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Romagen, Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Thomas L. Reilly, 32610078, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Romagen, Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Lawrence Cali, 36024890, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Romagen, Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.



Sergeant Harold A. Evansen, 36271386, Company "B", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Joe T. Pokrajac, 36619283, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert R. Pollis, 36282063, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry F. Klein, 37109927, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Vincenzo Garcia, 11130181, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Eugene A. Martin, 36277722, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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\* Corporal John Smith, 31232700, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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\* ~~Technician Fourth Grade John F. Allen, 37006936, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.~~

Private First Class Glenn T. Larson, 16155146, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Alfred S. Walker, 35133585, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Albert O. Howell, 34143157, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Private First Class Cecil C. Spafford, 11085802, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Calvin E. Bass, 34478673, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class George E. DesJardins, 36409206, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Herbert J. Fox, 7041832, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Charlie G. Badillo, 36409206, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Joseph E. Roeder, 36274114, Company "D", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 March 1945 between the towns of Schaedel and Kirtroff, Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Warren N. Armbruster, 37643452, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Duane C. Watson, 44055003, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private Vastino G. Thompson, 34922906, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Conversion of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal - - - - -	II
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**AWARD OF SILVER STAR.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-46, 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 Kenneth W. Collins, O22169, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March 1945 to 6 April 1945 in Germany. Throughout this period Lieutenant Colonel Collins brilliantly coordinated the operations of his infantry battalion in their rapid advance through Germany. On occasions when the advance of his troops bogged down, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he proceeded to the front of his lines and personally led his men in neutralizing the enemy positions. By his adept deployment of his troops the enemy was often surprised and demoralized, hostile forces were routed, and the advance of his own troops was assured. Throughout every phase of the operations, Lieutenant Colonel Collins went about tirelessly synchronizing the activities of his unit and succeeded in constantly improving their dispositions. The exceptional strategical ability and repeated gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Collins reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Delaware.

Lieutenant Colonel Burton W. Karsteter, O294966, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in Schotterey, Germany. When his troops were subjected to intense artillery fire after bypassing an enemy-held town, Lieutenant Colonel Karsteter, realizing that his troops were in danger of being isolated from those following behind, deployed his tanks for an attack on the town. Disregarding the withering fire from 88mm and 128mm dual purpose guns, Lieutenant Colonel Karsteter fearlessly exposed himself in order to deploy his tanks and direct their fire on important targets. Inspired by his courageous and adroit leadership the troops surged forward relentlessly and succeeded in annihilating the enemy and capturing the town. The outstanding gallantry and determined aggressiveness displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Karsteter reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class John A. Neville, 16147973, Medical Detachment, 19th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bad Lauchstadt, Germany. On 12 March 1945, Private First Class Neville's battalion was subjected to an extremely heavy hostile artillery, mortar and flak barrage, inflicting numerous casualties

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and pinning down the battalion. Observing that the driver of an ambulance was killed by the intense enemy fire, Private First Class Neville, realizing the need of the vehicle to remove the many wounded, ran to it through the hail of fire and then loading six of the wounded on it, he evacuated it to safety. Through the gallantry of Private First Class Neville the treatment of many wounded was greatly expedited and the lives of many men were saved, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain Charles A. Caswell, 0591426, Field Artillery, (Armored), 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 March 1945 to 11 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

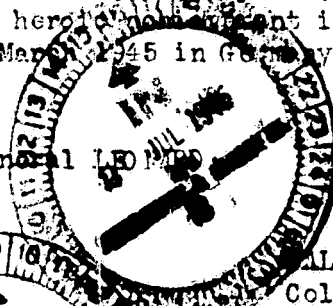
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Glista, 31118287, Battery "C", 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph E. Hopkins, 12190771, Battery "C", 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Sergeant Nicholas Brdar, Jr., 35521554, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Major General LEO MULLER

