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Private First Class LEO E. FATLAN, 16124297, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Fatlan's battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. A number of the enemy infiltrated through the defenses, succeeded in making their way to the Company Command Post and assaulted it, supported by a barrage of small arms fire and hand grenades. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Pfc. Fatlan unhesitatingly rushed out into the yard and manned the 50 caliber machine gun mounted on his vehicle. Despite the heavy volume of small arms fire directed at his position and the complete lack of protective covering, he delivered such an intense and effective fire at the assaulting enemy as to repel the attack. Although seriously wounded in one of the enemy rushes by an exploding concussion grenade, Pfc. Fatlan remained to man the machine gun, successfully repulsing every enemy thrust until daybreak. Only when relieved did he submit to emergency medical treatment and evacuation to a rear area. Pfc. Fatlan's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in securing the Command Post against the enemy and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class THOMAS J. FITZGERALD, 32436072, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Fitzgerald's platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. About 30 enemy Infantrymen were closing in around the house which the platoon was holding, in an effort to make a surprise attack. Pfc. Fitzgerald, who was on guard near the house observed the enemy. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for personal safety, he delivered a heavy volume of fire from his rifle, killing and wounding at least ten of the enemy, and warning the rest of the platoon. Pfc. Fitzgerald's aggressive initiative and courageous action contributed materially to the repelling of the enemy attack. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class EDWARD J. FRANCE, 33815752, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. France's platoon was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force, supported by large caliber artillery, several mortars and two 20mm guns. The platoon was ordered to withdraw to better positions but was forced to leave a wounded man behind due to the intensity of the artillery barrages. The Company Aid Man asked for a volunteer to go forward with him to evacuate the wounded man and, unhesitatingly, Pfc. France volunteered. Under enemy observation and heavy fire the two men reached the casualty and successfully evacuated him without the aid of a litter. The devotion to duty and courageous actions displayed by Pfc. France contributed materially to the saving of the wounded man's life and were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class AMERY GIOSTRA, 20222471, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Giostra's battalion was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire preparatory to the launching of an enemy counterattack. Learning that vital lines of communication had been severed by the enemy barrage, Pfc. Giostra unhesitatingly moved forward with his communication sergeant to assist in repairing and servicing the disrupted lines. Although realizing that enemy troops were in the immediate area and despite the heavy artillery fire, he

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repeatedly exposed himself in order to restore communications. While he was repairing the line, two enemy riflemen opened fire at him from a distance of thirty yards and he was forced to take cover. Leaving his position of comparative safety, Pfc. Giostra maneuvered behind the enemy riflemen and opened fire with his carbine, killing one and wounding the other. He then returned to the broken line and repaired it, enabling the platoon to coordinate its defense with the other defending elements. Pfc. Giostra's complete disregard for personal safety, devotion to duty, and courageous actions contributed materially to the successful repelling of the enemy thrust and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class ROBERT F. GREEN, 37358307, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Vettelschoss, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, Pfc. Green and his platoon encountered an enemy half-track. With complete disregard for his own safety, Pfc. Green, Rocket Launcher Gunner, dashed forward to engage the crew. With his pistol he forced the crew to surrender and then rendered the vehicle useless with his rocket launcher. When another enemy half-track suddenly appeared, Pfc. Green displayed the same fearless initiative by killing the driver with his pistol and forcing the crew to surrender. The indomitable courage and daring actions of Pfc. Green were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class JAMES M. GRIMES, 35907471, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 at Oberkirchen, Germany. After successfully attacking the town and driving heavy enemy Infantry and tank opposition from it, Pfc. Grimes' battalion immediately set up defensive positions to hold it. Pfc. Grimes, acting as Company Runner, was dispatched with urgent messages to two of the forward platoons. Fully realizing that it entailed crossing several streets still under heavy enemy machine gun and tank fire, he unhesitatingly rushed forward to the platoon, firing his rifle as he ran. By such heroic actions and aggressive initiative, Pfc. Grimes insured communication at all times within his company and greatly aided his Commanding Officer in directing the defense. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class HOWARD E. HART, 34913058, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 7 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ostwig, Germany. While attacking strong enemy positions in the town, Pfc. Hart's company was subjected to intense automatic weapons and small arms fire. Pfc. Hart, seeing that the company was pinned down, and realizing the seriousness of the situation, spotted the enemy machine gun emplacement. He immediately moved to a vantage point and, despite the withering enemy fire, fired magazine after magazine from his BAR at the position. His intense grazing fire killed the enemy machine gunner and wounded two of his covering riflemen. By his courageous, quick thinking and individual actions, Pfc. Hart made it possible for his company to resume the advance and capture the town. His aggressive initiative and outstanding bravery were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class RAYMOND W. KONRADI, 37285943, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During a fierce German counterattack, ammunition for the 81mm mortar on which

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Pfc. Konradi was number 3 gunner was rapidly being expended. Fully realizing that the route to the supply point was in full view of the enemy and was subjected to heavy artillery fire, Pfc. Konradi volunteered to go after ammunition. Displaying utter disregard for the continuous barrage, he made five trips to the ammunition dump to bring the vitally needed ammunition to his weapon. His aggressive initiative and courageous actions were highly instrumental in repulsing the counterattack and were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class BENJAMIN J. KOVACS, JR., 31052088, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. While subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Pfc. Kovacs repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to go to the aid of the casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, he voluntarily made numerous trips to the interdicted area in order to locate and to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. For a period of ten hours, he remained under the fierce enemy concentration of fire and aided in the removal of the wounded until the last man had been safely evacuated to the rear. Pfc. Kovacs' courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class JACOB MASTEL, 37283960, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During a vicious counterattack by German Infantry, supporting tanks and artillery, Pfc. Mastel, gunner on an 81mm mortar squad, was given the order to commence firing. Although his position was under direct enemy observation and despite the intense mortar and artillery fire directed against him, Pfc. Mastel brought a heavy volume of accurate mortar fire to bear on the attacking hostile forces, inflicting severe casualties to the enemy. Only when the counterattack was repelled, did Pfc. Mastel leave his position. His utter disregard for personal safety and outstanding devotion to duty were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class HAROLD J. NELSON, 32737053, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 July 1944 in the vicinity of Marigny, France. During an attack on strong enemy held position, Pfc. Nelson and one other man were sent forward to the Company Command Post with a hot meal for the men. Just after they arrived, the enemy opened up with a murderous concentration of direct tank fire, inflicting a number of casualties to the men of a nearby company. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Nelson rushed forward in the face of the continuous tank fire and aided in evacuating several of the wounded. His unhesitating actions and unflinching courage materially aided in saving the lives of several men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JAMES P. MEOLA, 32181248, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. While Pfc. Meola was preparing to cross the Ludendorf Bridge, spanning the Rhine River, the bridge was subjected to an attack from the air. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Pfc. Meola immediately manned the 50 caliber machine gun mounted on his half-track vehicle and opened fire on the attacking planes. Although the immediate area was constantly strafed, he remained in his exposed position firing the gun until the concussion of an exploding bomb caused him to

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lose consciousness. Pfc. Meola's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class RUSSELL H. MERCIER, 16012355, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in the vicinity of Heimersheim, Germany. While his battalion was attacking the town, the mortar section, for which Pfc. Mercier was driver, was ordered to displace forward to a new position. Fully realizing that it entailed crossing open flat terrain directly exposed to enemy fire, he drove the section to the new position. Shortly thereafter, when one of the attacking companies became pinned down by enemy fire, he volunteered to return to the supply point for ammunition sorely needed to relieve the pressure on the pinned down company. With utter disregard for personal safety, he completed his mission, securing ammunition which played an invaluable part in allowing the company to continue to advance. His coolness under fire and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class ROBERT J. MONHEIM, 33893448, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Monheim's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack by Infantry and Tanks. As the lead tank approached the position where Pfc. Monheim, Assistant Rocket Launcher Gunner, had his gun emplaced, he laid down a terrific barrage of fire from his rifle. This action pinned down the advancing Infantry and enabled the Rocket Launcher Gunner to secure a direct hit on the enemy tank. By his accurate covering fire, Pfc. Monheim killed two of the enemy and wounded ten, contributing materially to the repelling of the enemy attack. The devotion to duty and courageous actions of Pfc. Monheim were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT M. OSWALT, 35253722, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During a fierce German counterattack, ammunition for the 81mm mortar on which Pfc. Oswalt was number 3 gunner was rapidly being expended. Fully realizing that the route to the supply point was in full view of the enemy and was subjected to heavy artillery fire, Pfc. Oswalt volunteered to go after ammunition. Displaying utter disregard for the continuous barrage, he made five trips to the ammunition dump to bring the vitally needed ammunition to his weapon. His aggressive initiative and courageous actions were highly instrumental in repulsing the counterattack and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class AUGUSTINE QUINONES, 32321730, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of Luerie, France. Carrying 10 pounds of TNT, Pfc. Quinones, accompanied by one man, moved forward to assist in releasing a supporting tank which had become trapped in a hedgerow out in front of the line companies. Completely disregarding the intense small arms and mortar fire concentrated on the trapped tank, Pfc. Quinones rushed out and planted his charge which cleared a path for it to get back to safety. Pfc. Quinones' aggressive initiative and complete calmness under fire were directly responsible for saving the tank and its crew from destruction and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class DAVID SPERLING, 12019002, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While bringing hot food forward to their company, Pfc. Sperling, driver of the vehicle, and another man observed a column of men marching ahead of them. When the column was ascertained to be enemy, he continued forward, with his comrade manning the machine gun, until the men in the rear of the column saw them. In the face of the machine gun, seven of the enemy surrendered. Without attracting the attention of the remainder of the column, they loaded their prisoners on their vehicle and withdrew to a concealed position where Pfc. Sperling tapped the telephone wire and warned the battalion of the enemy's advance. This quick thinking and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to Pfc. Sperling and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class FRANK A. TIBBETTS, 31266934, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Saint Hilaire-de-Bricuze, France. While displacing forward, the first section of Pfc. Tibbetts' 81mm Mortar Platoon was subjected to intense fire from tanks and artillery firing from concealed positions. Although wounded, Pfc. Tibbetts directed and assisted in the evacuation of the casualties. Only after the last man had been treated did he allow himself to be evacuated. The self-sacrifice and aggressive leadership displayed by Pfc. Tibbetts contributed materially to the saving of the lives of the casualties and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class FRANCIS G. WALTERS, SR., 34965775, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry, while crossing open terrain, were subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, resulting in several casualties to our forces. Acting as a rear guard while the riflemen made their withdrawal to a more covered position, Pfc. Walters remained in the forward, fire swept area firing at the enemy positions, enabling the withdrawal to be made with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Walters and the remainder of the machine gun platoon succeeded in withdrawing to the rear, taking with them all four guns of the platoon and all the remaining ammunition. Pfc. Walters personally made three trips across the open terrain, under enemy observation and fire, to remove the equipment. Setting the guns in the chosen positions, he immediately opened fire on the enemy emplacements. The courageous actions and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc. Walters were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

II-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Major RANDALL H. BRYANT, 0328050, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 November 1942 to 12 April 1943 in the North African Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

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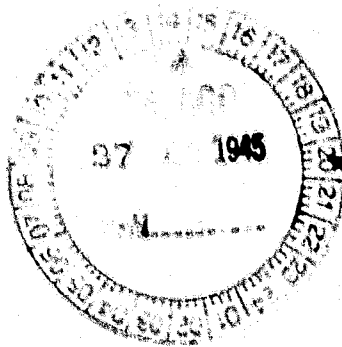
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant SHERMAN S. SURRETT JR., (then Private First Class), 34988028, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. Sgt. Surret and another man were laying wire to the assault elements of the Infantry when they were observed and subjected to heavy enemy fire. When their vehicle was disabled they unhesitatingly continued the hazardous mission on foot, despite the enemy fire. After contact with the forward party was established, the two men borrowed a quarter ton truck and returned to their disabled vehicle. Under the heavy enemy fire they succeeded in towing it to an area of safety. Had the vehicle been abandoned it would have been completely destroyed by the intense 6 hour artillery barrage which followed. The complete devotion to duty and aggressive initiative displayed by Sgt. Surret were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant FLEM BECK, 15046916, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 30 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Learning that a soldier was lying seriously wounded about 1000 yards from his position, Sgt. Beck, Squad Leader of a 57 mm. Antitank Platoon, asked for four volunteers to help him evacuate the casualty. Taking a bob-sled and pushing his way through waist deep snow drifts he led the men to the wounded man's position. Despite the heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sgt. Beck directed and assisted in the successful evacuation of the wounded man. His unhesitating actions, aggressive leadership and complete disregard for personal safety contributed materially to the saving of the life of a fellow soldier and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant ELWOOD W. BOWDISH, 32057619, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 July 1944 in the vicinity of St. Jean de Daye, France. Returning from the forward Battalion Command Post, Sgt. Bowdish and another member of the Communication Platoon were informed that the Germans had captured the rear Battalion Command Post. With complete disregard for personal safety, they infiltrated through the enemy defense and entered the command post. Destroying the valuable documents, they attempted to escape, carrying the less important equipment. Running head on into the enemy, the two men had to separate. Sgt. Bowdish, after hiding the equipment he was carrying, was able to escape and get back safely. His courageous actions and devotion to duty were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE CHOMA, 32066619, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Learning that several men had fallen seriously wounded in the forward combat area, Sgt. Choma voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to go to the aid of the wounded men. With complete disregard for personal safety, he went forward into the interdicted area five times in order to assist in the evacuation of casualties to the rear for prompt emergency medical treatment. Sgt. Choma's courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH P. GURNEY, 32066642, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 24 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Seeing that the riflemen were unable to move forward due to the concentrated enemy fire, Sgt. Gurney voluntarily led his mortar squad to a point where he could effectively render supporting fire for the assaulting elements. Despite the unsuitability of the terrain for mortar positions

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and the constant shelling of the area, Sgt. Gurney emplaced his weapon and supplied the desperately needed supporting fire, enabling the advance to be continued. To insure an adequate supply of rounds, he led several members of his squad across the open fireswept terrain 4 times to carry ammunition forward. Sgt. Gurney's devotion duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his Battalion's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES R. HODGE, 32057542, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schavenhutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Hodge's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack by a Battalion of enemy Infantry, supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire. When a platoon of enemy Infantry succeeded in penetrating the right flank of the Platoon, Sgt. Hodge, preparing mortar ammunition nearby, organized four of his men into a defensive unit. Directing the small arms fire of this group, he managed to hold off the enemy despite heavy fire from enemy rockets and rifle grenades. Sgt. Hodge then worked his way to a position 25 yards from the enemy troops. Firing his carbine and throwing grenades, he succeeded in killing one of the enemy, wounding two and disorganizing the remainder of the force. This inspiring display of fearless courage and complete disregard for personal safety contributed materially to the repulsing of the enemy attack and were a credit to Sgt. Hodge and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD V. JOHNSTON, (then Private First Class), 42120746, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. Sgt. Johnston and another man were laying wire to the assault elements of the Infantry when they were observed and subjected to heavy enemy fire. When their vehicle was disabled they unhesitatingly continued the hazardous mission on foot, despite the enemy fire. After contact with the forward party was established, the two men borrowed a quarter ton truck and returned to their disabled vehicle. Under the heavy enemy fire they succeeded in toying it to an area of safety. Had the vehicle been abandoned it would have been completely destroyed by the intense 6 hour artillery barrage which followed. The complete devotion to duty and aggressive initiative displayed by Sgt. Johnston were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HARRY O. KENNETT, (then Corporal), 33090612, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in the vicinity of Bigge, Germany. While moving against strongly defended enemy positions, the assaulting armored elements were halted by a well defended road block. Although subjected to severe enemy artillery fire, Sgt. Kennett moved into position with the other members of his squad, emplaced his mortar and prepared to blast the road block in order to permit the armored elements to continue their advance. A platoon of enemy Infantrymen observing the emplacement launched an attack against its exposed rear. Immediately aware of the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Kennett organized his men into defensive positions and delivered intense small arms fire into the enemy ranks, killing two and wounding two more. Completely routed and disorganized, the enemy force surrendered. Returning to the mortar position, Sgt. Kennett directed a heavy volume of mortar fire at the road block and neutralized it. Sgt. Kennett's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled the armored elements to move forward and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. KING, 31046489, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 September 1944 in the vicinity of Rotten, Germany. Learning that a strong enemy force which had been cut off, was heading in the direction of the Battalion in an effort to return to the German lines, Sgt. King immediately placed his men to meet the attack. As he was leading two of his men to an outpost position, located furthest from the remainder of his section, he noticed a column of enemy approaching on a road that lead past the outpost. Holding their fire until the column was only 10 yards away, Sgt. King and his two men killed the officer who was leading the column and two non commissioned officers. This action surprised and disorganized the Germans causing them to flee to a nearby wooded area. After reorganizing, the enemy counterattacked with a heavy volume of small arms and automatic fire, causing Sgt. King's men to become casualties, and leaving him to hold the position. With complete disregard for personal safety he held the outpost until relieved by a force

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that succeeded in destroying the enemy. Sgt. King's devotion to duty and courageous actions in the face of overwhelming odds were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Vermont.

Staff Sergeant BOLESIAW M. KOWALCZYK, 31050131, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire followed by an enemy assault. A number of the enemy Infantrymen succeeded in infiltrating the defenses and were imperiling the mortar emplacements. Immediately grasping the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Kowalczyk quickly organized the members of his mortar squad into defensive positions, instructing the gunner to continue furnishing the defending elements with supporting fire. When the enemy approached to within twenty-five yards, Sgt. Kowalczyk opened fire, killing one of the attackers. Despite the concentrated fire directed at his position, he moved among his men reassuring and encouraging them and successfully repelled the enemy thrust, thereby enabling the forward elements to receive the much needed supporting fire. Sgt. Kowalczyk's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in throwing back the attacking enemy and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JOHN A. LEAMEY, 32057679, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Leamey's Company was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing that a number of the assaulting Infantrymen had been wounded, Sgt. Leamey voluntarily assisted the litter bearers in evacuating the casualties. Although constantly exposed to enemy fire from self-propelled guns and suffering from an injured ankle, he remained at his self-appointed mission for ten hours until all the casualties had been successfully evacuated to an Aid Station. Sgt. Leamey's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant DAVID A. MOORE, 17057659, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 August 1944 in the vicinity of La Vanterie, France. During the temporary absence of his platoon leader, Sgt. Moore, battalion radio chief, moved his radio forward with the Battalion Command Post, maintaining direct communication with all units for 36 hours. Despite a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Sgt. Moore stayed at his post, directing the supporting tank platoon in counterbattery fire on the enemy. When his set became damaged, he repaired it under intense enemy shelling. His coolness under fire and tireless, courageous work were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant HARRY A. STEWART, 33281293, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 September 1944 in the vicinity of Rotgen, Germany. Upon entering the Seigfried Line, the assault elements of the Infantry were warned about a company of the enemy that was approaching from the rear in an effort to return to their own line. Leading the members of his squad to establish outpost positions, Sgt. Stewart sighted the approaching enemy and immediately moved his men into defensive positions. Opening fire when the enemy had moved to within twenty-five yards, Sgt. Stewart killed the leading noncommissioned officer, and the intense small arms fire from his squad killed two more and caused the enemy to withdraw in confusion. Again the enemy attempted a frontal attack and were repelled with two killed and two wounded. Despite the continuous enemy small arms fire directed at the positions, Sgt. Stewart moved among his men and encouraged them to still greater efforts. He continued directing the fire of his men, repulsing every enemy thrust until relieved by a rifle company that succeeded in killing or capturing the entire enemy force. Sgt. Stewart's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in the destruction of a large number of the enemy and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOHN F. YOUNG, 38064142, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 at Schevenutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Young

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Battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy night counterattack. Several of the enemy succeeded in infiltrating the Battalion's defense lines and attacked the 81mm mortar platoon which was delivering supporting fire to the defense. Although wounded, Sgt. Young refused to withdraw and ordered his squad to continue firing. With complete disregard for personal safety, he then exposed himself to the intense fire to move to a point of vantage from which he could cover his mortar position by throwing hand grenades at the attacking enemy troops. Sgt. Young's decisive action and aggressive leadership contributed materially to the successful repelling of the assaulting enemy forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant ROBERT T. GRACELY, 13007514, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 July 1944 in the vicinity of St. Jean de Daye, France. Returning from the forward Battalion Command Post, Sgt. Gracely and another member of the Communication Platoon were informed that the Germans had captured the rear Battalion Command Post. With complete disregard for personal safety, they infiltrated through the enemy defense and entered the command post. Destroying the valuable documents, they attempted to escape, carrying the less important equipment. Running head on into the enemy, the two men had to separate. Sgt. Gracely, after hiding the equipment he was carrying, was able to escape and get back safely. His courageous actions and devotion to duty were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant TONY LAPPAS, 11133085, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 November 1944 in the vicinity of Krewinkel, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Lappas' Company was subjected to an intense artillery barrage and aerial bombardment. Observing a bomb land about one yard from the hole in which two of his men were taking cover, completely covering them with dirt, he realized that they were being buried alive. Sgt. Lappas, with complete disregard for personal safety, braved the raining bombs and artillery shells to dig out the trapped men. By his courageous actions and devotion to duty Sgt. Lappas saved the lives of two fellow soldiers and was, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant WILLIAM B. VERTREES, 20210061, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. When communication with a forward observation post was disrupted, Sgt. Vertrees volunteered to take wire up to it. Disregarding the fact that the position was about 200 yards forward of the front line companies and under constant enemy shelling, he crawled forward on his hands and knees and completed his mission. His act allowed the observer to direct fire on the enemy positions. During the counterbattery fire, the line was severed twice, and both times, Sgt. Vertrees crawled out to repair it. His courageous actions and coolness under enemy fire were an inspiration to the men of his company and were a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade LYLE H. KELLY, 16007353, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While bringing hot food up to the forward area, Sgt. Kelly and his driver observed a column of men marching along the road ahead of them. As they drew nearer, they saw that the column was enemy infantry. Sgt. Kelly manned the machine gun and captured seven of them without alarming the remainder of the column. He then ordered the driver to move a few hundred yards back to a concealed position where he instructed him to tap the telephone lines and warn the Command Post of the approaching enemy. Sgt. Kelly's clear thinking and aggressive actions not only resulted in the capture of seven of the enemy but prevented a threat to the rear of his unit, and, were at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade JULIAN T. MOORE, 34287626, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 July 1944 in the vicinity of Arigny, France. During an attack on strong enemy held positions Sgt. Moore and one other man were sent forward to the company Command Post with a hot meal for the men. Just after they arrived, the enemy opened up with a murderous concentration of direct tank fire, inflicting a number of casualties to the men of a nearby company. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Moore rushed forward in the face of the continuous tank fire and aided in evacuating several of the wounded. His unhesitating actions and unflinching