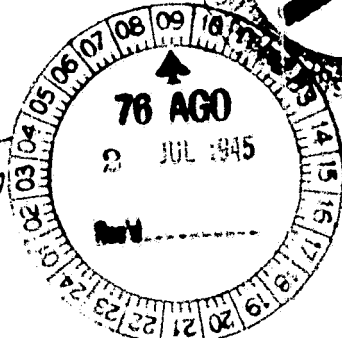


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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley E. Rupnicki, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 13004700, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 March 1945 in Limburg, Germany. While spearheading an advance across the Lahn River, Technician Fourth Grade Rupnicki's tank and three others were isolated when the bridge was blown after they had crossed. Immediately thereafter the enemy surrounded the small force and succeeded in knocking out three of the tanks and damaging that of Technician Fourth Grade Rupnicki. With utter disregard for his own being, Technician Fourth Grade Rupnicki remained at his gun returning the direct fire of the enemy and repelling their attacks until his gun was damaged by enemy fire. Then joining the defensive positions that the other crews had set up in a nearby house, he assisted in its defense until help arrived three hours later. The gallantry and determination displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Rupnicki reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Private Cosimo Pellegrino, 42096224, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private Pellegrino assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he heroically aided in wiping out three enemy strongpoints, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive action, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private Pellegrino's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Private Homer C. Pike, 34839308, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private Pike assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he heroically aided in wiping out three enemy strongpoints, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive action, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private Pike's undaunted courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

OK III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. 1. ✓ So much of General Orders Number 4, this Headquarters, 17 January 1945, pertaining to Private Frank W. Hall, 35712096, Company "A", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, as reads "Purple Heart", is amended to read "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart".

OK 2. ✓ So much of Section II, General Orders Number 118, this Headquarters, 13 June 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to enlisted man in Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, as reads "Corporal John Smith, 31232700", is amended to read "Corporal John J. Smith, 31232700".

OK IV. ✓ REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 45, this Headquarters, 25 March 1945, awarding the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016391, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command "B", and paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders Number 110, this Headquarters, 7 June 1945, an amendment thereto, are revoked.

OK 2. ✓ So much of Section I, General Orders Number 65, this Headquarters, 21 April 1945, awarding the second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016391, Cavalry, Headquarters Combat Command "B", and paragraph 2, Section II, General Orders Number 110, this Headquarters, 7 June 1945, an amendment thereto, are revoked.

OK 3. ✓ So much of Section I, General Orders Number 97, this Headquarters, 1 June 1945, awarding the Silver Star to Sergeant Hugh L. Autry, 34474760, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, is revoked.

OK 4. ✓ So much of Section II, General Orders Number 118, this Headquarters, 13 June 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Technician Fifth Grade John P. Allen, 37005086, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, is revoked.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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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:

Technician Fifth Grade John P. Allen, 37005086, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 9 March 1945 a desperate and fanatical enemy was subjecting the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany to constant artillery and repeated aerial attacks in an effort to destroy it and isolate those forces which had already crossed. Disregarding the intensity of the enemy fire and the risk of the bridge collapsing from numerous direct hits, Technician Fifth Grade Allen steadfastly remained on the bridge to repair the damage and direct traffic so that the flow of vitally needed men and materiel would not be interrupted. The intrepid heroism and outstanding gallantry displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Allen at the first Allied bridgehead across the Rhine River reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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:

Private First Class Marion H. Smith, 34836845, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. Disregarding close range enemy machine gun, small arms and tank fire, Private First Class Smith assisted his platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions. During the intense fire fight he heroically aided in wiping out three enemy strongpoints, destroying two enemy tanks, and forcing other enemy troops in the area to withdraw. His bold, aggressive action, utterly disregarding superior enemy numbers, resulted in the killing of fifteen and the capture of five of the enemy, paving the way for a successful attack on an enemy-held town. Private First Class Smith's unshaken courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain Joseph A. Panzarella, 0330407, Medical Corps, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 December 1944 to 21 March 1945 in Luxembourg, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Captain Martin J. Schaeferle, 042949C, Medical Corps, (Armored), Headquarters 2d Armored Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 December 1944 to 22 March 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Captain John E. DeRoche, 01010058, Infantry, (Armored), Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class James W. Bauer, 37600226, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class James F. Ducey, 11107551, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil C. Graves, 37002314, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Kenneth W. Trinkle, 35709853, Troop "A", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 3 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Vincent J. Joyce, 53303217, Battery "D", 482d Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Clifford H. Harvey, 39018162, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 and 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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APO 259, U. S. ARMY

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NUMBER 122 )

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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:

Private First Class David D. Bryco, 36469761, Medical Detachment, 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretshaus, Germany. Defying extremely intense small arms and machine gun fire, Private First Class Bryco, with complete disregard for his personal safety, repeatedly made his way to the positions where wounded comrades had fallen, and though exposed to the withering enemy fire, he administered aid and evacuated the men to safety. As he was proceeding from one casualty to another, he was caught in the deadly hostile fire and was mortally wounded. Through the gallantry of Private First Class Bryco the lives of many of his comrades were saved. The outstanding loyalty and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Bryco reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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 Charles R. Fleming, 33344800, Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Gorhard S. Sinit, 32606261, 4th Army Air Force, CCU, 9th Air Force, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 31 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Air Medal and Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster thereto previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant Henry C. Lamar, Jr., 0519978, Field Artillery, (Armored), Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 26 March 1945 to 20 April 1945, having completed thirty-five flights in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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 the result of enemy action on dates and in countries indicated:

Technician Fourth Grade John E. Rivera, 18071435, Service Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

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~~\* Private First Class Daniel G. Dye, Jr., 15374209, Headquarters Company, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Texas.~~

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~~\* Private First Class Herbert D. Young, 31472327, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.~~

Private First Class Robert W. Hatton, 33892082, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade Lester T. Adams, 38021667, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas E. Boarden, 37000543, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Phillip Bondaruk, 31311415, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Daniel G. Dye, Jr., 15374209, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Everett E. Foure, 39478618, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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

16 June 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

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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:

Second Lieutenant Herbert G. Walker, 0553554, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Throughout this period a desperate and fanatical enemy were subjecting the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany to constant artillery barrages and repeated aerial attacks in an effort to destroy it and isolate those forces which had already crossed. Disregarding the intensity of the enemy fire and the risk of the bridge collapsing from numerous direct hits, Second Lieutenant Walker steadfastly remained on the bridge supervising repair work and directing traffic so that the flow of vitally needed men and materiel would not be interrupted. On one occasion while directing his men, the bridge received three direct hits and Second Lieutenant Walker was wounded, but refusing evacuation he remained on the bridge until the job was completed. The intrepid gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant Walker at the first Allied Bridgehead across the Rhine River reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant Roy A. Kelly, 37036569, 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 Remagen, Germany. On 9 March 1945 a desperate and fanatical enemy were subjecting the Ludendorf Bridge at Remagen, Germany to constant artillery barrages and frequent aerial attacks in an attempt to destroy it and isolate the forces which had already crossed. Disregarding hazardous blackout conditions and the threat of the collapse of the bridge from repeated direct hits, Sergeant Kelly remained on the bridge repairing damaged structures. When direct hits on the bridge inflicted casualties on crossing troops, he repeatedly made his way to the wounded men and carried them to safety. The intrepid daring and gallantry displayed by Sergeant Kelly insured a steady flow of traffic to the first Allied Bridgehead across the Rhine River and expedited the treatment of many wounded, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016391, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B" in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 March 1945 to 5 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Robert E. Pierson, (then Corporal), 36336331, Battery "D", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self-Propelled), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Major Albert Spitzer, 0264134, Adjutant General Department, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Adjutant General Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Myron P. Crout, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant) 01012345, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

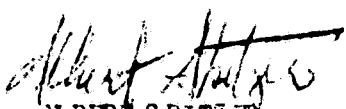
Captain Robert M. Dill, 0374763, Quartermaster Corps, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Quartermaster Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1944 to 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 121, this Headquarters, 15 June 1945, pertaining to Captain John E. DeRoche, 01010052, Infantry, (Armored), Company "A", 2d Tank Battalion, as reads "Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read "Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal".

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Private Anton Drabiak, 35026323, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Krotzhaus, Germany. During an attack on a strong enemy position, Private Drabiak's platoon was pinned down by withering machine gun fire from a well-concealed enemy position. Immediately upon ascertaining the location of the hostile nest, Private Drabiak made his way to its flank and then deliberately exposing himself to the enemy, he charged their position and succeeded in annihilating the crew. Though wounded by the direct fire, Private Drabiak refused evacuation and persisted in leading his squad until their mission was accomplished. The intrepid daring and outstanding gallantry displayed by Private Drabiak reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 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 G. Stampahar, 33923867, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kaebach, Germany. As Private First Class Stampahar's platoon was advancing on a strongly fortified enemy position they became pinned down by fire from an enemy Mark V tank. Observing that the assault of his force was becoming disorganized, Private First Class Stampahar immediately armed himself with a rocket launcher and advanced against the enemy. Though in full view of the enemy and exposed to their withering fire, he moved to their flank and opening fire with the launcher, he scored direct hits on the tank, damaging it and forcing it to withdraw. Inspired by his courageous actions, the platoon surged to the attack and succeeded in annihilating the enemy positions. The personal valor and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Stampahar reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Aaron C. Reynolds, 6397984, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limburg, Germany. During a night attack on enemy positions Technical Sergeant Reynolds' platoon became pinned down by intense flanking fire from enemy automatic weapons, killing his platoon leader and inflicting many casualties. Realizing the extreme danger to his men and the potential failure of the attack, he determinedly made his way through the withering fire to the hostile position. Then, in defiance of the fire directed at him, he charged the enemy strongpoint and hurled a hand grenade into it, instantly killing the enemy crew. Technical Sergeant Reynolds' heroic action in neutralizing the heavy restraining fire saved further loss of life and enabled the platoon to continue the attack under his skillful leadership. The gallantry and courageous aggressiveness displayed by Technical Sergeant Reynolds reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

III. AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster thereto previously awarded, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel Harry W. Johnson, 016591, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B" in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 April 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.