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courage materially aided in saving the lives of several men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY A. OFFSEY, (then Private First Class), 32161113, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While on duty as Radio Operator at the Battalion Command Post, Sgt. Offsey's driver was wounded during an intense artillery barrage. With complete disregard for personal safety he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the flying shrapnel to administer emergency medical treatment to the man and maintain constant contact with all units of the Battalion. When the enemy succeeded in infiltrating a small number into the Battalion Command Post, Sgt. Offsey displayed outstanding devotion to duty by remaining at his hazardous post while being subjected to enemy small arms fire. The heroic actions of Sgt. Offsey contributed materially to the repelling of the attack and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal AUBREY O. BARKER, (then Private First Class), 38081587, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mehringen, Germany. Observing an American artillery observation plane fall between friendly and enemy lines, Cpl. Barker unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to investigate the wreck. Finding the pilot dead and a passenger seriously wounded he immediately removed the wounded man. Carrying the casualty he made the hazardous journey back to his own unit under a heavy volume of small arms fire. Cpl. Barker's aggressive initiative, complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions saved the life of the soldier and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal STEPHEN A. BECMEYER, 33079547, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While the Infantry was preparing to exploit its bridgehead from the east bank of the Rhine River, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack. Although constantly subjected to heavy and intense enemy artillery fire, Cpl. Becmer, gunner in an 81mm mortar squad, remained at his gun, keeping it in continuous action. When called upon to deliver fire at a 300 yard range, he fired such an intense volume of fire as to force the enemy to retreat in disorder, leaving numerous dead and wounded. Cpl. Becmer stayed at his post delivering accurate fire whenever called for and his actions were highly instrumental in repelling the counterattack. His courageous actions and calmness under fire were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal FRANK J. CARINO, 39186377, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. While preparing to launch an assault against strong enemy emplacements, Cpl. Carino's Battalion was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing that one of the mortar platoon vehicles had been set on fire by an exploding shell, and the other three were exposed to enemy fire, Cpl. Carino voluntarily and with complete disregard for personal safety made his way to the burning vehicle. Although exposed to the severe enemy artillery and small arms fire, he successfully extinguished the fire and drove the vehicle to a sheltered position, repeating the performance until all of the vehicles were removed to sheltered areas. Cpl. Carino's devotion to duty and courageous actions enabled his Battalion to have at its disposal the much needed vehicles, contributing materially to the success of his Battalion's operations, and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Corporal JOHN MACKNIKOWSKI, 37283928, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position on the east bank of the Rhine River, Cpl. Macknikowski's Battalion was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. Despite the fact that his 81mm mortar position was subjected to direct enemy observation and continuous artillery and mortar fire, Cpl. Macknikowski, gunner of the squad, remained at his weapon and delivered effective mortar fire on the enemy troops. Disregarding the enemy snipers who had infiltrated to within 200 yards of his emplacement, he continued to bring a heavy volume of accurate mortar fire to bear on the assaulting enemy forces and contributed materially to the successful repelling of the counterattack. Cpl. Macknikowski's complete disregard for personal safety, devotion to duty, and

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courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal ALFRED T. PAPI, 36044196, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position on the east bank of the Rhine River, Cpl. Papi's Battalion was subjected to a fierce counter-attack by a numerically superior enemy force. Despite the fact that his 81mm mortar position was subjected to direct enemy observation and continuous artillery and mortar fire, Cpl. Papi, gunner of the squad, remained at his weapon and delivered effective mortar fire on the enemy troops. Disregarding the enemy snipers who had infiltrated to within 200 yards of his emplacement, he continued to bring a heavy volume of accurate mortar fire to bear on the assaulting enemy forces and contributed materially to the successful repelling of the counterattack. Cpl. Papi's complete disregard for personal safety, devotion to duty, and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal JOHN E. PRAYNE, 32549046, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Schauren, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy entrenchments, Cpl. Prayne's company was pinned down by the intense fire from enemy mortars and small arms. Acting as first scout and being the closest man to the enemy position, Cpl. Prayne had excellent observation on all their movements. With bold aggressiveness and accurate fire he killed two of the enemy and wounded at least five others. Then with the close cooperation of his squad they succeeded in killing and wounding another 10 of the enemy and forced the remainder to surrender. Cpl. Prayne's courageous actions and complete disregard for personal safety while under fire contributed materially to the capture of the enemy position. His actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal DOMAID A. SHEAR, 37284015, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Hilare de Eriouze, France. During the forward movement of the mortar platoon to a better support position, the vehicles were fired upon by an enemy tank and two 20mm guns which were concealed in a nearby orchard. Observing that a vehicle had been hit and the occupants wounded, Cpl. Shear voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy mortar fire and made his way to the wounded men. With complete disregard for personal safety, he administered emergency medical treatment to the casualties, and assisted in evacuating them to a sheltered point. Once again Cpl. Shear left his position of comparative safety and returned to the area to remove the remaining vehicles. Cpl. Shear's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal EDARD F. TRAINOR, 31131257, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Cpl. Trainor's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack supported by tanks and artillery. Displaying exemplary bravery and complete disregard for personal safety under fire, Cpl. Trainor, Gunner in an 81mm mortar squad, continually fired his weapon from an exposed position continually subjected to intense and accurate artillery fire. Remaining in this hazardous position with the enemy only 300 yards away, he delivered a great volume of fire which forced a confused withdrawal of enemy troops, leaving numerous dead and wounded behind. Cpl. Trainor's heroic achievement and devotion to duty contributed materially to the repulsing of the attack and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade ALFRED A. CLINE, 32101815, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Milwensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Sgt. Cline and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed

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German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Sgt. Cline's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal DONALD C. ROGERS, 36043986, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Cpl. Rogers and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Cpl. Rogers' fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade LLOYD W. THOMPSON, 39451261, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Cpl. Thompson and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Cpl. Thompson's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class JAMES L. ALLGOOD, 34917950, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Allgood and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Allgood's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

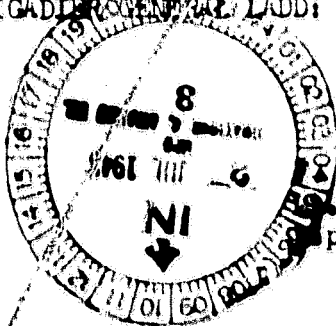
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Private First Class WILBUR M. GARDNER, 31294569, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Gardner and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Gardner's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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

Corporal BENJAMIN P. BELL, JR., 38334192, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 April 1945 in the vicinity of Alsleben, Germany. While advancing with the assault elements of the Infantry against strongly fortified enemy positions, Cpl. Bell's company was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Learning that a wounded man lay in an exposed position in the line of fire, Cpl. Bell unhesitatingly left his place of comparative security in order to administer emergency medical treatment to the casualty. With complete disregard for personal safety, he applied first aid until sniper fire severely wounded him. While seeking a place of cover, Cpl. Bell was killed by the deadly sniper fire. Cpl. Bell's devotion to duty, and courageous actions in attempting to save the life of the wounded soldier were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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

Captain ROBERT S. DICKEY, 01318145, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy fire. Immediately realizing the seriousness of the situation, Capt. Dickey assumed command of the reserve platoon and led it in a wide flanking movement around the enemy emplacements. Unhesitatingly moving forward at the head of the platoon, he approached to within five yards of the enemy position where he deployed his men for the attack. Completely surprised and disorganized by Capt. Dickey's fierce attack, the enemy suffered seven killed and several wounded or taken prisoner. Observing an enemy tank, Capt. Dickey prepared to fire a bazooka when a concealed tank opened fire with machine gun and cannon. Quickly, he maneuvered the platoon out of the range of fire, rejoined his company and took part in the attack to clear a path for a breakthrough. Capt. Dickey's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his company's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD J. HATZINGER, 36219860, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 February 1945 in the vicinity of Dreiborn, Germany. While leading an assault against strongly fortified enemy positions, Sgt. Hatzinger and his platoon were subjected to intense enemy mortar fire. Realizing that it was necessary to continue the advance, in order to coordinate the attack with the other elements, he exposed himself to the severe enemy fire, urging his men to move forward. Sgt. Hatzinger's complete disregard for personal safety and his inspiring leadership reassured the men and the

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attack was continued until the mission was completed. Sgt. Hatzinger's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his company's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE HOLMES, 20754710, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Rossau, Germany. Voluntarily joining a patrol to cross the Elbe River and reconnoiter a sector strongly defended by German troops, S. C. Holmes and the other members of the patrol boldly penetrated the enemy lines and infiltrated the enemy strong points. Fully realizing the dangers of such a mission, these men acquainted themselves with the complete disposition of enemy forces. After capturing an enemy officer and ten men, the patrol returned to their company. The information gathered by Sgt. Holmes and the other members of this patrol enabled the attacking forces to cross the river the next day, sustaining no casualties and capturing 210 prisoners. Sgt. Holmes' aggressive and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant TEODORO MARQUEZ, 38579281, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Rossau, Germany. Voluntarily joining a patrol to cross the Elbe River and reconnoiter a sector strongly defended by German troops, Sgt. Marquez and the other members of the patrol boldly penetrated the enemy lines and infiltrated the enemy strong points. Fully realizing the dangers of such a mission, these men acquainted themselves with the complete disposition of enemy forces. After capturing an enemy officer and ten men, the patrol returned to their company. The information gathered by Sgt. Marquez and the other members of this patrol enabled the attacking forces to cross the river the next day, sustaining no casualties and capturing 210 prisoners. Sgt. Marquez's aggressive and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade LOUIS C. HASSLER, 54280871, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 October 1944 in the vicinity of Vossneck, Germany. While driving a quarter ton vehicle to join the elements assaulting the Siegfried Line, Sgt. Hassler, a Liaison Radio Operator, was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Abandoning the vehicle, he continued on foot through an area under constant enemy fire, to a point where he might observe and report the progress of the attacking units. His radio neutralized by enemy fire, Sgt. Hassler evacuated the position and reentered the shell torn impact area to his vehicle. Although exposed to enemy fire, he remained at his post, using the radio in the vehicle to relay vital information of the situation to the Regimental Command Post. Sgt. Hassler's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade MICHAEL A. BALDI, 32245838, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 31 March 1945 in the vicinity of Haldenberg, Germany. While in an advance billeting detail enroute to Winterberg, Germany, Cpl. Baldi and two other members of the detail were suddenly subjected to intense enemy small arms fire. Alone, without the help of rifle crews, and with utter disregard for personal safety, they dismounted and started encircling the enemy position. They quickly engaged the enemy in a fire fight, wounding one and capturing two. Shortly thereafter, voluntarily joining a patrol to reconnoiter the road

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ahead, they moved forward and contacted the enemy. The patrol's report of the enemy position prevented a serious threat to the main body that was preparing to advance. Cpl. Baldi's aggressive initiative and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class ROBERT C. BEHRENS, 35055791, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hausweiler, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Pfc. Behrens accompanied the Artillery Observer and another man to an extremely hazardous position well in front of the lead platoon. Remaining exposed to direct enemy observation and fire, he relayed by radio the fire orders of the Artillery Observer until the enemy gun emplacements were completely neutralized. Pfc. Behrens' complete disregard for personal safety and courageous performance under fire contributed materially to the continued advance of the Infantry and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. COURTNEY, 33342473, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Elsenborn, Belgium. Pfc. Courtney and another man, members of the Regimental Message Center, were assigned the mission of delivering a vitally important overlay to the Battalion Command Post. Pfc. Courtney's only route necessitated driving a great distance under direct enemy observation and fire. Travelling in a quarter ton truck, they braved enemy artillery fire until the intensity of the barrages forced them to abandon their vehicle. Continuing the hazardous journey on foot, often being pinned down by heavy fire, they succeeded in delivering the overlay. Pfc. Courtney's heroic actions and disregard for personal safety aided materially to the advance of the battalion and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRED E. DYER, 14027654, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 31 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hallenberg, Germany. While on an advanced billeting detail enroute to Winterberg, Germany, Pfc. Dyer and two other members of the detail were suddenly subjected to intense enemy small arms fire. Alone, without the help of rifle troops, and with utter disregard for personal safety, they dismounted and started encircling the enemy position. They quickly engaged the enemy in a fire fight, wounding one and capturing two. Shortly thereafter, voluntarily joining a patrol to reconnoiter the road ahead, they moved forward and contacted the enemy. The patrol's report of the enemy position prevented a serious threat to the main body that was preparing to advance. Pfc. Dyer's aggressive initiative and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class ESTIL L. ELLIS, 36657718, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Winterberg, Germany. While leading an assault against strongly fortified enemy positions, Pfc. Ellis and the other members of his squad were subjected to withering machine gun fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Ellis continued to make his way forward, inspiring the men to follow his brave example. Charged the enemy position under the intense fire, he overwhelmed and secured it. Locating another machine gun

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emplacement, Pfc. Ellis deployed his men and led a frontal attack, forcing the enemy gun crew to withdraw in confusion. Pfc. Ellis' devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the successful advance of his company and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN L. GREEN, JR., 14192221, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Dessau, Germany. While on a mission across the Elbe River to reconnoiter all enemy movements and emplacements, Pfc. Green, the Radio Operator and a member of the five man patrol, observed the enemy preparing defensive positions. Starting back to report the enemy activity, the patrol was discovered while crossing the river and subjected to intense enemy small arms fire. To escape the deadly enemy fire, the men jumped into the water but Pfc. Green remained and continued to maintain contact with the Company Commander. Relaying information as to the situation and location of enemy targets, he enabled supporting mortar and machine gun fire to be so effectively directed as to cause the enemy to withdraw in confusion. Pfc. Green then proceeded to assist the members of his patrol who were struggling to keep above water. Pfc. Green's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in the successful planning of the assault and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class NORMAN KERR, 32014352, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Kerr and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Kerr's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WALTER E. KOZIENDA, 33060860, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Rosslau, Germany. Voluntarily joining a patrol to cross the Elbe River and reconnoiter a sector strongly defended by German troops, Pfc. Kocienda and the other members of the patrol boldly penetrated the enemy lines and infiltrated the enemy strong points. Fully realizing the dangers of such a mission, these men acquainted themselves with the complete disposition of enemy forces. After capturing an enemy officer and ten men, the patrol returned to their company. The information gathered by Pfc. Kocienda and the other members of this patrol enabled the attacking forces to cross the river the next day, sustaining no casualties and capturing 210 prisoners. Pfc. Kocienda's aggressive and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private First Class EVERETTE L. LARSEN, 16038085, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Elsenborn, Belgium. Pfc. Larsen and another man, members of the Regimental Message Center, were assigned the mission of delivering a vitally important overlay to the Battalion Command Post. Pfc. Larsen's only route necessitated driving a great distance under direct enemy observation and fire. Travelling in a quarter ton truck, they braved enemy artillery fire until the intensity of the barrages forced them to abandon their vehicle. Continuing the hazardous journey on foot, often being pinned down by heavy fire, they succeeded in delivering the overlay. Pfc. Larsen's heroic actions and disregard for personal safety aided materially to the advance of the battalion and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. MAIER, 36219929, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 31 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hallenberg, Germany. While on an advance billeting detail enroute to Winterberg, Germany, Pfc. Maier and two other members of the detail were suddenly subjected to intense enemy small arms fire. Alone, without the help of rifle troops, and with utter disregard for personal safety, they dismounted and started encircling the enemy position. They quickly engaged the enemy in a fire fight, wounding one and capturing two. Shortly thereafter, voluntarily joining a patrol to reconnoiter the road ahead, they moved forward and contacted the enemy. The patrol's report of the enemy position prevented a serious threat to the main body that was preparing to advance. Pfc. Maier's aggressive initiative and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class EDWARD M. MOROS, 31052552, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Rosslau, Germany. Voluntarily joining a patrol to cross the Elbe River and reconnoiter a sector strongly defended by German troops, Pfc. Moros and the other members of the patrol boldly penetrated the enemy lines and infiltrated the enemy strong points. Fully realizing the dangers of such a mission, these men acquainted themselves with the complete disposition of enemy forces. After capturing an enemy officer and ten men, the patrol returned to their company. The information gathered by Pfc. Moros and the other members of this patrol enabled the attacking forces to cross the river the next day, sustaining no casualties and capturing 210 prisoners. Pfc. Moros' aggressive and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class J. T. MULLINAX, 34087617, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ginnick, Germany. While advancing against strongly fortified enemy positions the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing that a number of the men had been wounded, Pfc. Mullinax unhesitatingly exposed himself to the severe enemy fire in order to assist the litter bearers in removing the casualties to his vehicle. Despite constant enemy shelling of the immediate area, Pfc. Mullinax, making a number of trips, successfully evacuated the casualties to the Battalion Aid Station. Pfc. Mullinax's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Private First Class JOSEPH MUTI, 32825098, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wippra Germany. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Pfc. Muti and two other men observed two enemy riflemen coming at them from their flank and a third German riding a motorcycle directly to their front. During the fierce exchange of small arms fire that followed, the three enemy soldiers were forced to surrender. After turning the prisoners over to their Battalion, the three men resumed their mission. Encountering an 88mm gun crew preparing to go into action the three men delivered a withering hail of fire that killed one, wounded another and caused the remainder of the crew to flee. Pursuing the routed enemy they succeeded in capturing about twelve. Pfc. Muti's complete disregard for personal safety and intrepid courage contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class PETER OTROSINA, 32925849, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Otrosina and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Otrosina's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM T. PRESTON, 33061239, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Preston and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Preston's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private First Class CLARENCE K. SIMONS, 37140042, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Simons and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Simons' fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class JESSE W. SMITH, 35810583, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire that prevented any movement during the hours of daylight. Realizing the importance of constant contact between all elements of his unit, Pfc. Smith and another man serviced and maintained vital lines of communication, often crawling a half mile under heavy artillery barrages to repair a severed wire line. Pfc. Smith also acted as Platoon Runner, delivering vital information and overlays to the assault platoons while the company was fighting off an enemy tank attack. The courageous actions, devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety of Pfc. Smith were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class DONALD N. STODENMEYER, 39355756, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 March 1945 in the vicinity of Etscheid, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack against the newly won positions, Pfc. Stoudenmeyer's platoon was confronted with a shortage of ammunition. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Pfc. Stoudenmeyer voluntarily left his position of comparative safety in order to procure the much needed rounds from the supporting platoon. Despite the severe enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he made his way back with the desperately needed ammunition, thereby enabling the riflemen of his platoon to deliver intense fire on the assaulting enemy and to successfully repel the thrust. Pfc. Stoudenmeyer's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in paving the way for future action by securing an advantageous position and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class ALVA C. TROMBLY, 31062379, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wippra, Germany. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Pfc. Trombly and two other men observed two enemy riflemen coming at them from their flank and a third German riding a motorcycle directly to their front. During the fierce exchange of small arms fire that followed, the three enemy soldiers were forced to surrender.

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After turning the prisoners over to their Battalion, the three men resumed their mission. Encountering an 88mm gun crew preparing to go into action, the three men delivered a withering hail of fire that killed one, wounded another and caused the remainder of the crew to flee. Pursuing the routed enemy they succeeded in capturing about twelve. Pfc. Trombly's complete disregard for personal safety and intrepid courage contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class TED L. WALECKI, 36217090, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wippra, Germany. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Pfc. Walecki and two other men observed two enemy riflemen coming at them from their flank and a third German riding a motorcycle directly to their front. During the fierce exchange of small arms fire that followed, the three enemy soldiers were forced to surrender. After turning the prisoners over to their Battalion, the three men resumed their mission. Encountering an 88mm gun crew preparing to go into action, the three men delivered a withering hail of fire that killed one, wounded another and caused the remainder of the crew to flee. Pursuing the routed enemy they succeeded in capturing about twelve. Pfc. Walecki's complete disregard for personal safety and intrepid courage contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class HAROLD E. WORKMAN, 15055469, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Winterberg, Germany. While attacking strongly fortified enemy positions, Pfc. Workman's Company was unable to maintain radio communication with the Battalion Command Post due to worn out batteries. Concealing the fact that he had just received medical treatment, Pfc. Workman voluntarily exposed himself to the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire in order to procure the vitally needed batteries. Despite the severe enemy fire and his weakened condition, Pfc. Workman succeeded in delivering the batteries to his Company, thereby enabling his Company to coordinate the attack with the other assaulting elements of the Infantry. His devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operation and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class CHARLES E. YORKE, 34776952, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windbergen, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire that prevented any movement during the hours of daylight. Realizing the importance of constant contact with all elements of his unit, Pfc. Yorke and another man serviced and maintained vital lines of communication, often crawling a half mile under heavy artillery barrages to repair a severed wire line. Pfc. Yorke also acted as Platoon Runner, delivering vital information and orders to the assault platoons while the company was fighting off an enemy tank attack. His courageous actions, devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety of Pfc. Yorke were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private EMILE G. SMITH, 30782703, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kelenborn,

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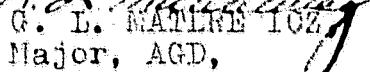
Germany. While in an area formerly used by the enemy as an ammunition dump, Pvt. Stier's company was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Observing that the barrage had hit a section of the dump and that the exploding ammunition was endangering the nearby gun crew, Pvt. Stier voluntarily exposed himself to the exploding ammunition and enemy fire in order to move the threatened gun crew in his half-track to a sheltered point. While leaving the area, Pvt. Stier was severely wounded by the flying splinters of steel and lost consciousness. Pvt. Stier's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in preventing serious injury to the members of the gun crew and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Private WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, JR., 32191087, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hausweiler, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Pvt. Williams accompanied the Artillery Observer and another man to an extremely hazardous position well in front of the lead platoon. Remaining exposed to direct enemy observation and fire, he relayed by radio the fire orders of the Artillery Observer until the enemy gun emplacements were completely neutralized. Pvt. Williams' complete disregard for personal safety and courageous performance under fire contributed materially to the continued advance of the Infantry and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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

Technical Sergeant HAROLD L. GINSBERG, 32019494, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack Sgt. Ginsberg's company had all their communications knocked out, depriving the company of its mortar support. Without thought of personal safety he left his covered position to take charge of the mortar section. Acting as observer for the section he crawled 500 yards over open terrain to locate targets. Returning through an intense artillery and mortar barrage he reported the vital information. About a half hour later the effective mortar fire succeeded in repulsing the bulk of the enemy attack killing 20 of the enemy and disorganizing the remainder of the force. Sgt. Ginsberg again displayed his devotion to duty by repairing vital communication lines while subjected to intense enemy fire. Returning to his mortar position after the completion of his hazardous task he directed a heavy volume of mortar fire on enemy targets until the Germans were completely routed. Sgt. Ginsberg, who was mortally wounded in a later engagement, displayed aggressive leadership and exceptional bravery under fire. His actions were at all times a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD F. HELLERICH, 32003194, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 16 October 1944 in the vicinity of Hurtgen, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense fire from a series of heavily fortified enemy pillboxes. Deploying the men in his platoon for a flank assault on one of the strong points, Sgt. Hellerich led them forward to within fifty yards of the pillbox. Securing several hand grenades, he worked his way forward to a point about twenty yards from an emplacement defending the pillbox. He lobbed several grenades into the position and then boldly assaulted the intrenchment, firing his rifle as he ran. The rest of his men charged the position at the same time and completely routed the enemy force. Sgt. Hellerich then secured a rocket launcher from one of his men and crawled towards the pillbox. Suddenly fired on by a well concealed machine gun, he attacked the machine gun nest and destroyed the emplacement with two accurate rocket rounds. Deciding that artillery fire was needed to neutralize the pillbox, he withdrew his platoon to a position of safety and effectively directed and adjusted a heavy volume of artillery fire on the position. His accurate fire forced the immediate surrender of the pillbox's forty occupants. While moving forward to attack another strong point, he saw one of his men fall seriously wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire in an attempt to carry the wounded man to safety. It was during this action that Sgt. Hellerich was killed. Sgt. Hellerich's bold, fearless leadership and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JAMES K. RICE, 17080550, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 20 June 1944 in the vicinity of Cherbourg, France. After successfully overwhelming the enemy, Pfc. Rice's company prepared emplacements for the defense of the newly secured sector. Parking his vehicle loaded with supplies and ammunition in a concealed section of the hedgerows, he made his way to a nearby stream in order to bathe. Suddenly the enemy opened fire, subjecting the immediate area to an intense artillery and mortar barrage. Immediately realizing the importance of the supplies in his vehicle, Pfc. Rice with complete disregard for his personal safety made his way under the concentrated shelling to his vehicle and drove it behind a nearby house for cover. At that time a shell exploded close by and the flying shrapnel from it killed him. Pfc. Rice's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions insured his company of an adequate supply of critical materiel and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Private LLOYD L. HOLDER, 37515062, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack Pvt. Holder's squad was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. When enemy Infantrymen reached a point only 20 yards away, Pvt. Holder who was Acting Squad Leader, ordered a withdrawal to a more strategic position. With complete disregard for personal safety he remained in his hazardous position and delivered a heavy volume of fire at the crushing enemy killing 5 and wounding at least 10, enabling his squad to make a successful retrograde movement. Pvt. Holder then left his position and entered a nearby house. Leaving the house by sliding down a drainpipe he encountered approximately 40 of the enemy but managed to escape due to the darkness. Once again he met a large enemy force but escaped by feigning death and rejoined his squad. Pvt. Holder was mortally wounded later while leading his squad in an attack. His dauntless courage and devotion to duty were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

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

Technical Sergeant IRVIN I. SEIGFRIED JR., 35624635, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. During a savage enemy counterattack against Sgt. Seigfried's squad, which was deployed in a large house, enemy infantry supported by tanks succeeded in reaching a position only 25 yards away. Unhesitatingly Sgt. Seigfried led his men to other buildings giving them greater dispersion and a broader field of fire. With complete disregard for personal safety he dashed from building to building shouting fire orders and encouraging his men to greater efforts. The deadly accuracy and distribution of fire accounted for 10 enemy dead, 15 wounded and the repulsing of the attack. Sgt. Seigfried's aggressive leadership and courageous actions under fire were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant MARION E. HUTSON, 38407272, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Vettelschoss, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions with assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Hutson's platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing his platoon leader fall seriously wounded he immediately assumed command of the platoon and moved toward the objective. Suddenly fired on by the enemy from a close range, he quickly rushed the position with his men and routed the enemy. As the platoon neared its objective, the enemy counterattacked. Sgt. Hutson skillfully deployed his men and directed the defense. Locating the machine gun that had delayed the advance, he crawled over exposed terrain to within thirty yards of the emplacement under concentrated small arms fire and hurled two hand grenades into the position. After neutralizing the machine gun and killing three of the crew, he returned to his platoon where he continued to direct the fire until the counterattack had been repelled. Under his inspiring leadership the platoon wounded four and killed seven men of the attacking enemy. He then successfully led his men against the enemy strong point. Sgt. Hutson's devotion to duty and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. DEVEREUX, (then Private First Class), 3741434, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Alt Heinenburg, Germany. Learning that a wounded man lay in an area subjected to heavy artillery and sniper fire, Cpl. Devereux voluntarily left his position of comparative security to go to the aid of the casualty. Although exposed to the sniper fire, he made his way to the man and proceeded to capably and swiftly administer emergency medical treatment. Although wounded himself and under direct fire from an enemy self-propelled gun, Cpl. Devereux with complete disregard for his personal safety, carried the wounded man across the open terrain to a point that afforded shelter from the concentrated enemy barrage. Cpl. Devereux's aggressive initiative, devotion to duty, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Private First Class IRVING S. GREENBERG, 36783850, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Alt Rennerburg, Germany. Learning that a wounded man lay in an area under intense enemy machine gun fire, Pfc. Greenberg voluntarily left his position of comparative security in order to go to the aid of the casualty. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he made his way to the wounded man in the face of withering machine gun fire and swiftly applied emergency medical treatment. Although wounded himself, Pfc. Greenberg carried the man to a point that afforded protection against the enemy fire, redressed the man's wounds and administered blood plasma. Pfc. Greenberg's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class GLENN L. WARRINGTON, 36295270, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Burglahr, Germany. After completing the laying of important lines of communication while under enemy observation and fire, Pfc. Warrington and another man headed toward their unit. While traveling along the side of a hill, their vehicle struck a mine blowing Pfc. Warrington about twenty feet in one direction and the driver about 10 feet in an opposite direction. Although wounded and thoroughly shaken, Pfc. Warrington crawled to the aid of the driver whose clothes had been fired by the explosion. Unhesitatingly, he beat out the blaze with his bare hands and proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment. Despite his own serious condition he located an aid station and insisted on leading the Aid Men to the scene of the wreck. Pfc. Warrington's courageous actions and self sacrifice were instrumental in the saving of a soldier's life and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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

Private First Class JOHN R. WOOD, 35272468, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Wood and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Wood's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private ROY E. CARRIGAN, 35494537, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pvt. Carrigan and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement

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of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pvt. Carrigan's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant WALTER J. MAHON, 0479424, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Given the mission of locating enemy defenses between the towns of Hofen and Rohren, Lt. Mahon skillfully led his platoon through darkness and over unfamiliar terrain through a mine field and enemy barbed wire entanglements. When they were challenged by the enemy, Lt. Mahon had his forward squads open fire. Personally spotting a machine gun nest, he raced across an open field to knock it out with accurate BAR fire. After killing a number of the enemy and neutralizing three more machine gun positions, he successfully directed the withdrawal of his patrol. Lt. Mahon's skillful tactics and inspiring actions enabled the attacking units to pass through the area without encountering any enemy resistance and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant EDGAR L. BAKER, (then Private First Class), 38696223, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Altenburg, Germany. While attacking strongly fortified enemy positions on a ridge line, Sgt. Baker's platoon met such intense small arms and machine gun fire that they were pinned down. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Baker moved aggressively forward, inspiring his men to follow and assault the position and forcing the enemy to withdraw in confusion. He then deployed his men in effective defensive positions along the all important ridge, allowing his company to move safely to its objective. Sgt. Baker's superior performance of duty and aggressive leadership have been, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant NICHOLAS J. WAXROSKY, (then Staff Sergeant), 32920114, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Vetteschoss, Germany. During an assault against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing his platoon leader fall seriously wounded, Sgt. Waxrosky immediately assumed command and led the platoon in an attack on the enemy positions. Although under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he repeatedly exposed himself to go to the aid of the men that were wounded, evacuating the casualties to a sheltered position when possible. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, Sgt. Waxrosky reorganized the remainder of his platoon and led the men in short, hard rushes in the face of the concentrated enemy small arms fire. As the platoon was nearing the objective, he reorganized his men on the important flanks and led them into the bitterly contested objective. Sgt. Waxrosky's devotion to duty, inspiring leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ELLS G. EYERS, (then Private First Class), 33062259, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While preparing to launch an assault, Sgt. Eyers' battalion was subjected to a strong enemy counterattack. Ordering his mortar squad to start firing, he exposed himself to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage in order to direct and adjust the mortar fire. Although under enemy observation and aware of the proximity of enemy patrols, Sgt. Eyers remained at his position, enabling a heavy volume of effective fire to be brought to bear on the attacking enemy. On one occasion, he personally fired his M-1 neutralizing a position occupied by snipers and then resumed directing the mortar fire. Sgt. Eyers' devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the repelling of the enemy thrust and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant ENZIE G. CHIDESTER, (then Sergeant), 93881626, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 February 1945 in the vicinity of Linruhr, Germany. While Sgt. Chidester's company was preparing defensive positions, he observed an enemy patrol that had infiltrated through the lines, imperiling the newly established replacements. Immediately grasping the seriousness of the situation, he quickly reorganized his squad into the most advantageous positions available. His complete disregard for

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personal safety, Sgt. Cridester exposed himself to the heavy volume of fire. Through his inspiring leadership, the squad killed five of the enemy, wounded seven, and forced the surrender of the remainder of the patrol. Sgt. Cridester's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled his company to secure its positions and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT A. LAVINDER, 37536690, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Antfield, Germany. During an assault against strongly defended enemy emplacements, Sgt. Lavinder's squad was subjected to intense tank fire. Observing that some of the enemy had maneuvered around to the flank of the attacking elements with a machine gun and rocket guns and were imperiling the operation, Sgt. Lavinder acted immediately. Unhesitatingly and displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he led his squad to a commanding position and opened fire on the flanking enemy force. His gunner wounded, he promptly manned the machine gun and delivered a heavy volume of effective fire on the enemy, securing the surrender of the enemy without suffering a fatal casualty. Sgt. Lavinder's aggressive initiative, devotion to duty, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his company's mission and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. PITTARD, (then Sergeant), 34883302, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. Advancing against strongly fortified enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Sgt. Pittard, Squad Leader in a machine gun platoon, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy observation and shelling to direct the fire of his machine gun. This display of bravery and complete disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to his men and contributed materially to the success of his units operations. Sgt. Pittard's devotion to duty and heroic actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant HARRY F. SCHROEDER, 36217252, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Schroeder's battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, supported by artillery and mortar fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he immediately manned his mortar and opened fire. Although under direct enemy observation and aware of the proximity of snipers, Sgt. Schroeder remained at his post, keeping a constant fire directed at the assaulting force. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the concentrated enemy fire in order to observe and locate enemy targets, enabling his mortar crew to deliver a heavy volume of effective fire on the enemy. Sgt. Schroeder's inspiring leadership, devotion to duty, and courageous actions contributed materially to his battalion's successful repelling of the enemy thrust and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant ROBBIN E. CARPENTER, 38519938, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Nottschied, Germany. When heavy fire from enemy riflemen, attempting a flanking attack, caused several casualties to his men, Sgt. Carpenter, machine gun Squad Leader, moved his weapon to a more advantageous position. As the fierce attack continued, Sgt. Carpenter, acting on his own initiative, slowly maneuvered his squad into position and with surprise fire on the enemy's flank, he completely routed the enemy and allowed his unit to move forward. His amazing coolness under fire and aggressive initiative were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant AUBREY A. FARISS, (then Private First Class), 18154114, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Romagen, Germany. While driving two wounded men to an aid station, Sgt. Fariss encountered heavy enemy artillery fire. Stopping his quarter ton truck he carried the casualties to the cellar of a nearby house. With complete disregard for personal safety he returned to the vehicle, which had been covered by rubble by the exploding shells and moved it to a covered position. Returning from his vehicle he observed a nearby half-track on fire. Unhesitatingly he proceeded to extinguish the blaze, ignoring

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the exploding artillery shells and the rows of anti-tank mines that lined the sides of the vehicle. After checking the fire, Sgt. Ferriss carried the two wounded men to his vehicle and rushed them to the Aid Station. The aggressive initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Ferriss were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant GILBERT E. GALAZ, 39406341, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 October 1944 in the vicinity of Germeter, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack against the exposed flank of the newly won positions of Sgt. Galaz's company, around forty enemy riflemen, supported by two machine guns, were able to penetrate well into the area occupied by the second platoon. Immediately grasping the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Galaz quickly moved his mortar forward to an exposed position in order to deliver fire on the enemy. Firing at a range of approximately 75 yards and frequently observing his own bursts, Sgt. Galaz, in the face of terrific small arms fire, effectively dropped his rounds within 25 yards of his own troops and accounted for at least 25 enemy casualties. His courageous actions, complete disregard for personal safety and cool work under fire were an invaluable aid in repulsing the enemy and were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant PAUL F. MULLER JR., 42080320, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. While in defensive positions, Sgt. Muller's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, supported by tanks. Seeing his radio operator fall seriously wounded and realizing the importance of maintaining constant contact with the defending elements, he assumed the duties of the radio operator. With complete disregard for his personal safety and despite the severe tank fire directed at his position, Sgt. Muller remained at his post, transmitting and receiving vital messages. Although the building he occupied was set on fire, he continued to maintain contact between his company and battalion until the enemy thrust was repelled. Sgt. Muller's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the successful defense put up by his unit and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant ROBERT J. PASKVAN, 36456239, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Nottschied, Germany. While giving supporting fire to an advancing rifle platoon, Sgt. Paskvan's Machine Gun Squad was subjected to direct enemy observation and machine gun fire. When one of the men was wounded he unhesitatingly took the wounded gunner's position. Remaining at his gun, despite the machine gun and mortar fire directed at him, Sgt. Paskvan delivered an intense deadly accurate volume of fire at enemy Infantrymen, forcing them to withdraw. Displaying his aggressive leadership, Sgt. Paskvan deployed his squad to a more concealed position and assisted in the evacuation of casualties. His complete devotion to duty and invincible courage contributed materially to the successful attack of the rifle platoon and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal CLARENCE J. GILBERT, 37283904, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack Cpl. Gilbert's company was subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Firing from an exposed position, Cpl. Gilbert, Gunner in an 81mm Mortar Squad, became subject to enemy observation. Although heavy artillery, mortar and sniper fire was directed against him, he delivered an accurate, intense volume of mortar fire on enemy targets. Cpl. Gilbert remained at his gun position with complete disregard for personal safety, until the attack had been repulsed. His courageous actions contributed materially to the repelling of the enemy thrust and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

IV-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AF 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HAROLD H. WOOD, 01325955, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Illersdorf, Germany.

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Private First Class MELVIN A. KACZMAREK, 33382070, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Kaczmarek and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Kaczmarek's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

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

Corporal WILLIAM P. FREYTAG, (then Private First Class), 32685832, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in defensive positions, Cpl. Freytag's battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, supported by artillery fire and tanks. Learning that the mortar platoon, firing in support of the defense, was in desperate need of ammunition, Cpl. Freytag voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire and made his way to the ammunition dump. Although constantly under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he continued to carry the ammunition to the mortar positions until the counterattack had been repelled. Cpl. Freytag's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative and courageous actions were instrumental in repulsing the enemy thrust and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY E. BROWN, 34736641, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 March 1945 in the vicinity of Oberelsoff, Germany. During an attack against heavily fortified enemy positions, Cpl. Brown's company suffered several casualties. Realizing that he was the only Aid Man available, Cpl. Brown unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to administer emergency medical treatment to thirteen of the wounded. Observing that two of the casualties were in critical condition, he ran 500 yards through the intense enemy fire to the Forward Aid Station, to obtain blood plasma. On the return trip, Cpl. Brown was wounded in the right leg, but continued on until he reached his patients. Not until he had administered the vital plasma did Cpl. Brown dress his own wound. The heroic action and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl. Brown while under fire saved the lives of many of the wounded and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN M. YORK, 32617778, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Alt Renneberg, Germany. While evacuating casualties from a fire swept area, Cpl. York observed an artillery shell hit a large foxhole that had been covered by logs. Learning that the entrenchment had been occupied by two men he unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to rush to their aid. Removing the logs and digging with his bare hands he succeeded in uncovering and extricating the two men. The aggressive initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl. York saved the two soldiers from being buried alive and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class CARL BENNETT, 33253654, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position,

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Pfc. Bennethum's Battalion was subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage. Throughout the night Pfc. Bennethum, Wireman and Radio Operator for the Battalion, repaired and maintained vital lines of communication. His complete disregard for personal safety and intrepidity under fire contributed materially to the repulsing of a fierce enemy counterattack the next day. Pfc. Bennethum's aggressive initiative and tireless efforts were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BUD BOX, 38303264, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Box's battalion was subjected to a fierce German counterattack, supported by artillery mortar, and machine gun fire. Hastily manning his machine gun, Pfc. Box delivered a heavy volume of effective fire, inflicting numerous casualties among the assaulting enemy. Although exposed to the concentrated fire, he remained at his post, repelling every thrust until the enemy withdrew in disorder. Pfc. Box's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled his unit to retain positions of tactical advantage and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class HENRY C. BURKHARDT, 38495755, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Buchhausen, Germany. Learning that two seriously wounded men had to be evacuated from an area that was being subjected to a murderous artillery barrage, Pfc. Burkhardt volunteered for the hazardous task. With complete disregard for personal safety, he drove through the intense enemy fire and reached the two casualties. After loading them on his vehicle, he stopped just long enough to refill the radiator which had been punctured on the trip forward. Despite the continued heavy artillery fire he drove the critically wounded men back to the Aid Station. Pfc. Burkhardt's complete devotion to duty and courageous actions under fire were instrumental in saving the lives of two soldiers and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class JOHN F. CLICK, 32685989, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Click's battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, supported by artillery and mortar fire. The enemy in possession of commanding terrain directed a concentrated barrage of artillery fire on the mortar section in which Pfc. Click was a gunner, attempting to neutralize it. Displaying complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Click remained at his post, delivering a heavy volume of effective mortar fire on the assaulting enemy until the enemy withdrew in disorder. Pfc. Click's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his battalion in hurling back the attack and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class HARRY P. DAVIES, 39407096, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Davies' battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. Several of the enemy infiltrated through to the outpost where Pfc. Davies was guarding a prisoner. Acting quickly, he forced the prisoner to accompany him to the attic of a nearby building. A squad of enemy Infantrymen entered the building and