IV. REVOCATION IN GENERAL ORDERS. 1. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 66, GCS Headquarters, 22 April 1945, awarding the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Sears Y. Coker, 028697, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, is revoked.

2. So much of General Orders Number 85, this Headquarters, 21 May 1945, awarding the Purple Heart to Corporal Romnick F. Russo, 52609790, Company "A", 29th Armored Infantry Battalion, is revoked.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of W 800-45, 29 September 1945, as amended, and Circular 8, 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:

Lieutenant Colonel Melvin A. Goers, 025235, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Major Clarence L. Scott, 0461784, Medical Corps, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Major Henry T. Fortimer, 0452135, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Major John M. Haskin, (then Captain and Major), 01010208, Infantry, (Armored) Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Major Ellsworth N. Bailey, 0482056, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 31 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Major Gilbert J. Raymond, 0377209, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March 1945 to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Major Frank M. Norfleet, 0452054, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March 1945 to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Lieutenant Colonel Ben J. Cothran, (then Major), 0290028, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "B", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March 1945 to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Lieutenant Colonel Ewing L. Lusk, Jr., 0536644, General Staff Corps, (Armored) Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (G-2 Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Major Eugene A. Watts, 0374849, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Act 600-45, 20 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel William R. Prince, 020219, Cavalry, (Armored), Headquarters 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March 1945 to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Lieutenant Colonel George A. Makris, 0352334, Infantry, (Armored), Headquarters Combat Command "A", United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver W. Schantz, (then Major), 0352119, Infantry, (Armored) Headquarters 2d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Major Frank A. Blankenbuecker, Jr., 0385528, Quartermaster Corps, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Division, (Quartermaster Section), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 10 January 1945 in Luxembourg, Belgium and France. Entered military service from Texas.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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SECTION

Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal ----- I  
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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:

Staff Sergeant Elden Rybin, 39154736, Troop "A", 39th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 31 March 1945. Immediately after setting up an outpost on the edge of the newly-won town of Rimbeck, Germany, Staff Sergeant Rybin's position was assaulted by a numerically superior enemy force and his men were momentarily pinned down by the intense enemy fire. Without regard for his own life in exposing himself to the withering fire, he boldly moved about to rally his comrades and returned the enemy fire with superior accuracy. While directing the fire from his outpost he was mortally wounded, but through his courageous actions and inspiring leadership the enemy attack was repulsed and the security of the town assured. The daring and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Rybin reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Fred R. Penman, 38344792, Troop "B", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in Zangenberg, Germany. As Private First Class Penman's squadron was making a blackout march, they became subjected to an intense artillery barrage and were forced to withdraw their vehicles to cover. Noticing that a vehicle which had been abandoned by a panicky driver presented a silhouetted target in the light of flames from a burning building, Private First Class Penman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, ran through the hail of artillery and direct machine gun fire to the vehicle. Though unsuccessful in moving the vehicle because of mechanical failure, Private First Class Penman displayed undaunted courage in attempting to save government property at the risk of his life. Private First Class Penman was killed in a subsequent action. The intrepid daring of Private First Class Penman reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Captain Harold V. Swenson, 0235453, Dental Corps, (Armored), Headquarters Company, Combat Command "E", United States Army, for heroic achievement in connector

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with military operations against the enemy on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain Eugene Auerbach, (then First Lieutenant), 01011924, Cavalry, (Armored), Troop "D", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 23 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Orlando Webb, Jr., (then Second Lieutenant), 0521421, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Headquarters 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant James H. Hogan, 01052817, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant Gilbert A. Brighty, 0540427, Corps of Engineers, (Armored), Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Chief Warrant Officer Louis E. Borneau, W2119730, United States Army, (Armored), Headquarters 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Luxembourg, France, Belgium, and Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.