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proceeded to search each room, spraying them with machine gun fire. Despite the threat of being taken prisoner or killed, he remained at his post, guarding the prisoner until the counterattack was repelled. Pfc. Davies' devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions prevented the prisoner from contacting his unit and disclosing valuable information and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class HARLEY E. JONES, 35922753, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 October 1944 in the vicinity of Germeter, Germany. Advancing against a strongly defended enemy pillbox, the assault elements of the Infantry were temporarily halted by an intense volume of machine gun fire from an unobserved emplacement. Voluntarily, Pfc. Jones located the emplacement and reported the position to his squad leader. While the squad was attacking the fortification from the flanks, Pfc. Jones delivered a heavy volume of accurate fire from the front, killing five of the enemy and wounding at least ten. This display of devotion to duty and fearless courage distracted attention from the men attacking the flanks of the pillbox, enabling them to neutralize the enemy position. Pfc. Jones' aggressive initiative and complete disregard for personal safety were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class RICHARD J. MARTIN, 12066578, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During a severe enemy counterattack, Pfc. Martin, Gunner in a Machine Gun Squad, was subjected to artillery, mortar, and direct tank fire. Although his gun was emplaced in an exposed position, he delivered a withering hail of fire on enemy targets, inflicting numerous casualties. Remaining at his gun position throughout the entire action, he contributed materially to the repulsing of the enemy thrust. Pfc. Martin's dauntless courage and devotion to duty were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. MEEKS, 34603646, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions by assault elements of the Infantry, it became urgent to establish communications between the Forward Observation Post and the Battalion Command Post. Realizing the importance of his mission, Pfc. Meeks courageously laid the vital lines of communication under intense enemy artillery and tank fire. He repeatedly exposed himself in order to repair and service the vital lines he had laid, thereby enabling the assaulting elements to successfully coordinate their attack. Pfc. Meeks' devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in the upkeep of unbroken lines of communication, contributing materially to the success of his Battalion's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class LOUIS A. SACKMANN, JR., 32919598, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. After the Instrument Corporal of his machine gun platoon had been evacuated, Pfc. Sackmann assumed his duties. During an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage he repeatedly exposed himself, with complete disregard for personal safety, to repair severed wire lines. On one occasion, Pfc. Sackmann went forth five times, during one hour's time, always subject to heavy enemy fire, to repair lines of communication. Due to the courageous actions and devotion to duty of Pfc. Sackmann, constant communication was maintained, contributing materially to the success of his platoon's operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class HAROLD SCHMIDT, 36732528, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. While advancing to relieve reconnaissance elements of the Infantry encircled by an enemy force, Pfc. Schmidt's company was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the urgency of the mission and the need for a continued advance, he located the enemy emplacement and opened fire with his BAR. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Pfc. Schmidt exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to deliver a heavy volume of effective covering fire, enabling his platoon to neutralize the enemy gun position. Pfc. Schmidt's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in relieving the surrounded reconnaissance group and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN J. SCULLY, 32056889, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While engaged in fierce fighting with the enemy, Pfc. Scully volunteered for the hazardous task of bringing vital ammunition and supplies to his machine gun platoon. With complete disregard for personal safety he drove his vehicle to the supply point and returned to deliver the essential material. Pfc. Scully made three trips while under intense enemy artillery fire, insuring the supply of material to his platoon. The courageous actions and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc. Scully contributed materially to the success of his platoon's operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class WILBUR F. SHERMAN, 12209516, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchen, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions by assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Sherman with one other man, although subjected to intense enemy fire, laid twenty-two hundred yards of urgently needed telephone wire lines between the Company Command Post and the numerous outposts. Unhesitatingly, they repeatedly exposed themselves to the enemy fire in order to service and maintain the vital lines of communication. On one occasion, displaying complete disregard for personal safety, they entered a mine field to lay a line to an outpost. Learning that exploding mines had severed the lines, they again made their way into the mine field, located and repaired the breaks despite severe tank fire. Pfc. Sherman's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in maintaining unbroken lines of communication and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ALPHONSE W. SMITH, 35874151, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchen, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions by assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Smith with one other man, although subjected to intense enemy fire, laid twenty-two hundred yards of urgently needed telephone wire lines between the Company Command Post and the numerous outposts. Unhesitatingly, they repeatedly exposed themselves to the enemy fire in order to service and maintain the vital lines of communication. On one occasion, displaying complete disregard for personal safety, they entered a mine field to lay a line to an outpost. Learning that exploding mines had severed the lines, they again made their way into the mine field, located and repaired the breaks despite severe tank fire. Pfc. Smith's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in maintaining unbroken lines of communication and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Private First Class ANDREW STAVROS, 32905959, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During a savage enemy counterattack, Pfc. Stavros' Company was subjected to fierce enemy artillery and tank fire. Observing several men fall seriously wounded, Pfc. Stavros exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to rush to their aid. For seven long hours he worked under the murderous artillery barrage, administering emergency medical treatment and assisting in the evacuation of casualties. Not until every man had been removed from the fire swept area did Pfc. Stavros leave his hazardous post. The devotion to duty and indomitable courage displayed by Pfc. Stavros contributed materially to the saving of many lives and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ELMER STRUNK, 35812810, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Nottschied, Germany. While advancing across open terrain, Pfc. Strunk's Company was suddenly subjected to an intense concentration of 20mm antiaircraft fire from a well concealed enemy position in a haystack. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Pfc. Strunk immediately crawled to the flank of the enemy gun emplacement and, heedless of the direct, close range enemy fire, he fired a well aimed round of high explosive ammunition, disabling the weapon and wounding three of the enemy crew. Pfc. Strunk's prompt actions and individual initiative undoubtedly prevented many casualties to his company, allowing them to continue forward to their objective, and were a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class STANLEY WOJECIOZAK, 42110558, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Observing that his squad leader had been seriously wounded, Pfc. Wojeciozak assumed control and led the squad into the attack. After a bitter struggle only one enemy position remained, Pfc. Wojeciozak unhesitatingly made his way forward receiving effective covering fire from his BAR team. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he rushed the position hurling fragmentation grenades into it and succeeded in killing one of the occupants and capturing two. Pfc. Wojeciozak's devotion to duty, fearless leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Corporal HAROLD V. SCHPAPP, 32003165, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the European theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

III-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant RAYMOND J. BRUGGER, C1288511, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Rosslau, Germany. Volunteering to lead a patrol across the Elbe River to reconnoiter a sector strongly defended by German troops, Lt. Brugger skillfully lead his men through the enemy lines. Fully realizing the dangers of such a mission, the patrol infiltrated the enemy strong points, acquainting themselves with the complete disposition of the hostile forces. After capturing an enemy officer and ten men, the patrol returned to their company. The information gathered by Lt. Brugger's patrol was an invaluable contribution to attacking forces who crossed the river the next day, sustaining no casualties. The aggressive initiative and courageous actions of Lt. Brugger were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant PHILLIP K. CARMAN, 32056003, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Sgt. Carman and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Sgt. Carman's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant MIKE CHUCKOSKY, 33088457, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Sgt. Chukosky and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Sgt. Chukosky's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal WALTER A. BLANK, 14010228, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945

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in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Cpl. Sloan and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defenses, they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Cpl. Sloan's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade OTIS S. RUSSELL, 38117606, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 March 1945 at Ginnick, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy emplacements, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Ordering the members of his litter squad to a place of safety, Cpl. Russell unhesitatingly exposed himself to the severe enemy fire to aid the wounded. Capably and swiftly, he administered emergency medical treatment and then rejoined his squad to direct the evacuation of the casualties to the Aid Station. Cpl. Russell's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class RALPH W. EGLE, 36044048, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Crossing the Mulde River, Pfc. Egley and other members of the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon reconnoitered the area in an effort to locate and contact Russian forces. Moving aggressively, they discovered a large force of the enemy defending a heavily fortified strong point on terrain commanding the entire surrounding area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the patrol convinced the commander of the garrison that further resistance would be useless. As a result of this fearless action the entire garrison surrendered and 4000 fully armed German soldiers were captured. The patrol continued its reconnaissance mission and, although exposed to ambush and sniper fire by hostile forces, succeeded in reporting valuable information about the enemy to the Regiment. While probing the enemy defense they were often surrounded, but they always completed their missions and, on several occasions, returned to their unit with prisoners. The heroic achievement of this patrol contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy in this area with a minimum of casualties. Pfc. Egley's fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class THOMAS F. MURRAY, 42035851, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ginnick, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy emplacements, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire.

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Ordering the members of his litter squad to a place of safety, Pfc. Murray unhesitatingly exposed himself to the severe enemy fire to aid the wounded. Capably and swiftly, he administered emergency medical treatment and then rejoined his squad to direct the evacuation of the casualties to the Aid Station. Pfc. Murray's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

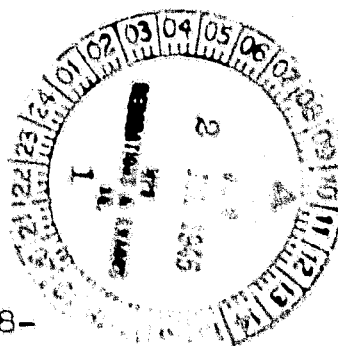
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I-AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

NORTH AFRICA

			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Cpl Sylvester J Zimny	37159572	INF	24 April 1943	Minnesota
Pvt Joseph L Clementi	32029933	INF	25 March 1943	New York
Pfc Walter J Kuzinski	16012372	INF	11 May 1943	Michigan
Tec 4 Irving G. Feigelman	32339376	MD	30 March 1943	New York

ETO FRANCE

			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Pfc Dudley P Martin	14192330	INF	22 July 1944	Georgia
S Sgt John C Mantegna	33067831	CMP	11 August 1944	Maryland
Pfc Frederic C Erdman	32990191	CAV	10 August 1944	New York

ETO BELGIUM

			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
CAPT WINE A MUCCILLO	0498303	MC	20 December 1944	New York

ETO GERMANY

			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
1ST LT FRANK D LAMB	01290261	INF	4 March 1945	New York
1ST LT MYRON L WOLFSON	0537873	INF	7 October 1944	Maryland
S Sgt Eugene Pawlus	35170904	INF	22 December 1944	Indiana
Cpl William D Comstock	31327176	INF	7 April 1945	Connecticut
Tec 5 William L Smith	33732481	INF	10 March 1945	Maryland
Pfc George H Alcott	33767691	INF	1 February 1945	Pennsylvania
Pfc Lyman F Brunk	35919166	INF	3 April 1945	Ohio
Pfc Angelo Campans	42112984	INF	24 March 1945	New Jersey
Pfc William R Hall	36685839	INF	9 November 1944	Illinois
Pfc Thomas A Kestell	39675846	INF	23 December 1944	Nevada
Pfc James Pye	31457155	INF	3 February 1945	Connecticut
Pfc Michael Sim	36479333	INF	21 February 1945	Massachusetts
Pfc Dorston C Simpson	36883896	INF	19 April 1945	Illinois
Pvt Santos R Gomez	42131216	INF	18 March 1945	Michigan
Pvt Ralph P Moors	35902336	INF	6 February 1945	New York
1ST LT JOHN F CREW	01325433	INF	11 October 1944	Indiana
Sgt Frank Crepezzi	32057368	INF	21 December 1944	Michigan
Sgt Clarence A Hildebrand, Jr.	33890037	INF	19 November 1944	New Jersey
Sgt Roy F Richardson	38711954	INF	13 March 1945	Maryland
Pfc Otis E Bungerner	35866845	INF	14 March 1945	Oklahoma
Pfc James V Ciluffo	36980824	INF	19 March 1945	Ohio
Pfc Frank A Hilton	34897204	INF	13 March 1945	Michigan
Pfc J D Hix	38046943	INF	23 November 1944	New Jersey
Pfc Joseph P Reeves	35687513	INF	14 March 1945	Texas
Pfc Peter A. Rojek	42088660	INF	15 February 1945	Kentucky
Pfc Louis A. Sackman, Jr.	32919898	INF	17 March 1945	New Jersey
Pvt John P Campbell	15317032	INF	16 September 1944	New Jersey
Sgt Harrison L Cavalier, Jr.	34045766	MD	8 January 1945	Ohio
Pfc Salvatore R Giunta	32591163	INF	9 October 1944	Louisiana
Pfc Dan W Matthias	20448568	INF	15 September 1944	New Jersey
			18 March 1945	Georgia

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Pfc Vincent Milosevich	37354371	INF	16 September 1944	Colorado
Pfc Lewis C Williamson	33040414	INF	13 March 1945	Virginia
Pvt Russell J. Woomer	35921075	INF	3 February 1945	Ohio
Pfc Raymond A Freeman	20342997	CMP	9 March 1945	Missouri
WOJG JOSEPH W KELEHER	W2118538	USA	18 December 1944	Washington, DC

II-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

NORTH AFRICA

			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Sgt Wallace M Tracy	15056356	INF	2 August 1943	West Virginia

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Pfc Dominick F Cavaliere	30068644	INF	10 August 1944	Illinois
	33735525	LD	30 June 1944	Maryland

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Sgt Carl W Locke	34706124	INF	12 October 1944	Alabama
Pvt Santos R Gomez	42131216	INF	21 February 1945	New York
Pvt Ralph P Moore	35902336	INF	13 March 1945	Indiana
Pvt Michael Nasuti, Jr	33794384	INF	13 December 1944	Pennsylvania
S Sgt Henry A Bierman	37428452	INF	6 March 1945	Illinois
Sgt Ray E Carey	33690140	INF	28 November 1944	Pennsylvania
Sgt Earl J Saunders	42180230	INF	9 March 1945	New York
Pfc Frank M Cicchino	32564054	INF	20 September 1944	New Jersey
Pfc Marion J Maciaszek	36421174	INF	8 April 1945	New Jersey
Pfc Benjamin T Roberts	38520070	INF	14 March 1945	Louisiana
Pfc Luther B Tucker	34592374	INF	15 March 1945	North Carolina
Pfc Fledger K Ward	14120246	INF	15 October 1944	Georgia
Tec 5 Walter E Smythe	32235870	INF	23 February 1945	New York
Pfc James A Elmore	35348638	INF	10 March 1945	West Virginia
Pfc Nat Kleiner	32764199	INF	15 March 1945	New Jersey
Pvt Roman J Rembelski	36892695	MD	19 February 1945	Michigan
Pvt Russell J. Woomer	35921075	INF	10 March 1945	Ohio
Pfc Thomas V Rumore	42034196	MD	22 November 1944	New York

III-AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

FRANCE

			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
T Sgt William E Willis	33453370	INF	7 August 1944	Virginia

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Sgt Wallace M Tracy	15056356	INF	3 February 1945	West Virginia
S Sgt Harold G Ford	34403255	INF	9 April 1945	Florida
S Sgt George D Sillars	30288043	INF	14 April 1945	Wisconsin
Pfc Frank M Cicchino	32564054	INF	5 October 1944	New Jersey
Pfc Henry J Floyd	37051255	INF	13 April 1945	Missouri

IV-REVOCAATION OF ORDERS. So much of Section XII, General Order #71, Headquarters Ninth Infantry Division, dated 20 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Clarence E. Duval, 35070065, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

So much of Section VII, General Order #69, Headquarters Ninth Infantry Division, dated 17 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private William S. Sullivan, 32955265, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

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32 541 074 (1 Sep 50)

22 September 1950

SUBJECT: Amendment of General Orders

**TO: Mr. Frank N. Ciochino
501, North 2nd Street
Harrison, New Jersey**

So much of General Orders 97, Headquarters 9th Infantry Division, dated 21 June 1945, pertaining to awards of the Purple Heart to Frank N. Ciochino, 32 541 074, is amended by placing the information pertaining to him which appears in Paragraphs II and III in Paragraphs I and II respectively.

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- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT - - VII

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

First Sergeant FREDERICK J. ZIEGLER, (then Staff Sergeant), 35164272, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 December 1944 in the vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions, the forward elements of the Infantry were pinned down, necessitating the use of artillery against the enemy strong point. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Ziegler and two other men left their positions of comparative safety to crawl to an exposed observation point under an intense enemy artillery barrage. Remaining at his hazardous post for over an hour while subjected to enemy fire, Sgt. Ziegler assisted in the adjustment of his unit's artillery fire which completely demolished the enemy position. The courageous actions and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Ziegler contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant GLENN E. GRIFFIN, (then Corporal), 37251188, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During a fierce enemy aerial attack, Sgt. Griffin's 155mm gun section received three near hits, setting fire to nearby fuses and powder charge containers. Realizing that the 155mm projectiles were in immediate danger of blowing up, Sgt. Griffin quickly rushed forward, leaving his position of comparative safety, to assist in extinguishing the flames. The courageous actions and aggressive initiative of Sgt. Griffin prevented the destruction of vital ammunition and an important gun emplacement contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM L. RICE, (then Second Lieutenant), 01030512, Cavalry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 30 March 1943 in the vicinity of El Guettar, Tunisia. While leading his platoon of M-10 Tank Destroyers against strongly fortified enemy positions, Lt. Rice's armored vehicle was subjected to intense enemy antitank and machine gun fire. Seeing two of his tank destroyers neutralized and several men wounded, he unhesitatingly left his

defended enemy positions, Pfc. Heaton received a direct hit from a German rocket launcher, killing the tank commander and wounding three other men. Although seriously wounded himself, Pfc. Heaton assisted one of the casualties from the burning vehicle to a place of safety. With complete disregard for personal safety he returned to the blazing destroyer, always under enemy observation and fire, and proceeded to extinguish the flame. Pfc. Heaton's aggressive initiative, devotion to duty, and courageous actions were directly responsible for saving the lives of three men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. PARSONS, 33269626, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hombach, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Parsons accompanied a wire crew forward in order to establish wire communications between his unit and a supporting light Artillery Battalion. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and heavy fire in order to assist in the laying of the vital line. Subjected to fire by an enemy self-propelled gun, the crew attempted to move their wire truck to a position of safety behind a nearby stone building. However, before this could be accomplished, the truck was disabled by an enemy shell and Cpl. Parsons was fatally wounded. Cpl. Parsons' courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RALPH B. THOMAS, JR., 35145868, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hombach, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Pfc. Thomas accompanied a wire crew forward in order to establish wire communications between his unit and a supporting light Artillery Battalion. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and heavy fire in order to assist in the laying of the vital line. Subjected to fire by an enemy self-propelled gun, the crew attempted to move their wire truck to a position of safety behind a nearby stone building. However, before this could be accomplished, the truck was disabled by an enemy shell and Pfc. Thomas was fatally wounded. Pfc. Thomas' courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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

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Staff Sergeant GEORGE E. LENG, 16016384, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hombach, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Sgt. Leng accompanied a wire crew forward in order to establish wire communications between his unit and a supporting light Artillery Battalion. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and heavy fire in order to assist in the laying of the vital line. Subjected to fire by an enemy self-propelled gun, the entire crew attempted to move their wire truck to a position of safety behind a nearby stone building. However, before this could be accomplished the truck was disabled by an enemy shell and Sgt. Leng was wounded. Sgt. Leng's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal WILLIAM P. HAYES, (then Private First Class), 36041421, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Hayes repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery fire and aerial attacks in order to carry ammunition to the forward elements of his unit. With complete disregard for personal safety, he assisted in the maintenance of a steady flow of ammunition across the Rhine River to his Battery position on the east bank bridgehead. Cpl. Hayes' courageous actions enabled his unit to deliver a heavy volume of accurate artillery fire on enemy emplacements and concentrations, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal EDMOND J. LAFERRIERE, (then Private First Class), 31183776, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While in a firing position, Cpl. Laferriere's artillery battery was subjected to a fierce enemy aerial attack. Two bombs dropped within fifteen yards of a nearby gun section and set fire to the powder container and the fuses. Realizing that the 155mm projectiles were in immediate danger of blowing up, Cpl. Laferriere quickly rushed forward to the blazing gun and assisted in extinguishing the flames. Cpl. Laferriere's complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions prevented the destruction of vital ammunition and an important gun emplacement, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Corporal HINTON B. SMITH, 6897593, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Smith repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery fire and aerial attacks in order to carry ammunition to the forward elements of his unit. With complete disregard for personal safety, he assisted in the maintenance of a steady flow of ammunition across the Rhine River to his Battery position on the east bank bridgehead. Cpl. Smith's courageous actions enabled his unit to deliver a heavy volume of accurate artillery

Operator at a Battery gun position, Cpl. Matthews was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage and forced to seek cover in his slit trench. Realizing the necessity for continuous communications, he voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to bring his telephone back to the safety of the trench. When, on two separate occasions, the telephone line had been severed, he crawled forward under the heavy concentration of fire to service and maintain the vital line. Cpl. Matthews' devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions insured consistently efficient communications and enabled his unit to deliver effective supporting fire for the assault elements of the Infantry, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM C. MCKEE, 6929625, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. McKee repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery fire and aerial attacks in order to carry ammunition to the forward elements of his unit. With complete disregard for personal safety, he assisted in the maintenance of a steady flow of ammunition across the Rhine River to his Battery position on the east bank bridgehead. Cpl. McKee's courageous actions enabled his unit to deliver a heavy volume of accurate artillery fire on enemy emplacements and concentrations, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM R. WELPHINGTON; 15090844, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hombach, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Wethington accompanied a wire crew forward in order to establish wire communications between his unit and a supporting light Artillery Battalion. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and heavy fire in order to assist in the laying of the vital line. Subjected to fire by an enemy self-propelled gun, the entire crew attempted to move their wire truck to a position of safety behind a nearby stone building. However, before this could be accomplished, the truck was disabled by an enemy shell and Cpl. Wethington was wounded. Cpl. Wethington's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class GEORGE W. GREEN, 36612688, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and technical skill, Pfc. Green exposed himself to direct enemy observation and a heavy artillery barrage in order to go to a forward combat area to salvage a disabled vehicle. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained in this hazardous position during the intense artillery fire to help repair and remove the vehicle to the rear. Pfc. Green's courageous actions resulted in the saving of a vitally needed truck and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class FRANZ E. WHITE, (then Private), 35270581, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While in a firing position, Pfc. White's artillery battery was subjected to a fierce enemy aerial attack. Two bombs dropped within fifteen yards of a nearby gun section and set fire to the powder containers and the fuses. Realizing that the 155mm projectiles were in immediate danger of blowing up, Pfc. White quickly rushed forward to the blazing gun and assisted in extinguishing the flames. Pfc. White's complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions prevented the destruction of vital ammunition and an important gun emplacement, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class LEO J. SZYCH, 35280496, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While in a firing position, Pfc. Szych's artillery battery was subjected to a fierce enemy aerial attack. Two bombs dropped within fifteen yards of a nearby gun section and set fire to the powder containers and the fuses. Realizing that the 155mm projectiles were in immediate danger of blowing up, Pfc. Szych quickly rushed forward to the blazing gun and assisted in extinguishing the flames. Pfc. Szych's complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions prevented the destruction of vital ammunition and an important gun emplacement, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private HERBERT A. HANNEMAN, 32159115, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While in a firing position, Pvt. Hanneman's artillery battery was subjected to a fierce enemy aerial attack. Two bombs dropped within fifteen yards of a nearby gun section and set fire to the powder containers and the fuses. Realizing that the 155mm projectiles were in immediate danger of blowing up, Pvt. Hanneman quickly rushed forward to the blazing gun and assisted in extinguishing the flames. Pvt. Hanneman's complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions prevented the destruction of vital ammunition and an important gun emplacement, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private WILLIAM C. WEASNER, 33013624, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While in a firing position, Pvt. Weasner's artillery battery was subjected to a fierce enemy aerial attack. Two bombs dropped within fifteen yards of a nearby gun section and set fire to the powder containers and the fuses. Realizing that the 155mm projectiles were in immediate danger of blowing up, Pvt. Weasner quickly rushed forward to the blazing gun and assisted in extinguishing the flames. Pvt. Weasner's complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions prevented the destruction of vital ammunition and an important gun emplacement, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain HARVEY H. PETTRY, 0499075, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JAMES F. CARLTON, 34166426, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant DONALD V. HYDE, (then Sergeant), 320 [REDACTED], Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant JACOB H. RAUCH, 32191899, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade SABATINO A. AGOSTINELLI, 32234615, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES R. BRIGGS, 35254109, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES W. FITE, 33096458, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW J. FLINK, 36338967, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD H. HERMANCE, 32234543, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD KOENAR, 39607531, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 9 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Montana.

Private First Class DAVID W. ASPEI, 35037385, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES B. BCLT, 34120337, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class MARION E. BROWN, 37184157, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class GLYDE S. CRIFE, 35253903, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class OSBRAD L. HAYES, 35358279, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Private First Class RAYMOND J. LEDWITH, 32190495, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JAMES H. OWENS, 34033795, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class SEBASTIEN A. FRUTHONNE, 34030136, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class RICHARD SANTANGELO, 32205780, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. SPENCE, 35096446, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

V-AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to:

Corporal CLYDE L. STEWART, 14018091, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hombach, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Stewart accompanied a wire crew forward in order to establish wire communications between his unit and a supporting light Artillery Battalion. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and heavy fire in order to assist in the laying of the vital line. Subjected to fire by an enemy self-propelled gun, the crew attempted to move their wire truck to a position of safety behind a nearby stone building. However, before this could be accomplished, the truck was disabled by an enemy shell and Cpl. Stewart was fatally wounded. Cpl. Stewart's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

VI-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

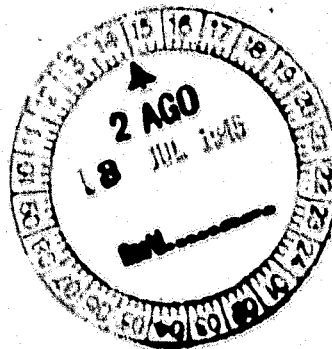
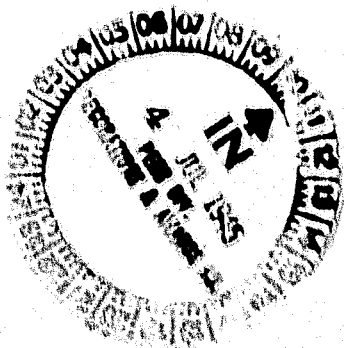
Staff Sergeant GEORGE M. DODGE, 16011387, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of KALTERBERG, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and technical work under fire, Sgt. Dodge exposed himself to direct enemy observation and a heavy artillery barrage in order to go to a forward combat area to salvage a disabled vehicle. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained in this

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

Private First Class HARRY F. ANDERSON, 33761796, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Fraunenberg, Germany. While supporting the assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Anderson's machine gun position was subjected to intense enemy fire. Displaying aggressive initiative and complete disregard for his personal safety, he directed a heavy volume of effective fire on the withdrawing enemy, inflicting numerous casualties. Despite the concentrated small arms fire directed at his position, Pfc. Anderson remained at his post and continued to render supporting fire for the assaulting Infantry until killed. Pfc. Anderson's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the unit's operation and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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

Lieutenant Colonel HERMAN A. SCHMIDT, 0342353, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 25 July 1944 in the vicinity of St. Lo, France. While Colonel Schmidt's battalion was moving forward to assault strongly fortified enemy positions along the St. Lo-Periers Road, it became necessary to draw up a new plan of attack. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to direct observation and heavy enemy artillery fire in order to appraise the tactical situation before formulating a new plan of attack. Upon returning to his battalion, Colonel Schmidt reorganized the elements of his command and personally led the assault company against the entrenched enemy. Colonel Schmidt's tactical skill, superior leadership, and courageous actions, enabled his battalion to successfully execute its mission of breaking through the enemy defenses, contributed materially to the success of the Division's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN F. CLEY, 01325433, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. While his unit was engaged in fierce hand-to-hand combat with a counterattacking enemy force, Lt. Cley rendered that vital

... a point of vantage. Directing a heavy volume of accurate mortar fire upon the enemy, he destroyed an enemy machine gun emplacement, killed seven of the enemy, and forced the remainder to withdraw in disorder. His skillful adjustment of the mortar fire enabled the attacking Infantry to advance and secure their objective. Returning to the rear under a heavy artillery barrage, he then reorganized his unit's machine gun platoons and led them forward to a position from which they could support the Infantrymen. Lt. Krall's bold and fearless leadership, tactical skill, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant MAURICE C. EVANGELISTA, 31370124, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Brauchhausen, Germany. While advancing with assault elements of the Infantry against strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Evangelista's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he unhesitatingly made his way across open terrain to the enemy machine gun emplacement. Opening fire with his BAR, he killed three of the machine gun crew and succeeded in neutralizing the weapon. He then observed two squads approaching but held his fire until the enemy had come to within thirty yards of his position. Sgt. Evangelista directed a heavy volume of deadly fire on the attacking enemy, killing twelve and routing the remainder of the enemy force. Sgt. Evangelista's courageous actions were instrumental in repelling the enemy thrust and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant RICHARD R. BOND, 01821815, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 23 March 1945 in the vicinity of Weissenfels, Germany. While moving forward, Lt. Bond's platoon was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lt. Bond quickly established a base of fire and led the remainder of the platoon in the face of the withering fire against the enemy emplacement. After neutralizing the gun position and crushing all enemy resistance in that sector, Lt. Bond resumed the advance and successfully attained his objective. Skillfully maneuvering his platoon into a commanding position, he forced forty heavily armed enemy Infantrymen to withdraw. Lt. Bond's aggressive leadership and courageous actions resulted in killing many of the enemy and capturing twenty-three without sustaining a single casualty. Entered military service from Maine.

First Lieutenant CLYDE S. HARRIS, 01321510, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Osterwald, Germany. Skillfully maneuvering his platoon over open terrain and through wooded areas, Lt. Harris neutralized two enemy outposts before opening his attack against the town of Osterwald. With complete disregard for personal safety, he led the assault from house to house, eliminating enemy resistance with amazing rapidity. On one occasion, Lt. Harris threw a hand grenade through an open window and then followed through by rushing the house. As he burst through the door, one of the enemy grabbed his carbine. Unhesitatingly, Lt. Harris knocked the German out with his fist and

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Technical Sergeant R NALD R. TESNO, (then Staff Sergeant), 13C07341, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Revenich, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. When his Platoon Leader became a casualty, Sgt. Tesno immediately assumed command and quickly reorganized his platoon. Securing the objective, he promptly deployed his men in effective defensive positions. With complete disregard for persons' safety, he then expose himself to the heavy enemy fire to guide the remainder of the company to their forward positions. Sgt. Tesno's aggressive leadership and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DONATO M. IACOBUCCI, (then Corporal), 33679823, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Linz, Germany. While supporting the assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Iacobucci's machine gun platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Seeing several of the men fall seriously wounded, he voluntarily left his position of comparative safety to go to the aid of the casualties. Although exposed to enemy fire, Sgt. Iacobucci capably and swiftly administered emergency medical treatment and evacuated one of the wounded men to a point of safety. Sgt. Iacobucci's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ANTHONY CAPALDI, 33317090, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Grossnich, Germany. While moving forward in close support of the assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Capaldi's machine gun squad was subjected to intense enemy small arms and artillery fire. Although wounded, Pfc. Capaldi refused to return to the rear for medical treatment but continued forward with his squad. With complete disregard for personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire in order to keep his weapon constantly supplied with vital ammunition, enabling his squad to give its maximum support to the attacking Infantrymen. Pfc. Capaldi's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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then continued the attack. Neutralizing all enemy resistance in the town without the loss of a man, he captured at least forty German soldiers. Lt. Harris' dauntless courage and exemplary leadership contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN T. HIGGINS, 01299336, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 March 1945 in the vicinity of Abbenden, Germany. While attacking strongly defended enemy positions, Lt. Higgins' platoon was subjected to intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire. Immediately realizing the seriousness of the situation, he led one of his machine gun sections around to the enemy's flank and delivered a heavy volume of effective fire into the enemy intrenchments. Although under severe enemy fire and in an exposed position, Lt. Higgins manned one of the machine guns and, with the aid of his section, succeeded in neutralizing the emplacements and crushing all enemy resistance in the sector. Lt. Higgins' devotion to duty, inspiring leadership, and courageous actions enabled the assaulting company to secure its objective without opposition. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant KENNETH F. BOHNER, (then Staff Sergeant), 6862217, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 13 October 1944 in the vicinity of Hurtgen, Germany. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy pillbox, Sgt. Bohner and his squad were subjected to intense machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing that fire from such a long range would be ineffective against the pillbox, Sgt. Bohner unhesitatingly led his men to a more advantageous position. Although subjected to a murderous artillery barrage, he succeeded in neutralizing dug-in positions around the emplacement. Despite the fact that he was wounded during the advance, Sgt. Bohner continued to lead his men forward, directing their fire and encouraging them to greater efforts. Direct fire from a bazooka killed the majority of the enemy in the pillbox and resulted in the surrendering of several others. Sgt. Bohner's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant RAYMOND E. ORSUCCI, 16002371, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 July 1944 in the vicinity of Marigny, France. While moving forward to establish an antitank road block, Sgt. Orsucci's mine platoon was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Disliking to imperil the lives of the men in his platoon, he unhesitatingly made his way alone with two land mines in the face of the withering machine gun fire to the selected point. After laying the two mines, he crawled back, secured two more mines and layed them in position. Although Sgt. Orsucci was constantly exposed to the enemy fire, he repeated the process twenty times until he had successfully completed a mission that normally requires the services of an entire platoon. Sgt. Orsucci's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the Regiment's operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant JOHN W. WOLSKI, (then Staff Sergeant), 32568385, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 January 1945 in the vicinity of ... man was in ...

a heavy volume of antitank grenade fire at point blank range on enemy targets. This devastating fire forced the enemy to relinquish their prepared positions and caused numerous casualties. Sgt. Lucas' aggressive initiative and courageous actions were instrumental in the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class SYLVESTER E. JOHN, 38573861, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 23 March 1945 in the vicinity of Weissenfels, Germany. While moving forward to assault strongly defended enemy positions, Pfc. John's company was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the need for a rapid advance, he unhesitatingly made his way forward to a point of vantage from which he engaged the enemy gun crew with his bazooka. Pfc. John fired two rounds into the machine gun nest, killing two of the crew and causing the remainder to withdraw in disorder. Entering the town with his platoon, he continued to fire at enemy emplacements in the buildings until his rounds were exhausted. He immediately secured an enemy rocket weapon and employed it with deadly effect on the enemy positions. The aggressive leadership and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Pfc. John inspired the other members of his platoon to intensify their attack, forcing the enemy to flee in confusion. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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

First Lieutenant CLAUD S. GILLESPIE, 0292876, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Assinghausen, Germany. While moving at night, the battalion convoy was subjected to intense fire from enemy self-propelled guns. Seeing several of the men fall seriously wounded, Lt. Gillespie unhesitatingly exposed himself to the concentrated enemy fire to go to the aid of the casualties. He capably and swiftly administered emergency medical attention and supervised their evacuation. Lt. Gillespie's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions under enemy fire were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS M. KIRK, 01295901, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. While moving forward in close support of the assault elements of the Infantry, Lt. Kirk's heavy machine gun platoon was subjected to intense enemy 88mm and machine gun fire. Although wounded by the withering enemy fire, Lt. Kirk refused to be evacuated for medical treatment but immediately reorganized his men and supervised the prompt administration of first aid to the other casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, he then exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to locate suitable firing positions for his platoon. Only after his men had displaced forward to their new emplacements would he permit himself to be treated and evacuated to the Aid Station. Lt. Kirk's aggressive leadership, devotion to duty, and courageous actions enabled his unit to give its maximum support to the attacking Infantrymen and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

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First Lieutenant RICHARD R. TATTERSON, 0538129, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Lt. Tatterson observed a man lying seriously wounded in an enemy mine field. With complete disregard for personal safety, he voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy machine gun fire and entered the mined area to aid the wounded man. Observing that he couldn't move the casualty, he applied tourniquets to the man's wounded legs and then returned to his unit to send a runner to the rear for medical aid. Due to the distance the runner had to go, medical assistance was some time in coming. Realizing the dangers of tourniquet pressure too long applied, Lt. Tatterson moved forward in the face of the withering enemy fire to loosen the tourniquets a few minutes and then reapply the pressure. On the arrival of the aid men, he guided them forward to the side of the wounded man and assisted in evacuating him to safety. Lt. Tatterson's courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant LOMEN A. TAYLOR, 01996458, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressnich, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, Lt. Taylor's platoon was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Seeing a man fall seriously wounded, Lt. Taylor, with complete disregard for personal safety, crossed open terrain that was receiving an intense artillery barrage to reach the casualty. Unhesitatingly, he carried the wounded man through the fire swept area to a point of safety where emergency medical treatment could be administered. The courageous actions and devotion to duty displayed by Lt. Taylor were instrumental in saving the soldier's life. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. **AMEND. BY G-1111 -- 40 July 45 to incl OLC to BSM**

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD COOK, 054890288, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Assinghausen, Germany. While displacing forward, Cpl. Cook's battalion convov was subjected to intense enemy self-propelled gun fire. Observing several men fall seriously wounded, Cpl. Cook voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy barrage to go to the aid of the wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained in the interdicted area, assisting in the treatment and evacuation of all the casualties until all of them had been cared for. Cpl. Cook's presence of mind, devotion to duty, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded men. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal WILLIAM A. HUEGLE, (then Private First Class), 1300360 Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While moving forward against strongly defended enemy fortifications, Cpl. Huegle and two other men ran into soft ground and their half-track vehicle and gun became firmly embedded. With complete disregard for personal safety, the three men exposed themselves to the intense enemy fire directed at them in an effort to winch out the vehicle. Succeeding in their task, the three men were subjected to a savage concentration of mortar and tank fire, precluding an enemy counter-attack.

achievement in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Assinghausen, Germany. While displacing forward, Sgt. Wooster's battalion convoy was subjected to intense enemy self-propelled gun fire. Observing several men fall seriously wounded, Sgt. Wooster voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy barrage to go to the aid of the wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained in the interdicted area, assisting in the treatment and evacuation of all the casualties, until all of them had been cared for. Sgt. Wooster's presence of mind, devotion to duty, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded men. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BRYCE L. NEFTZGER, 36771873, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position on their battalion's flank, Pfc. Neftzger's squad was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. Realizing the seriousness of the fact that they had no communication with their company, Pfc. Neftzger and three other men unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the concentrated enemy fire and skillfully maneuvered to a commanding position in order to defend the unit's flank. Using hand grenades and directing a heavy volume of small arms fire on the assaulting enemy, they successfully repelled every enemy thrust. Pfc. Neftzger and the three men remained at their position and secured the battalion's flank until relieved. Pfc. Neftzger's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions prevented the enemy from overrunning his battalion's positions. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class SHERIDEN C. CHAPMAN, 39565532, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position on their battalion's flank, Pfc. Chapman's squad was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. Realizing the seriousness of the fact that they had no communication with their company, Pfc. Chapman and three other men unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the concentrated enemy fire and skillfully maneuvered to a commanding position in order to defend the unit's flank. Using hand grenades and directing a heavy volume of small arms fire on the assaulting enemy, they successfully repelled every enemy thrust. Pfc. Chapman and the three men remained at their position and secured the battalion's flank until relieved. Pfc. Chapman's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions prevented the enemy from overrunning his battalion's positions. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class JOSEPH J. CINGEL, 33174485, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position on their battalion's flank, Pfc. Cingel's squad was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. Realizing the seriousness of the fact that they had no communication with their company, Pfc. Cingel and three other men unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the concentrated enemy fire and skillfully maneuvered to a commanding position in order to defend the unit's flank. Using hand grenades and directing a heavy volume of small arms fire

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on the assaulting enemy, they successfully repelled every enemy thrust. Pfc. Cingel and the three men remained at their position and secured the battalion's flank until relieved. Pfc. Cingel's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions prevented the enemy from overrunning the battalion's positions. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOHN B. GODIN, 31452202, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressrich, Germany. While advancing against strongly fortified enemy positions with assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Godin's squad was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Immediately realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Godin unhesitatingly exposed himself to the concentrated enemy fire and skillfully maneuvered around to the flank of the enemy position. Surprising the enemy riflemen, he opened with a heavy volume of fire and, although himself wounded, he neutralized the intrenchment, killing one officer and routing eight riflemen. Sgt. Godin's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled his squad to successfully execute its mission. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EARL C. GRAEFF, 33111419, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position on their battalion's flank, Sgt. Graeff's squad was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. Realizing the seriousness of the fact that they had no communication with their company, Sgt. Graeff and three other men unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the concentrated enemy fire and skillfully maneuvered to a commanding position in order to defend the unit's flank. Using hand grenades and directing a heavy volume of small arms fire on the assaulting enemy, they successfully repelled every enemy thrust. Sgt. Graeff and the three men remained at their position and secured the battalion's flank until relieved. Sgt. Graeff's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions prevented the enemy from overrunning his battalion's positions. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant FRANK H. MAIER, SR., (then Private First Class), 34829741, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchen, Germany. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, the lines of communication between the Forward Observation Post and Sgt. Maier's mortar platoon were severed. Realizing the importance of restoring the vital lines of communication, Sgt. Maier, with complete disregard for personal safety, voluntarily exposed himself to the concentrated enemy fire, located the break, and repaired it. Sgt. Maier's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions in repairing the disrupted communication lines enabled his mortar platoon to deliver effective covering fire for the assaulting elements of the Infantry. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class JOHN T. BLISSON, (then Private), 33882331, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. While his machine gun platoon

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Private First Class HEZZIE J. MYERS, 33882710, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 February 1945 in the vicinity of Alzen, Germany. While delivering supporting fire for the assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Myers observed that most all of his machine gun ammunition had been expended. Realizing immediate need for more ammunition, he left his weapon in an attempt to locate a nearby source of an additional supply. While searching, he came upon an abandoned burning half-track vehicle that had been disabled by an enemy mine. Disregarding the heavy artillery barrage falling in the area and the possibility of other mines, he made his way to the burning vehicle and removed the full chests of ammunition from the blazing wreck. He then repeatedly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to carry the ammunition back to his unit. Pfc. Myers' complete disregard for personal safety, devotion to duty, and courageous actions enabled his squad to continue delivering a heavy volume of fire upon the enemy forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class JOHN A. WILCZEWSKI, 13007740, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of Strassbourg, Germany. While returning from a reconnaissance mission, Pfc. Wilczewski and six other men encountered two enemy half-tracks and a numerically superior force of Infantrymen. In the fire fight that followed, the enemy captured four of the patrol. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Wilczewski stood his ground, delivering a heavy volume of fire at the enemy, forcing them to take cover. With the aid of another man, Pfc. Wilczewski carried one of the casualties to a nearby house and hid there until, after a futile search for them, the enemy left the area. The courageous actions and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc. Wilczewski saved a wounded man from certain capture and the vital information obtained, while on patrol, contributed materially to the success of his battalion's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ANTHONY DAMATO, 36982596, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Revenich, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy intrenchments, Sgt. Damato's squad was subjected to heavy machine gun and small arms fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Damato maneuvered to an exposed position close to the enemy trench. Unhesitatingly, he threw a hand grenade into the enemy emplacement and killed two of the enemy. Constantly firing his rifle at close range, he pinned down the remainder of the enemy force, enabling his squad to advance. During the fire fight that followed, Sgt. Damato was wounded but his squad succeeded in neutralizing the enemy position and capturing 70 prisoners. The devotion to duty and courageous actions of Sgt. Damato contributed materially to the success of the unit's operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant STANLEY V. POLLINGER, (then Staff Sergeant), 13007907, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 20 June 1944 in the vicinity of Mount Erach, France. During an advance against a strongly defended enemy position at a crossroad, Sgt. Pollinger's squad was subjected to intense enemy fire.