Staff Sergeant Howard J. Woodard, 16017004, Company "A", 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Harry A. Schuldt, 6824761, Headquarters Company, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 25 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

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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 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant William J. McCurdy, (then Second Lieutenant), 01330940, Infantry, (Armored), Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhaus, Germany. When his platoon's advance was halted by concentrated enemy fire at a roadblock, First Lieutenant McCurdy unhesitatingly moved forward to reconnoiter the enemy's positions. Although opposed by a numerically superior enemy he decided to attack, and skilfully deployed his platoon on the enemy's flank. Then, fearlessly leading the assault, he attacked with such devastating and superior fire that the enemy was completely demoralized and surrendered or fled in confused retreat. Through First Lieutenant McCurdy's heroic action in neutralizing the hostile roadblock, the road was opened for the advancing friendly armored units. The courageous aggressiveness and inspiring leadership displayed by First Lieutenant McCurdy exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth H. Hunter, 36165597, Troop "E", 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberspier, Germany. As Technician Fourth Grade Hunter's troop was proceeding in column, it was subjected to intense enemy artillery and panzerfaust fire. Although his tank was in the direct line of fire and had been hit by the initial burst, Technician Fourth Grade Hunter remained at his gun. Firing with superior accuracy, he succeeded in destroying two machine guns and an enemy armored vehicle before the blasts from his guns ignited leaking gas line in his tank and he was forced to abandon it. When the flames subsided, Technician Fourth Grade Hunter ran through a hail of direct sniper fire and salvaged guns and ammunition from the scorched vehicle. Then setting these guns up in a defensive position, he succeeded in pinning the enemy down and enabled the forward elements of his troop to withdraw and reorganize for a subsequent successful attack. The intrepid daring and valor displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Hunter reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Harley S. Booth, Jr., 6989096, Headquarters Company, 14th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 February 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Paul B. Dobbs, 6257138, Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against

the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Wilson Hartman, (then Corporal), 37005063, Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Lyman D. Currier, 31178164, 149th Armored Signal Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 March 1945 to 12 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Sergeant Crist L. Romiti, 19011846, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Daniel T. Donnelly, 31330403, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Clyde McClish, 36409101, Company "C", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

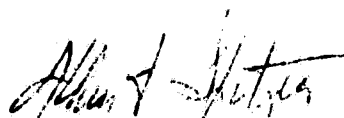
Sergeant Russell B. Lee, 16061809, Battery "B", 73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March 1945 to 16 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Foley Wheeldon, 35254425, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 and 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of Major General LEONARD:

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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, 29 April 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Cleston F. Stevens, (then Private), 5352247, Company "B", 52d Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kretzhau, Germany. As Staff Sergeant Stevens' company was proceeding towards an enemy-held town, it was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire. Organizing a point, Staff Sergeant Stevens led them forward and as they neared the enemy positions, he directed the men to form a base of fire as he charged forward to a commanding position. Then opening fire with his automatic rifle, he singlehandedly killed the crew of an enemy machine gun nest. Directing his fire with continued accuracy at other enemy in the area, he forced the crews from two more machine gun posts and a tank to withdraw, enabling his company to continue its advance and complete its mission. Staff Sergeant Stevens was killed in a subsequent action. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Stevens reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Frank L. Lia, 3861044, Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Salzbach, Germany. As Corporal Lia's platoon was advancing on an enemy-held position, it was pinned down by intense enemy artillery fire. Deliberately exposing himself to the oncoming hostile fire, he reconnoitered a firing position and placed his machine gun ready for action. Then, as the enemy's squad held their ground, though the enemy was hitting all around them, Corporal Lia contacted his platoon leader and immediately began carrying out his firing orders. Though mortally wounded when the enemy scored a direct hit on his position, his accurate fire assured the successful advance of his platoon. Corporal Lia's self-sacrificing devotion to duty lives on as a constant inspiration to the men of his platoon and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. 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 their action on dates and in country indicated:

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Private Richard W. Hansen, 3573970, Company "A", 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant William H. Langhere, 32579004, Company "C", 30th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Jerome A. Eynard, 37083814, Troop "A", 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 29 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Third Grade David H. Keith, 33344303, Medical Detachment, 27th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Raymond Simkiss, 35119111, Headquarters Battery, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

**III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of Act 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:

Sergeant Rex T. Thomas, 0443217, Medical Corps, (Armored), Medical Detachment, 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Utah.

First Lieutenant Paul J. Trudgen, 0557533, Field Artillery, (Armored), Battery "A", 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward E. Keller, 35343375, Company "A", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 10 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant John Grabona, 11100434, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 5 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

First Sergeant William J. Ryan, 3677221, Company "B", 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, on 14 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Sergeant Joe T. Pokrajac, 3661-243, Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Richard Sosnowski, 36274175, Troop "A", 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 2 January 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Henry C. Dunbar, 13078819, Troop "A", 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army, on 27 December 1944 in Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.