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answer to urgent radio calls for help from the Forward Observer's tank, Sgt.
Baxter drove into Hatton, France, under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire
in a 4 ton truck to make repairs to the tank thus enabling the tank to proceed
to a safe destination. His action saved the vehicle and crew from almost certain
destruction. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class CASPER L. HAAK, 36772895, Infantry, United States Army.
On 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Guntersberge, Germany, Pfc. Haak's platoon,
while advancing through the Harz Mountains, was ambushed and several leading
men were seriously wounded. Pfc. Haak, with complete disregard for personal
safety and in the face of withering machine gun fire, went to the aid of his
wounded comrades who were lying in an exposed position. Despite the increasingly
intense fire directed at him he dragged the wounded man to a covered position
and administered first aid. The courage, initiative and unselfish devotion to
duty displayed by Pfc. Haak saved his comrades lives and reflected the highest
traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

V-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. By direction of the President, under
the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944)
and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended; a Bronze
Star Medal for meritorious service not involving participation in aerial flight
in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States
during the period indicated is awarded to the following named officers and
enlisted men:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH M. THOMPSON, 01321350, Infantry, United States Army,
during the period 6 March 1945 to 17 April 1945 in the European Theater of
Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant ROBERT E. ELLIS, 01032151, Cavalry, United States Army,
during the period 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operation.
Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant OSCAR E. OLSON, 3135 571, Infantry, United States Army,
during the period 4 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operation.
Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade ROY C. MUELLER, 36709587, Infantry, United States
Army, during the period 4 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of
Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class DONALD JOHNSON, 3290713, Infantry, United States Army,
during the period 9 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operation.
Entered military service from Michigan.

VI-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. By direction
of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February
1944, (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September
1943, as amended, a Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achieve-
ment not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military
operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is
awarded the following named officer:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH L. SCHROEDER, 01323974, Infantry, United States
Army. On 10 March 1945 Lt. Schroeder distinguished himself by heroic action
against the enemy in the vicinity of Bruckhausen, Germany. Acting as observer
for an 81mm Mortar Platoon, he was directing accurate and effective fire on the
enemy positions. When his radio failed he voluntarily and repeatedly exposed

himself to enemy artillery and machine gun fire to make his way to
the enemy positions. He will be effective fire against the enemy counter-attack.
His actions resulted in the destruction of enemy positions and casualties were suffered by the enemy.
His heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service and contributed materially to
the successful completion of the platoon's mission. Entered military service from
the state of Illinois.

VII-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated
1943, and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following officers:

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First Lieutenant Robert W. Ingalls, 0765275, Field Artillery, United States Army. While serving with the Army of the United States, Lt. Ingalls distinguished himself by meritorious achievement by participating in aerial flights in that he completed the required number of sorties during the period 11 March 1945 to 30 April 1945 as Air Observer in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

VIII-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Section I, Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to:

Captain WAME E. PHILLIPS, 01170136, Field Artillery, United States Army. While serving with the Army of the United States, Capt. Phillips distinguished himself by meritorious achievement by participating in aerial flights in that he completed the required number of sorties during the period 7 April 1945 to 1 May 1945 as Air Pilot in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

IX-AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

			<u>FRANCE</u>	
			DATE OF WOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
Pfc Joseph A. Pollio	32926000	INF	3 Aug 44	New Jersey
Pvt Paul K. Tague	35734303	INF	17 Jul 44	Indiana
<u>GERMANY</u>				
Pvt Harry T. Schneider	37580646	INF	25 Sep 44	Iowa
Pfc Mike L. Fisher	38671045	INF	19 Mar 45	Texas
Pfc A. J. Tatum	38676535	INF	10 Mar 45	Texas

X-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

			<u>GERMANY</u>	
			DATE OF WOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
Pfc August C. Eggert	37627410	INF	11 Mar 45	Missouri

XI-REVOCATION OF ORDERS. So much of Section IV, General Orders #176, Headquarters Ninth Infantry Division, dated 14 November 1945 as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Pfc August C. Eggert, 37627410, Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

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

Staff Sergeant ALVIN C. PIETROWSKI, 31035182, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 20 February 1945 in the vicinity of Wollseifen, Germany. Acting as Forward Mortar Observer, Sgt. Pietrowski exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire in order to establish an Observation Post in a 120 foot tower. Although twenty-five shells hit the tower and greatly weakened the structure, he remained at his post and continued to observe and adjust accurate fire on the enemy emplacements. Sgt. Pietrowski's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled the assault elements of the Infantry to advance to their objective and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH G. HABERKERN, 32003624, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Vicht, Germany. While supporting the assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Haberkern's mortar squad was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Seeing several wounded men in a nearby mortar emplacement, he voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety went to their aid. Although exposed to the heavy enemy barrage, Sgt. Haberkern made his way to the casualties, proceeded to capably and swiftly administer emergency treatment and then assisted in evacuating them to an area of comparative security. Returning to his emplacement, he directed the fire of the mortar and provided effective support for the assaulting elements. Sgt. Haberkern's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant THEODORE F. CROWDER, 16017090, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. After crossing the Rhine River with assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Crowder selected a commanding position and immediately emplaced his machine gun. While he was awaiting the arrival of supporting riflemen, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack and subjected his position to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Although wounded, Sgt. Crowder remained at his post, directing a heavy volume of effective fire on the assaulting enemy force until reinforcements arrived to strengthen his position. Sgt. Crowder's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in repelling the enemy thrust and securing his Battalion's positions. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class WALSH PERRY, 11029372, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Osberg, Germany. While supporting the assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Perry's mortar emplacement was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Although exposed to the concentrated enemy barrage, he continued to deliver effective mortar fire until his emplacements were destroyed. Perry's

was a squad leader was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Seeing his section leader fall seriously wounded, he immediately assumed command and skillfully maneuvered the section into commanding positions. He then supervised the evacuation of the casualties sustained in the initial phase of the assault. Sgt. Grzebyk repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire to direct the section's fire in order to provide effective support for the assaulting elements. His devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal STANLEY A. FREDERICK, (then Private First Class), 32098594, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 June 1944 in the vicinity of Pivauville, France. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Learning that lines of communication between the Company and Battalion Command Post were disrupted by the barrage, Cpl. Frederick volunteered to deliver vital information to the Company. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the severe enemy fire in order to maintain contact between the two units. He continued to act as runner until the severed lines had been repaired. Cpl. Frederick's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled the Company to coordinate its attack with the other assaulting elements and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant LEROY W. FRANK, 13007465, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ballenstadt, Germany. While moving in a convoy, Sgt. Frank's vehicle was subjected to intense fire from enemy self-propelled guns. Several trees felled by the exploding shells had formed an effective road block, obstructing the passage of the convoy. Immediately realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Frank with complete disregard for his personal safety exposed himself to the concentrated enemy fire in order to remove the barrier. Inspired by his fearless exhibition, the remainder of the unit joined him and succeeded in clearing away the trees, enabling the convoy to move away from the hazardous area. Sgt. Frank's courageous actions were instrumental in saving vitally needed materiel and ammunition from destruction. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JAMES H. BROWER, (then Sergeant), 37283794, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany. While supporting the assault elements of the Infantry, the machine gun section in which Sgt. Brower was a squad leader was subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Seeing his section leader fall seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly made his way to the casualty and evacuated him to an area of comparative security. He then assumed command of the section and skillfully maneuvered it in the face of withering machine gun fire to a commanding position. During this move, Sgt. Brower crossed and recrossed an area under constant enemy fire in order to move the machine gun squads into position. Through his brave and inspiring leadership, Sgt. Brower's section succeeded in neutralizing the enemy emplacements, thereby enabling the assault elements to continue their advance. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant GEORGE W. THOMPSON, 15014007, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany. While directing supporting fire from his machine gun squad, Sgt. Thompson was subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Observing his Gunner fall seriously wounded, Sgt. Thompson unhesitatingly manned the gun and delivered a withering hail of fire at enemy targets. On numerous occasions, Sgt. Thompson exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to locate advantageous positions for his squad. The devotion to duty and courageous

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actions of Sgt. Thompson contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant GABRIEL KORMOS, (then Private First Class) 32002953, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. While delivering overhead fire from his machine gun in support of an advancing rifle company, Sgt. Kormos' gun was rendered useless by enemy artillery. Observing his squad leader fall seriously wounded, Sgt. Kormos unhesitatingly rushed to his aid. With complete disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to the flying shrapnel to administer emergency medical treatment. Despite the intensity of the enemy artillery barrage, Sgt. Kormos obtained another gun and delivered effective fire in support of the advancing units. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal KENNETH KLEPFER, 13087084, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. During a fierce enemy artillery barrage, one of the trailers in Cpl. Klepfer's 81mm mortar squad received a direct hit. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Klepfer exposed himself to the heavy fire and proceeded to remove ammunition from the burning vehicle. Although faced with the imminent possibility of the trailer exploding or its being hit by flying shrapnel, Cpl. Klepfer unhesitatingly removed all the ammunition to a point of safety. The aggressive initiative and courageous action of Cpl. Klepfer contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations in supporting the assault elements of the Infantry. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Cpl. EDWARD G. GAROFANO, 31050324, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 September 1944 in the vicinity of Vicht, Germany. While in a defensive position, Cpl. Garofano observed an enemy artillery shell fall about 6 feet from a foxhole, seriously wounding the occupant. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Garofano left his position of comparative safety to rush to the aid of the casualty. Despite the intense artillery fire he administered emergency medical treatment and unhesitatingly carried the wounded man to the safety of a captured German pillbox. The courageous action and aggressive initiative displayed by Cpl. Garofano saved the life of a soldier. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES W. CHASTAIN, 15014008, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Learning that a half-track vehicle which was mired in the mud was needed in another sector to assist in the defense of his unit's positions, Cpl. Chastain and another man unhesitatingly drove a vehicle to it and succeeded in freeing the half-track vehicle. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. Chastain assisted in placing the vehicle in an advantageous position. Through this brave and fearless action, the additional fire power he made available contributed materially to his unit's success in repelling the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class STANLEY KUPIEC, 42010404, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack, Pfc. Kupiec, Gunner of a heavy machine gun squad was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Realizing the necessity for a more advantageous position, Pfc. Kupiec and another man carried their gun to an exposed point of advantage. With complete disregard for personal safety the two men remained in their exposed position, and delivered a heavy volume of fire at the advancing hostile forces, forcing them to withdraw. The high devotion to duty and courageous actions displayed by Pfc. Kupiec enabled his company to prepare and secure defensive positions. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal EUGENE E. ROSSMAN, 33088499, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 March 1945

men. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Corporal RONALD E. FRANK, 32694133, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Gressonich, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Cpl. Frank's mortar section supported the assaulting elements of the Infantry. Learning that it was necessary to replace a mortar in an exposed position, he voluntarily made his way to the selected point with the other members of the squad. Although subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he remained at his post, delivering a heavy volume of effective covering fire for the attacking elements. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. Frank made his way under the severe enemy fire to secure rounds whenever the supply of ammunition was depleted, thereby enabling his mortar to be in constant operation. Cpl. Frank's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JAMES A. PRUGH, (then Private First Class), 32240295, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ballenstedt, Germany. While displacing forward in close support of the assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Prugh's heavy machine gun section was subjected to heavy enemy fire from several self-propelled weapons. This fire forced all men to abandon their vehicles and take cover. Although missing the vehicles, the enemy barrage hit and felled a large number of trees on either side of the road forming very effective road blocks. Realizing that the vehicles and equipment had to be saved, Cpl. Prugh and another man voluntarily exposed themselves to the intense enemy concentration to move several of the smaller trees, turn the vehicles around, and drive them to an area where the guns could be removed and carried forward by hand. Cpl. Prugh's complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions enabled effective covering fire to be delivered for the advancing Infantrymen and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class LEE E. YUNKERS, 36990005, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ballenstedt, Germany. While displacing forward in close support of the assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Yunkers' heavy machine gun section was subjected to heavy enemy fire from several self-propelled weapons. This fire forced all men to abandon their vehicles and take cover. Although missing the vehicles, the enemy barrage hit and felled a large number of trees on either side of the road forming very effective road blocks. Realizing that the vehicles and equipment had to be saved, Pfc. Yunkers and another man voluntarily exposed themselves to the intense enemy concentration to move several of the smaller trees, turn the vehicles around, and drive them to an area where the guns could be removed and carried forward by hand. Pfc. Yunkers' complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions enabled effective covering fire to be delivered for the advancing Infantrymen and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WALTER A. LUSH, 25042960, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 at Grenberg, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Lush's company was subjected to a fierce counterattack by enemy Infantrymen mounted on tanks. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Lush led his squad forward in an attack against the enemy troops, forcing the enemy to dismount and retire in disorder. His bold and fearless leadership contributed materially to the repelling of a numerically superior enemy force. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant CARL L. ABEL, 34722316, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 March 1945 in the vicinity of Linkelbach, Germany. While moving forward to secure an area of tactical importance, Sgt. Abel's squad was subjected to intense enemy tank

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and mortar fire. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he led his men in the face of enemy fire and succeeded in taking the commanding position, thereby enabling the establishment of a Forward Observation Post at a point of vantage. He then skillfully maneuvered his squad around the enemy positions and directed a heavy volume of fire at the emplacements, forcing the enemy to flee in disorder and allowing an adjacent unit to secure its objective. Sgt. Abel's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in the successful execution of the forthcoming operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant WALTER M. PYLE, 32356790, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Lo, France. While on duty as an Instrument Corporal at a Forward Observation Post, Sgt. Pyle was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. Observing the Mortar Observer fall seriously wounded, he promptly took over the Observer's post and adjusted accurate fire on the enemy emplacements. His effective fire resulted in the destruction of two enemy machine gun positions. With his immediate fire mission completed, he radioed for litter bearers and then exposed himself to the heavy enemy concentration of fire to go to the aid of his wounded comrades. Administering emergency medical treatment to the men, he remained with them until they were all safely evacuated to the rear. Sgt. Pyle's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were instrumental in saving the lives of three of the wounded men. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class PETER J. CUSACK, 31207969, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 12 July 1944 in the vicinity of St. Jean de Daye, France. When an enemy Infantry and Tank force penetrated Pfc. Cusack's regiment's defensive positions and threatened rear installations, Pfc. Cusack voluntarily joined a combat patrol to help clear out the enemy. Armed with a rocket launcher, rifle, and hand grenades, he advanced with other members of his patrol to a house in which the enemy was hiding. Delivering a heavy volume of fire, they forced the enemy out of the house and captured them. Pfc. Cusack's aggressive initiative and courageous actions contributed materially to the capture of twenty-three of the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain CLIFFORD A. BARBANELL, 0396600, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 March 1945 in the vicinity of Rott, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, Capt. Barbanell's company was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Immediately realizing the seriousness of the situation he established a base of fire facing the town and led one platoon around the enemy's flank. When the enemy suddenly directed a heavy volume of fire from a self-propelled gun at the platoon, Capt. Barbanell quickly secured the assistance of the supporting tank destroyers and placed them in commanding positions. Displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy shelling in order to continue adjusting the tank destroyers' fire until the enemy gun was neutralized. Then leading his men forward, he entered the town and succeeded in wiping out all enemy resistance. Capt. Barbanell's inspiring leadership, devotion to duty, and courageous actions contributed materially to the capture of over sixty of the enemy without the loss of a single man. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM A. ZIMMERMAN, 3338103, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 October 1944 in the vicinity of Vossack, Germany. During an attack against fortified enemy positions, Cpl. Zimmerman's company suffered several casualties. Unhesitatingly he voluntarily left his position of comparative safety to lead a litter squad in the evacuation of the wounded. Although wounded, he continued at his dangerous task despite the heavy volume of enemy small arms fire. Cpl. Zimmerman on several trips of equal danger that contributed materially to the saving of many. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class HAROLD J. PENNY, 32047566, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 February 1945 in the vicinity of Wiedgen, Germany. While laying a vital communication line across the Roer River, Pfc. Penny and his wire team were subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage. With complete disregard for personal safety Pfc. Penny led his men through the fire swept area and succeeded in completing his mission. Realizing the importance of communications in the attack that was to follow, Pfc. Penny repeatedly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to repair severed wire lines. His courageous actions and devotion to duty displayed by

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Pfc. Penny were instrumental in the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant LESTER PITTS, (then Private First Class), 38711819, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Strodt, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Pitts' company supported by tanks, was subjected to intense fire from an enemy tank and machine gun. Realizing the need for rapid advance, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the withering machine gun fire in order to observe and direct mortar fire on the enemy emplacement. ~~Accurate fire directions and adjustments enabled the mortar crew to neutralize~~ the enemy position, killing the entire gun crew. Sgt. Pitts remained at his observation post despite the proximity of the enemy and the concentrated fire directed at his position, enabling effective artillery fire to be delivered at the enemy tank and forcing it to withdraw. Sgt. Pitts' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled the assaulting elements to resume the advance. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

Technical Sergeant MARTIN E. FLYNN, (then Technician Third Grade), 33067767, Mod Dept, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant RICHARD E. BRADLEY, 01290888, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1943 to 20 August 1944 in the European Theater of Operations.

III-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provision of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant GAIL E. GODBY JR., 01299731, Infantry, U S Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Opperoode, Germany. While advancing with assault elements of the Infantry, supported by tanks, Lt. Godby, Commanding Officer of a Heavy Weapons Company, was subjected to intense enemy artillery, rocket, and small arms fire. Observing a supporting tank in flames, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the concentrated enemy fire, secured several pails of water and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. Unable to contact his mortar platoon by radio, Lt. Godby made his way across open terrain in full view of the enemy to the mortar emplacements where he directed their fire, delivering effective supporting fire for the assaulting elements. Lt. Godby's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions saved the burning tank from complete destruction and insured the advancing units of the battalion with adequate covering fire. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technical Sergeant AUFRY T. FOSTER, 34019019, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While moving forward against strongly defended enemy fortifications, Sgt. Foster and two other men ran into soft ground and their half-track vehicle and gun became firmly embedded. With complete disregard for personal safety, the three men exposed themselves to the intense enemy fire directed at them in an effort to winch out the vehicle. Succeeding in their task, the three men were subjected to a savage concentration of artillery, mortar, and tank fire, precluding an enemy counterattack. Displaying devotion to duty and dauntless courage, they disabled one tank and delivered a heavy volume of fire at enemy targets, contributing materially to the repelling of the thrust. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH L. LIPS, 20273707, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 July 1944 in the vicinity of Eslandes, France. While supporting assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Lips' mortar platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Observing a man fall seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly left his position of comparative security to go to the aid of the casualty. Although exposed to the heavy enemy fire, Sgt. Lips swiftly administered emergency medical treatment and evacuated the wounded man to a point of safety. He then located a Medical Officer

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and guided him to the casualty. Sgt. Lips' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN D. GRIGSBY, O1316147, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wintersburg, Germany. While on a mission as Forward Observer, Lt. Grigsby left his position and was making his way to a tower that afforded greater visibility when he was suddenly subjected to intense enemy artillery and 20mm fire. Despite the severe enemy fire he unhesitatingly continued to the tower, where, he observed a group of fifty to seventy-five enemy vehicles concentrated in a relatively small area. Realizing that the fire mission involved could not be handled by the artillery, he called for an air mission. As the call was being radioed, the tower was placed under a heavy enemy barrage and sustained numerous hits. Lt. Grigsby was hurled from the tower by the concussion of an exploding shell and although wounded, he continued to relay reports on enemy dispositions until he was sure that the air mission would have sufficient data for briefing. Lt. Grigsby's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in the destruction of many of the enemy vehicles. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant LEONARD G. KEMPTON, O1310341, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 August 1944 in the vicinity of Champ de Bout, France. During a fierce enemy counterattack Lt. Kempton's platoon was subjected to heavy enemy tank and small arms fire. Realizing the necessity for a withdrawal to a more covered position, Lt. Kempton gave the order. As the rest of the platoon moved out, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire, to act as a rear guard. When direct tank fire from a distance of 50 yards neutralized a supporting machine gun crew, he quickly manned the gun and delivered an intense volume of fire inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy. Lt. Kempton's courageous actions and devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

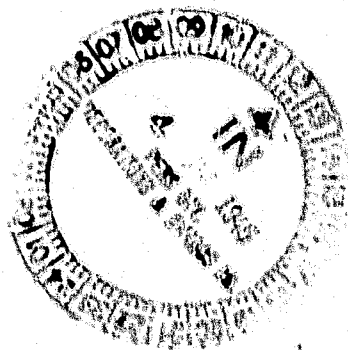
IV-AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AF 100-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant WILLIAM J. RICHER, (then Technical Sergeant), 33474550, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Eichtz, Germany. While advancing to a position to deliver supporting fire for the advance elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Richer's machine gun squad was ambushed by a tank camouflaged in a tree stack. A direct hit caused several casualties and resulted in a temporary disorganization of his men. Unhesitatingly, Sgt. Richer displayed aggressive leadership ability by ordering a strategic withdrawal. Single handedly he carried one of the machine guns through the heavy tank fire to a new position and completed the mission assigned to him. Sgt. Richer's indomitable courage and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of his company's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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I-AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
S Sgt. Virgil D Evans	38281454	Armd	9 June 1944	Texas
Tec 4 Ernest L Buteman	38333687	Armd	9 June 1944	Arkansas
Tec 5 Ardell R. Crawford	38251977	Armd	9 June 1944	Texas
Pfc Morris A Johnson	37553268	Armd	9 June 1944	Minnesota
Cpl Warren J Weaver	12019168	Armd	11 June 1944	New York
Pfc James E Thompson	38303475	Armd	26 June 1944	Texas
S Sgt Harold J Martin	6145122	Armd	7 July 1944	Maryland
Tec 5 Walter R Faulkner	38294628	Armd	8 July 1944	Arkansas
S Sgt Frank Johnson	6895902	Armd	11 July 1944	Maryland
T Sgt Roy S Jones	38029332	Armd	13 July 1944	Texas
Pvt Chestley E Murphy	38541395	Armd	20 July 1944	Texas
Cpl Mike Costello	38302466	Armd	20 July 1944	Louisiana
Major LYNN M YEATTS	0322330	Inf	20 July 1944	Texas
Pvt John L Hubbard	36449848	Armd	22 July 1944	Illinois
Sgt Milton M Martin	38072365	Armd	23 July 1944	New Mexico
Pfc Fred M Lowe	37510841	Armd	24 July 1944	Missouri
Pvt Robert C Carr	38553565	Armd	25 July 1944	Texas
Tec 4 Kenneth L Hiermeier	36477810	Armd	25 July 1944	Illinois
Cpl Adam J Dzialowski	42030450	Armd	25 July 1944	New York
Tec 4 Franklin F Baker	38229008	Armd	25 July 1944	Texas
S Sgt Theodore P Stempkowski	6885766	Armd	9 Aug 1944	Pennsylvania

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Tec 4 Olen E Bratcher	38279869	Armd	4 Sep 1944	Texas
Lt Col CLARENCE G HUFFER	0274322	Cav	6 Sep 1944	Indiana
Pfc Walter A Morris	18197978	Armd	6 Sep 1944	Texas
Pfc Stephen L Bliss	39124081	Armd	6 Sep 1944	California
Pvt Johnnie W Lowrey	38328971	Armd	6 Sep 1944	Louisiana
Tec 5 James S Flaia	42001264	Armd	11 Sep 1944	New Jersey

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Tec 5 Stanley A Lemieux	31036161	Armd	15 Sep 1944	Massachusetts
Tec 4 Robert Plagens	36564942	Armd	19 Sep 1944	Michigan
Pfc Daniel E McLaughlin	39559105	Armd	22 Sep 1944	California
Pfc Ralph W Kinney	36677942	Armd	29 Sep 1944	Illinois
Pfc Frank V Briola	32998275	Armd	8 Oct 1944	New York
Pvt Samuel H Liddle	33655042	Armd	10 Oct 1944	Virginia
Cpl Woodrow W Shelley	37129993	Armd	11 Oct 1944	Missouri
T Sgt Harry Borkowsky	32217256	Armd	11 Oct 1944	New York
Pfc Robert J Lokar	33427319	Armd	17 Oct 1944	Pennsylvania
Tec 5 Verle A Spaulding	37511293	Armd	26 Oct 1944	Kansas
Pfc Calvin R Zaenger	35559442	Armd	11 Dec 1944	Ohio
2nd Lt EVERETT C CROES JR	01018511	Inf	12 Dec 1944	California
Pvt Leslie T McKeon Jr	31399489	Armd	12 Dec 1944	Massachusetts
Pvt Irlin L Morris Sr	33845532	Armd	16 Dec 1944	Pennsylvania
Cpl Robert Williams	18197591	Armd	8 Jan 1945	Texas
Pvt Harold G Sanders	37706742	Armd	16 Feb 1945	Colorado
Tec 5 Thomas F Pryor	32809353	Armd	17 Feb 1945	New York
Tec 4 Chester R Gulley	35159895	Armd	28 Feb 1945	

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			<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FR</u>
Tec 3 Carl T Johnson	33021628	Armd	24 Feb 1945	Pennsylvania
Pfc Reginald R Miller	38333199	Armd	1 Mar 1945	Louisiana
Pvt Sanford E Harper	38328969	Armd	1 Mar 1945	Louisiana
Pvt Stanley J Burszynowski	32954939	Armd	3 Mar 1945	New Jersey
1st Lt HENRY D WALDING	01014640	Inf	7 Mar 1945	Alabama
Tec 4 Roy D Scott	32850876	Armd	7 Mar 1945	New York
Tec 5 William S. Carlton	17147324	Armd	7 Mar 1945	Colorado
Pvt Raymond C Hayden	38328994	Armd	8 Mar 1945	Louisiana
Tec 5 Doyle A Baugus	38534481	Armd	9 Mar 1945	Texas
Tec 5 Claire C Lindsey	39326439	Armd	11 Mar 1945	Oregon
Pfc William E Duff	36771413	Armd	12 Mar 1945	Illinois
Sgt Herbert H Layne	6945995	Armd	13 Mar 1945	Virginia
S Sgt Bennett J Knight	38241198	Armd	14 Mar 1945	Texas
Capt ALEX HOCHAN	0424618	MC	14 Mar 1945	New Jersey
Tec 5 Bert E Coy	36692974	Armd	20 Mar 1945	Missouri
Pvt John J Markus	36698086	Armd	22 Mar 1945	Illinois
Cpl Elmore A Evers	44030238	Armd	3 Apr 1945	Alabama
Pfc Eugene J Plorkowski	31454157	Armd	6 Apr 1945	Connecticut
S Sgt Harmon Hodge	34724412	Armd	17 Apr 1945	Tennessee

II-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in

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Pvt Thomas Jimenez	38253925	Armd	13 Oct 44	Texas
Pfc Fred S Kostolansky	33701015	Armd	15 Oct 44	Pennsylvania
Cpl Joseph J Roderick Jr	31365526	Armd	14 Dec 44	Massachusetts
Pvt Michael J Bell	12005037	Armd	4 Feb 45	New Jersey
Pfc Henry J Wilson	37551926	Armd	5 Feb 45	Minnesota
Sgt Jack A Bulloch	38332805	Armd	17 Feb 45	Arkansas
Pfc Frances G Gradel	3380304	Armd	17 Feb 45	Pennsylvania
Sgt Bratley Cooper	34872584	Armd	28 Feb 45	Mississippi
Pfc Jerry J Curcione	32767610	Armd	3 Mar 45	New Jersey
Cpl Thomas L Burns	35048155	Armd	11 Mar 45	Ohio
Sgt William H Levy	33130489	Armd	13 Mar 45	Pennsylvania
Pfc Liborio W Canarosso	42024475	Armd	13 Mar 45	New York
Tec 4 Kenneth L Hiermeier	36477810	Armd	15 Mar 45	Illinois
2nd Lt CHARLES W WEST	01999834	Inf	22 Mar 45	Ohio
Pfc Chester C Scott	35382915	Armd	23 Mar 45	West Virginia
Tec 3 Elmo G Villo	38115823	Armd	2 Apr 45	Texas
Sgt Uacil W McGee	38231924	Armd	10 Apr 45	Texas
Pvt John J Markus	36698086	Armd	12 Apr 45	Illinois
1st Lt ANTHONY A DEMETRIOU	01018512	Inf	17 Apr 45	California
S Sgt Marvin P R Glover	38286357	Armd	18 Apr 45	Texas

III-AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in

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1st Lt CHARLES G BEATTY	01017794	Inf	6 Aug 44	Indiana

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2nd Lt DAVID BERNSTEIN	01018417	Inf	20 Sep 44	Texas
S Sgt Joseph D Henry	38314012	Armd	15 Mar 45	Louisiana
Cpl William R Middleton	35931855	Armd	19 Apr 45	Kentucky

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IV-AWARD OF THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

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Cpl Ambrose Graves	38286248 Wnd	9 July 44	Texas

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2nd Lt DAVID BERSTEIN	01018917 Inf	12 Mar 45	Texas

V-AWARD OF FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

	<u>FRANCE</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED MIL SV FB</u>
Cpl Ambrose Graves	38286248 Wnd	22 July 44	Texas

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I-AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, dated 23 August 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:

Military Police Platoon, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Service Company, 746th Tank Battalion, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 31 August 1944.

II-AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1913, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant JOHN A. VAN PELT, 6717598, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Van Pelt's platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Observing several men fall seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly went to the aid of the casualties despite the continuous enemy fire. After swiftly administering emergency medical treatment, Sgt. Van Pelt again exposed himself in order to guide an Aid Man to the wounded men. Rejoining his platoon, he provided effective covering fire for the men who were maneuvering to more strategic positions. Sgt. Van Pelt's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Captain ALBERT F. WILSON, JR., (then First Lieutenant), 01168525, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 5 September 1944 in the vicinity of Hastiere, Belgium. After attacking across the Meuse River in assault boats and advancing to a wood several hundred yards on the hostile side, the Battalion in which Capt. Wilson was Liaison Officer for supporting artillery was counterattacked by a large enemy tank force. Surrounding the battalion, the tanks severed wire communication and sprayed the area with intense cannon and machine gun fire. Capt. Wilson, in the face of the withering enemy fire, unhesitatingly worked his way to the fringe of the forest and adjusted his artillery on the attacking enemy. So devastating and accurate was his fire that the tanks were forced to withdraw in confusion, thereby relieving his beleaguered battalion. Capt. Wilson's complete disregard for personal safety and calm work under fire were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant GEORGE R. VAN LEMVEN, (then Second Lieutenant), 0227796

First Lieutenant HENRY J. KUCHARSKI, 01996369, Medical Administration Corps, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 November 1944 in the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Despite the withering enemy fire, Lt. Kucharski led two litter teams across 1200 yards of open terrain to the aid of the wounded in the forward combat area. With complete disregard for personal safety and under direct enemy observation and fire, he administered emergency medical treatment to the casualty to whom all previous attempts to give first aid had been hampered by the enemy fire. He assisted in the evacuation of the wounded man to a waiting vehicle. Lt. Kucharski's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

IV-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM (MISSING IN ACTION). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal WILMER A. CUNNINGHAM, 35378153, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 September 1944 in the vicinity of Hastiere, Belgium. After attacking across the Meuse River in assault boats and advancing to a woods several hundred yards from the bank, the battalion, in which Cpl. Cunningham was a Radio Operator for the Artillery Liaison Officer, was counterattacked by a large force of enemy tanks. Surrounding the battalion, the tanks sprayed the area with cannon and machine gun fire and prepared to close in. In the face of this devastating fire, Cpl. Cunningham worked his way to the edge of the woods, with the Observer and transmitted the Officer's fire direction orders to supporting artillery. So accurate and intense was the shelling that the enemy withdrew in confusion, thereby relieving his beleaguered battalion. Cpl. Cunningham's courageous actions and coolness under fire were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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

Technical Sergeant JUDY F. DWORAK, 37139753, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Opperoed, Germany. During an assault against strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Dworak's squad was subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Although exposed to the concentrated enemy fire, he unhesitatingly led his men across open terrain to enemy occupied billets. Sgt. Dworak and his squad cleared the barracks of hostile elements and proceeded to assault nearby buildings. Despite the heavy enemy small arms fire, Sgt. Dworak, with complete disregard for personal safety, led his men in the attack on the enemy buildings and successfully overwhelmed all opposition, enabling the advancing units to continue toward their objective. Sgt. Dworak's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant ORVILLE A. ADAMS, 38668981, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brunsckappel, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Adams' company was subjected to intense enemy sniper fire. Forming his squad in a skirmish line, Sgt. Adams led the men forward in order to clear the area of

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the enemy snipers. With complete disregard for personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire in order to direct and control the fire and movement of his men. Sgt. Adams' aggressive leadership, expert judgment, and courageous actions contributed materially to the successful clearing of the area of all enemy resistance and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant JAMES H. CHANDLER, 34507754, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Chandler saw his squad leader fall seriously wounded. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he immediately assumed command of the squad and led the men under heavy artillery and machine gun fire in a successful assault on the emplacements. Sgt. Chandler's aggressive leadership, presence of mind, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant ALFRED F. DELAPORTE, 31378618, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Nothberg, Germany. While leading in the attack on strongly defended enemy positions, his company was subjected to an intense and devastating enemy mortar and artillery barrage. Sgt. Delaporta, mortar squad leader, seeing that ammunition for his weapons, which were firing counterbattery concentrations on the enemy emplacements, was almost exhausted, left his comparatively safe position to secure an additional supply. Disregarding personal safety, he made three trips to the supply point through the enemy barrage. On the second trip, he was knocked unconscious by the concussion of a nearby mortar shell burst, but upon regaining consciousness, he unhesitatingly continued on his mission. His courageous actions and devotion to duty materially aided his company in successfully completing its attack and were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant JAMES W. GIFFORD, (then Private First Class), 38599216, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wiemeinghausen, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Gifford observed the approach of a German officer leading six men on a reconnaissance mission. He immediately opened fire with his BAR and succeeded in pinning them down. While covered by rifle fire, Sgt. Gifford skillfully maneuvered to a commanding position and effected the capture of the entire hostile group. Sgt. Gifford's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH J. CASTROVINCI, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 323 3860, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Learning that vital lines of communication had been severed by enemy artillery fire, Sgt. Castrovinci repeatedly exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire in order to service and maintain the communication lines. His devotion to duty, courageous actions, and complete disregard for personal safety in the face of the withering enemy fire insured constant contact between all elements of his unit and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E. ELDER, 33215235, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in the vicinity of Nordberg, Germany. Learning that he was needed at a Forward Observation Post, Cpl. Elder, the Battalion Radio Operator, exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire to cross several hundred yards of open terrain in order to reach the position. Despite the heavy artillery and mortar fire falling in the immediate vicinity, he quickly set his radio in operation and enabled the Battalion Commander to contact supporting artillery units. Cpl. Elder's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions resulted in a heavy volume of effective artillery fire on enemy emplacements and concentrations, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class ALBERT L. BROWN, 33455234, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in the vicinity of Harzgerode, Germany. During an advance against

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strongly defended enemy positions, Pfc. Brown's platoon was subjected to intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and 20mm fire. Although wounded, Pfc. Brown continued forward with the platoon until it had successfully secured the objective and established new defensive positions. His devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Private First Class JOSEPH L. CIPOLLA, 36676256, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Learning of the urgent need for litter bearers, Pfc. Cipolla voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist in the evacuation of casualties from forward combat areas. Although under heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly made his way with three other members of the litter squad and successfully removed the casualties to the security of a building. His complete disregard for personal safety and aggressive initiative enabled the casualties to receive prompt and effective emergency medical treatment and were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Pfc. Cipolla's devotion to duty and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class LEE C. GEORGE, 38678501, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While advancing with assault elements of the Infantry against strongly defended enemy positions, Pfc. George's platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Although seriously wounded, he remained at his post delivering effective enemy fire for the attacking units with his BAR. Only after the objective had been secured did Pfc. George submit to evacuation for medical treatment. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class MORTON J. KAPLAN, (then Private), 33601748, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany. Preparatory to an attack against enemy positions, Pfc. Kaplan voluntarily led a reconnaissance patrol into enemy territory to reconnoiter enemy road blocks and placements. After returning to his unit with the vital tactical information, he then acted as the point man of the company during the advance along the designated route. Reaching the objective, he cleared out the first two houses in the town and captured four of the enemy. Pfc. Kaplan's bold and fearless leadership, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD L. KISER, 35761674, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 November 1944 in the vicinity of Nordberg, Germany. Learning that he was needed at a Forward Observation Post, Pfc. Kiser, the Battalion Radio Operator, exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire to cross several hundred yards of open terrain in order to reach the position. Despite the heavy artillery and mortar fire falling in the immediate vicinity, he quickly set his radio in operation and enabled the Battalion Commander to contact supporting artillery units. Pfc. Kiser's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions resulted in a heavy volume of effective artillery fire on enemy emplacements and concentrations, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class JACOB LESSOFF, 31415755, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Nothberg, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Lessoff's platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy artillery and mortar barrage. Hearing a wounded man's call for aid, Pfc. Lessoff immediately left the protection of his foxhole and crawled forward to the wounded man's side. After administering emergency medical treatment to the casualty, he noticed a platoon of enemy Infantrymen approaching from the flank. With complete disregard for personal safety, he brought a heavy volume of fire to bear against the enemy troops and forced them to withdraw in disorder. Pfc. Lessoff then returned to the

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wounded man and remained with him for four hours until a litter could be brought forward. His aggressive initiative and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class MORTON A. MERGENTHEIM, JR., 36767512, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While moving forward in order to deliver vital supplies to the forward combat units, the carrying party, of which Pfc. Mergentheim was a member, was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Observing the leading man fall seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly went to the aid of the casualty. Despite the concentrated enemy fire, Pfc. Mergentheim carried the wounded man to a point of safety, enabling him to receive effective emergency medical treatment. Pfc. Mergentheim's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class MIKE RESETAR, 31407652, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Resetar's Company was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Learning that a man had been seriously wounded when an outpost received a direct hit, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the heavy enemy barrage to go to the aid of the casualty. Quickly administering emergency medical treatment, he then assumed the duties of the wounded man and remained at the outpost until relieved. Pfc. Resetar's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class STANLEY J. TRICKETT, 31338839, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Learning of the urgent need for litter bearers, Pfc. Trickett voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist in the evacuation of casualties from forward combat areas. Although under heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly made his way with three other members of the litter squad and successfully removed the casualties to the security of a building. His complete disregard for personal safety and aggressive initiative enabled the casualties to receive prompt and effective emergency medical treatment and were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Pfc. Trickett's devotion to duty and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class JAMES E. TURNER, 38319822, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Learning of the urgent need for litter bearers, Pfc. Turner voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist in the evacuation of casualties from forward combat areas. Although under heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly made his way with three other members of the litter squad and successfully removed the casualties to the security of a building. His complete disregard for personal safety and aggressive initiative enabled the casualties to receive prompt and effective emergency medical treatment and were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Pfc. Turner's devotion to duty and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class ALBERT V. URBANO, 33676574, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Learning of the urgent need for litter bearers, Pfc. Urbano voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist in the evacuation of casualties from forward combat areas. Although under heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly made his way with three other members of the litter squad and successfully removed the casualties to the security of a building. His complete disregard for personal safety and aggressive initiative enabled the casualties to receive prompt and effective emergency medical treatment and were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Pfc. Urbano's devotion to duty and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class RUSSELL E. YOUNG, 31094833, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 13 April 1945 in the vicinity of Nothberg, Germany. When ordered to clear the enemy out of an area covered with high grass, Pfc. Young's squad was subjected to intense small arms fire as they attempted to move forward. Using his own initiative, Pfc. Young, BAR man in the squad, braved the enemy fire to reach an advantageous position on the flank of the enemy. Disregarding the hail of lead, he delivered a grazing fire into the weeded area, causing several casualties to the enemy and forcing them to withdraw in confusion. Pfc. Young's aggressive initiative and individual actions played an important part in neutralizing the hostilities and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maine.

Private Merlin E. Anderson, 37556307, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 April 1945 in the vicinity of Linz, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pvt. Anderson's company was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Although wounded himself, he assisted a more seriously wounded man to a point where effective medical treatment could be promptly administered. He then participated in an assault against strongly defended enemy intrenchments and was instrumental in capturing fourteen heavily armed Germans. Only after the objective had been secured did Pvt. Anderson submit to medical attention and evacuation. Pvt. Anderson's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private GAETANO J. COMARATTA, 33939711, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Rovenich, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pvt. Comaratta immediately exposed himself to the withering enemy fire to go to the aid of the wounded. Administering emergency medical treatment, he then remained with the casualties until they could be safely evacuated to the rear. Pvt. Comaratta's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of six of the wounded men and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private MARTIN J. GAYARI, 36528524, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Regg, Germany. While advancing with assault elements of the Infantry against strongly fortified enemy positions, Pvt. Gayari's platoon was subjected to withering machine gun fire. Although seriously wounded, he remained at his position and directed a heavy volume of effective rifle fire at the machine gun emplacement, wounding the enemy gunner and successfully neutralizing the position. Pvt. Gayari's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private WESLEY O. JONES, 33944600, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Pvt. Jones saw his squad leader fall seriously wounded. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he immediately assumed command of the squad and led the men under heavy artillery and machine gun fire in a successful assault on the emplacements. Pvt. Jones' aggressive leadership, presence of mind, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VI-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant FRANCIS BRUSIC, 34056158, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 June 1944 in the vicinity of Barneville, France. After seeing that his platoon's mortars were properly emplaced, Sgt. Brusic set out to establish an observation post. Due to the terrain, the only suitable location was out in front of his own

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Infantry lines and under the direct fire of the enemy which were only a hundred yards away. Disregarding personal safety, he remained at his post for two days and one night without food or sleep to direct the fire of his platoon. Enemy barrages often broke his telephone lines and he unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile fire to repair them. During an enemy counterattack toward the company behind him, he courageously braved, not only the concentrated enemy fire, but also the shrapnel from his own mortar shells hursting just in front of him in order to direct a barrage on the attackers. Sgt. Brusic's courageous actions and high devotion to duty aided materially in repelling the strong enemy counterattack and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade EVERETT E. BOTSFORD, 6871163, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 September 1944 in the vicinity of Hastiere, Belgium. After attacking across the Meuse River in assault boats and advancing to a woods several hundred yards from the bank, the battalion, in which Cpl. Botsford was a Radio Operator for the Artillery Liaison Officer, was counterattacked by a large force of enemy tanks. Surrounding the battalion, the tanks sprayed the area with cannon and machine gun fire and prepared to close in. In the face of this devastating fire, Cpl. Botsford worked his way to the edge of the woods with the Observer and transmitted the Officer's fire direction orders to supporting artillery. So accurate and intense was the shelling that the enemy withdrew in confusion, thereby relieving his beleaguered battalion. Cpl. Botsford's courageous actions and coolness under fire were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade GERRIT HUENINK, 37467010, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 October 1944 in the vicinity of Hurtgen, Germany. In preparation for a strong counterattack, the enemy delivered a heavy artillery barrage on the company in which Cpl. Huenink was Radio Operator for the Artillery Forward Observer. Learning the significance of the barrage, he unhesitatingly went forward with the Observer over fire swept terrain to a point fifty yards in front of the Infantry positions. Here the Observation Post was set up and, although constantly in full view of the enemy and under their directed fire, he remained at his post transmitting the Forward Observers fire orders to the artillery. So accurate was the fire that the enemy were routed at the beginning of their attack, leaving behind 195 dead and numerous wounded. Cpl. Huenink's devotion to duty, and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class CARL H. EASTMAN, 33821078, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 October 1944 in the vicinity of Hurtgen, Germany. In preparation for a strong counterattack, the enemy delivered a heavy artillery barrage on the company in which Pfc. Eastman was Radio Operator for the Artillery Forward Observer. Learning the significance of the barrage, he unhesitatingly went forward with the Observer over fire swept terrain to a point fifty yards in front of the Infantry positions. Here the Observation Post was set up and, although constantly in full view of the enemy and under their directed fire, he remained at his post transmitting the Forward Observers fire orders to the artillery. So accurate was the fire that the enemy were routed at the beginning of their attack, leaving behind 195 dead and numerous wounded. Pfc. Eastman's courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VII-AMENDMENT OF ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders, 9th Infantry Division, dated 13 June 1945 as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star to Sergeant ALFRED J. BETAR, 36052428, Infantry, United States Army, is amended to read: "First Sergeant ALFRED J. BETAR, 36052428, Infantry, United States Army".

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1. Under authority of paragraph 5a (2), Army Regulations 605-145, dated 6 May 1943, as amended, COLONEL JAMES P. HULLEY, 015828, INFANTRY, Headquarters Ninth Infantry Division is detailed in the General Staff Corps for duty with troops and announced as Chief of Staff, this Headquarters.

2. COLONEL FREDERICK C. FEIL, 0285578, General Staff Corps, is relieved as Deputy Chief of Staff and announced as Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, this Headquarters.

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

Private GEORGE A. WALACAVAGE, 13007073, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 6 June 1944 to 17 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Throughout this period, Pvt. Walacavage performed his duties as Truck Driver in an outstanding manner. Through his expert judgment, aggressive initiative, and capacity for hard work and long hours, he was able to maintain a continuous flow of vitally needed food and ammunition to the forward combat elements. Despite adverse combat conditions, inclement weather, and interdicted roads, Pvt. Walacavage consistently kept the units adequately supplied with essential material at all times. His devotion to duty, skillful driving, and untiring efforts contributed materially to the success of his Battalion's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Technician Fourth Grade WYATT E. YELVERTON, 32001465, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 March 1945 to 17 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Master Sergeant EDWARD WILSON, 32057771, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class RALPH T. WOLLNIK, 36713315, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES E. THOMPSON, 32751219, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade PETER SALERNO, 32536104, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 28 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WALTER J. STRZELECKI, 36634322, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN C. SCHWORAK, 12086134, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant LOUIS C. STROLLA, (then Corporal), 32161439, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JOSEPH W. SANTONE, 33796321, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant OVEN D. SEARS, (then Private First Class), 35097477, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Private First Class FRANK R. SMITH, 35632765, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal HAROLD H. STEELE, 34845486, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class MICHAEL J. RINALDI, 42045783, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade FLOYD V. RICHARDSON, 37098334, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant PERCY F. RISHEL, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33233597, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ANTHONY J. PELLECCIA, 12097573, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY J. PROVENZA, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33582077, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 June 1944 to 1 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES F. PARMENTER, (then Private First Class), 31034689, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant BERNARD M. NEWTON, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 37198001, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class LEWIS R. MORTON, 33335252, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade GARMINE M. MAJURE, 32003104, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class RAY F. MACK, 33345935, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 30 June 1944 to 7 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAMES P. MALLEY, 32159295, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade PETER J. LILLO, 32095207, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant JOSEPH J. KILLACKY, JR., 33743279, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 December 1944 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class COLDA T. KNEE, JR., 35598656, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class EDLUND J. HANNA, 35930052, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD M. HECKELBECK, 36441777, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES T. HUSTON, (then Private First Class), 33008503, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant CHARLES A. GERARD, 12079630, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from California.

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Private First Class NICHOLAS V. GORNO, 36579985, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class THEODORE J. FALKIEWICZ, 33830899, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL K. FETTERHOFF, 33079690, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GURDON F. ELLIOTT, 36166683, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class FLOYD J. DEITCHLER, 37088461, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class LINUS A. DEIEMPOWSKI, 31077322, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal RALPH J. DOMINICK, 33666586, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LAYTON E. CHESTER, 35902154, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class CECIL E. JONES, 34931994, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sergeant URBAN M. COX, 36896901, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private DOMINICK F. CAVALIERE, 36668644, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class MELVIN B. BEERMAN, 35681086, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class CLARENCE L. BROWN, 32918352, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 4 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class JUDSON O. BARRACK, JR., 33752700, United States Army, during the period 10 January 1945 to 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class BERT N. BUSH, JR., 35618800, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class ALBERT E. BRUSSOCK, 33457000, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FELIX L. BOISBEAUX, 31450000, United States Army, during the period 7 March 1945 to 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

III-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1945, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in military operations against the enemy:

Private First Class ALPHONSE W. SMITH, 35874151, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

IV-AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1945, amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in military operations against the enemy:

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awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service with military operations against the enemy:

Captain JACK C. SPAN, 01322872, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in German military service from Ohio.

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I-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

First Lieutenant DAVID C. ATKINSON, 01284079, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant CHARLES E. CASSIDY, 20250387, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 3 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant JOE CHERRY, (then Private), 34809704, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD E. CASE, 11008814, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS CASELLA, 32056693, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade HOWARD S. COLEMAN, 32134271, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant WALTER M. BROWN, (then Private First Class), 36411032, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade WALTER BECKER, 32117164, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 18 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class J. G. BUSBY, 20081484, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class SHELLIE F. BLOUNT, 34406560, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade WIL BAUGARTNER, 32056125, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade WALTER J. BUJOR, 36124383, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant JAMES D. BRAMMER, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33079843, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade SANTO AVILA, 32057584, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE E. HUTTON, 33013369, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. GIL, 32540254, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Third Grade HENRY E. GOLDSTEIN, 31424071, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 9 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD O. FERAGEN, 37284244, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Private HARVEY J. DANIELS, 15053957, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. DEVEREUX, 37414349, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade BONNIE C. DITO, 32095186, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 18 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class HERMAN H. CLARK, 31399965, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 20 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fourth Grade MICHAEL L. PELLE, (then Private First Class), 42015550, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 January 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant RAYMOND J. OSBORN, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 31034707, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal WILLIAM L. O'SHEA, 32003405, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD L. NICKEL, 32094038, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 22 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal SPENCER W. MORWOOD, 34202212, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 November 1942 to 8 May 1945 in the North African and European Theaters of Operation. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class LIONEL A. NOEL, 31183381, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operation. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW J. MCKENNA, 32841831, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT H. LEHMANN, 42009133, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade ERNEST R. LONG, 35733483, Inf Dept, United States Army, during the period 9 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class HOWARD E. LILLEGAARD, 37283935, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. LANE, 15063838, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 20 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant HARVEY L. LINDSEY JR., 33521119, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal JOSEPH I. KELLY, (then Private First Class), 32551342, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant JOHN T. HENLEY, 34852289, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class LEROY F. HENNE, 36912178, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY E. HELFRICH JR., (then Corporal), 12099906, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 23 November 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade RUTHERFORD S. HOFFMAN, 32135563, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant WILBUR L. HOWARD, 37241729, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Technician Fourth Grade ANDREW R. WALSER, 12058898, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ROBERT E. WOMACK JR., 34875330, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT L. WINKELMAN, 36313256, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class DANIEL W. VANHOY, 14030144, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class ADRIAN B. TURLEY, 35660062, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 7 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant JOSE M. TURRES, (then Staff Sergeant), 32003484, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant EMMET H. SQUETTE, 32057704, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 December 1944 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES F. SCHULTZE, 32161664, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade WAYNE H. SHEELY, 13096092, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MALTON C. SAUM, 37486858, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class MELVIN E. SCHAEFFER, 35227918, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 November 1944 to 27 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal JOSEPH A. STEVENS, 33058191, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant DONALD L. SWINEHART, 35588068, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 July 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES B. SNOW, 31380644, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Third Grade ERNEST K. SHIER, 32894826, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Third Grade LEO M. SPONDER, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 37461086, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES J. REMBERT, 32117129, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH P. REEVES, (then Private First Class), 35687512, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

~~Private First Class~~ CHARLES J. REMBERT, 32117129, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 11 July 1944 to 29 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class RICHARD J. COSTELLO, 32936808, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 October 1944 to 25 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class ALEX B. ROSSINO, 33307735, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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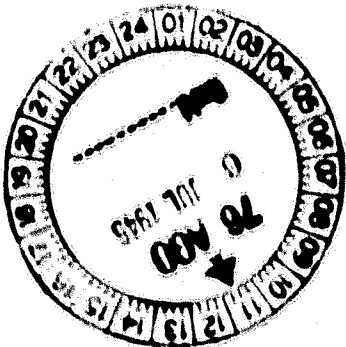
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM- - - - - I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT- - - - - II

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

Captain ALVIN E. COURLEY, 0367171, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Learning of the approach of enemy tanks, Capt. Courley, Commanding Officer of a task force, moved out on a reconnaissance mission to locate the tanks. While on the mission, he neutralized a machine gun and a pillbox by maneuvering a Tank Destroyer into a commanding position and directing a heavy volume of effective fire on the enemy positions. Locating the enemy tanks, Capt. Courley immediately ordered the Tank Destroyers forward and delivered intense fire on the enemy armor compelling their disorderly withdrawal. His devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions under fire, enabled the elements of the Infantry to retain their threatened positions and to secure the newly won section. Entered military service from Florida.

First Lieutenant IRA A. OWENS, (then Staff Sergeant), 01996375, Cavalry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of La Ferte Macq, France. Although subjected to intense enemy fire, Lt. Owens, then Reconnaissance Platoon Sergeant, led his Platoon in an assault against strongly defended enemy positions and successfully secured the objective. While waiting for the arrival of supporting Infantrymen, he became aware of the presence of an enemy artillery observer and, skillfully making his way forward, Lt. Owens captured the observer. His devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in enabling the supporting elements of the Infantry to advance with a minimum of casualties and take their objective. Entered military service from South Dakota.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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Major CLYDE J. RADEMACHER, (then Captain), 0327536, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 17 March 1944 to 11 April 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Oregon.

Major DANIEL M. CARTER, 0337863, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Idaho.

Captain LEWIS H. STELTNER, 0356035, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Captain ARTHUR SHAGRIN, 0362276, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant LAVERNE A. WASCHER, 01169384, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM L. RICE, 01030512, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

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First Lieutenant JOHN L. COUGHLIN, (then Staff Sergeant), 01999782, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 18 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD WEBBER, (then First Sergeant), 02008540, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 12 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant ERNEST J. GOES, 02008579, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) OTTO J. GREGOIRE, W-2131283, USA, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR J. R. WILLIAMS, (then Private First Class), 35759316, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant ALLEN G. WENDLER, 37170567, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL E. WOLTMAN, 35028662, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 13 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ELTON O. WREN, 36049289, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 25 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant JOHN N. YANG, 37170160, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Private First Class JOHN E. ZIEBARTH, 37169827, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 November 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade J. W. VAUGHN, JR., 35482543, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal GEORGE M. STEPHEN, 36303317, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant DANIEL C. STRAUMAN, 36211551, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 5 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant FREDERICK STOCKWELL, 36177902, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant CARL A. SWENSON, 37170219, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant RAY RUSSELL, (then Staff Sergeant), 33452656, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Idaho.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT J. RABASCA, 32306667, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 20 October 1944 to 5 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant JOHN L. PIKE, (then Staff Sergeant), 37167185, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WESTERN A. PIERCE, 37247654, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RAY O. OSBORNE, 35125251, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Sergeant BARNA L. MASSEY, 34434654, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 29 December 1944 to 3 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal HAL T. MARA, 12085659, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD D. MAIN, 37438027, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 24 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal G. W. MARTIN, 34525209, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 1 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade ESTELL L. McCLELLAN, 36211976, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant HAROLD B. MEISS, 12082090, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 20 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant THOMAS O. LEONARD, 31312729, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant PAUL E. HERDERHORST, 35153435, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. HEINMILLER, 36303327, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade BURTON K. HOPPENRATH, 37019297, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant EDWIN HUBER, 37169590, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD F. GUTH, (then Sergeant), 17050367, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E. GUARE, 36303291, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant GENE L. FORREST, 36303251, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant NELS I. FORSBERG, 36200468, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade LLOYD FULTZ, 35119014, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. DONOGHUE, 31098294, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade BRYAN B. DAVIS, JR., 53203100, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 17 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Technician Fourth Grade ELLSWORTH B. CURMODE, JR., (then Technician Fifth Grade), 37207378, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant BENJAMIN E. CORBETT, 37039740, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 19 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant ARNOLD E. BERGEN, 37170095, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant IVAN A. BROTEN, 37170302, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL ALDRIDGE, 37065134, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY F. AWERS, 36215063, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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I-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain WILLIAM KLAUZ, 01301837, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Captain CRAIG W. LARIMER, 0475031, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

Captain CHARLES A. LAWRENZ, 01264163, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain HARRY H. WALKER, JR., 023460, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Captain STEPHEN F. BRUNO, (then First Lieutenant), 01717995, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Captain FRANK E. PETTY, 0415785, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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Captain RICHARD S. DOUGHERTY, 01322430, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain EARL V. JOHANNING, 01287839, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain RAY A. SCHMADER, 01315219, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant LEONARD E. REYNOLDS, 01291332, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM K. NIECE, 0441580, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

First Lieutenant HARRY W. KENNY, 01320465, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant JACK McDANIELS, 0130068, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant TERRENCE H. McCORMICK, 01288589, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 March 1945 to 24 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant HAROLD J. BURNS, 01294264, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant HARRY G. JENNINGS, 0438965, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 16 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant JOHN A. HILL, 01314479, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

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First Lieutenant DAVID O. SILBERBERG, 0555145, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH L. SCHROEDER, 01323974, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 19 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Second Lieutenant JAMES L. RECTOR, 0927109, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant WALTER E. LOVEJOY, JR., 01308157, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 11 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from Arizona.

Second Lieutenant LOUIS J. GLEASON, (then Corporal), 02017397, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant GILBERT B. COOK, (then First Sergeant), 02008326, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT M. BROOK, 01328111, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) EDWARD J. KELLY, W2109286, USA, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ROBERT D. GOLDEN, 33210789, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal ROBERT A. GAUMER, JR., 33111585, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 November 1942 to 6 May 1945 in the North African and European Theaters of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR J. GIROUARD, (then Sergeant), 31268022, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE J. FOREMAN, 32235957, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RAYMOND O. FLAW, 36213392, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 5 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade STEPHEN M. FEDORISIN, 32057625, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 December 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class RONNIE FOOTE, 34617549, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 9 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class JAMES W. EVANS, 34827242, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal CHARLES W. EDWARDS, 33644155, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES E. EAWES, 35049578, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Sergeant OTIS J. CONRAD, 16044721, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant EUGENE F. CYGANIAK, (then Staff Sergeant), 36256858, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 23 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant BENJAMIN B. BUDZINSKI, JR., 32534698, Infantry United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM J. BLYTHE, (then Private First Class), 33425449, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 24 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOHN F. BARBER, (then Corporal), 31033323, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant CLIFFORD E. BENNETT, (then Private First Class), 3516721, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant HARRY A. BOIES, JR., 36563924, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant JOSEPH W. BERGIN, JR., 13184577, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade DAVID A. BRADSTREET, 36159282, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade SIDNEY BERMAN, 32001506, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HIRAM B. BENNETT, 35147063, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade JERRY O. BRANDON, 35253955, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL M. BARBANELL, 13058605, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JESSE N. BAXTER, (then Sergeant), 34197100, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class DAVID G. BROWER, 32370245, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED W. BOWERMASTER, 33079649, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private DENNIS W. BLACKMORE, SR., 38672120, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 January 1945 to 10 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant FRANK P. AVERSO, 32772987, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 7 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JULIUS R. ANDRASI, 31052638, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH F. AVERY, 31461783, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

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Private First Class EDWARD L. RIGGENS, 36784710, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT POWELL, 38059395, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 3 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class LEONARD B. PAUL, 32066324, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant ALBERT R. DESIATO, 32066387, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant GEORGE A. DeDONATO, (then Technical Sergeant), 31326743, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant LEELYN E. DAVIS, 32971828, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant RICHARD A. DANDO, 12100029, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant SAMUEL R. DOUGLASS, 37203170, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal GEORGE H. DAVIDSON, 33593891, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant WELLS D. DeLOACH, (then Corporal), 39695336, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class JOHN W. DAWSON, 37421126, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class EDWARD DWECK, 32540643, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WILBERT D. DAVIS, 33418948, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 15 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS P. DUNN, 19174688, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant GILLESPIE B. CURRY, 33576150, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD E. CLAFLIN, 36159432, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Sergeant NICHOLAS CASELLA, JR., 32180407, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class MICHAEL J. JAKUBCO, 36652856, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class RALPH E. JENTES, 35918228, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade MIKE F. HESCH, 37283302, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant GEORGE J. HEBEL, 36303072, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 3 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. HOLSINGER, (then Sergeant), 35608428, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class HARRY G. HALL, 35761069, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private KENNETH C. HOLMES, 13003860, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class KENNETH R. HELBERG, 38711737, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 27 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class BASIL STEPHENS, 34537130, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class CARL E. RICHEY, 34708161, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 19 June 1944 to 20 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class JOHN E. ROLLINS, 33088636, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class JOHN J. REILLY, 32019579, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES W. RIMMEY, (then Sergeant), 33567825, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant EDWARD V. SEREICO, 32181984, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JULES J. STEPHEN, (then Staff Sergeant), 32003022, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 July 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class HAROLD J. SLATTERY, 32822842, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 16 September 1944 to 16 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant ED SIZEMORE, 35736679, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class RICHARD W. SCHLOSSARECK, 42016462, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH A. SCIULLI, 32904683, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant GERALD W. SHULTZ, 33173221, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HAYGOOD H. SCHULTZ, 34810279, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 27 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant AGUSTIN SALAS, (then Private First Class), 38074288, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class LUKE F. SAVAGE, 33172952, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 September 1944 to 30 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant ROBERT H. STEUDE, 38052688, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class ALFRED M. SIMONSEN, 37325273, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 September 1944 to 12 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Sergeant WILLIAM H. LINDENBERG, (then Private First Class), 36300321, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY C. KISH, (then Private First Class), 33669365, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD A. KELLY, 32972784, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ARTHUR C. RUNYAN, 35832336, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 2 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, (then Private First Class), 32003347, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD R. MACE, 37126512, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant ARMOND L. MELE, 32985980, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 14 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant J. B. NOBLEY, 39197201, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Technical Sergeant THURMAN E. MILLER, 34170114, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 3 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant FRED MICHALIK, 36168138, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal PAUL HARRIS, 32594803, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private WILLIEM McMULLEN, 35914399, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 3 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. MATHIS, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 6271504, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class FLOYD L. LEE, 38432834, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class LeROY E. MOORE, 35885526, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES F. MUNCER, (then Sergeant), 31195031, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class JOHN F. MERSCHOFF, 32902474, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class EUGENE W. MERSCHOFF, 32902414, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade SAMUEL D. McCORD, 39167715, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWIN A. MERHELISKY, 32057377, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Sergeant DOMINICK C. ZINO, 32019509, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 13 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class LEOCADIO VALDEZ, 37348726, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class ARTHUR G. VAN LANEN, 36262628, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant DAVID S. TALBERT, 32975132, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JOHN M. TAYLOR, 33795499, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CARMELO TRAMONTANO, 32905385, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant JOHN W. NOVAK, 36696506, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class HARRY A. NADEAU, 31398258, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

II-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Major ANTHONY SORDILL, 0476406, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Major BERTRAM L. MURPHY, JR., 0310495, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain RALPH E. MANUEL, 01294689, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 17 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant LOUIS A. SIEBEN, 0387437, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant GAIL E. GODBY, JR., 01299731, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

First Lieutenant LOUIS M. RUSSO, 01294728, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. ZABUKOVIC, 37346434, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 November 1944 to 17 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Sergeant STEVE LELAK, (then Staff Sergeant), 15011409, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR J. STENZEL, 32019580, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 30 November 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WILBUR F. SHERMAN, 12209516, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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III-AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain RAYMOND A. VALLIERE, 01290846, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

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

Captain LEON R. BIRUM, 0116671, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Lammersdorf, Germany. While at a forward point of vantage directing and adjusting artillery fire on enemy targets, Capt. Birum was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. Despite the fact that the church steeple from which he was observing received several direct hits, he refused to leave his hazardous position and continued his observation of the enemy positions. Capt. Birum's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled a heavy volume of effective and accurate artillery fire to be brought to bear on enemy emplacements and concentrations, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

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

Sergeant JERROLD E. SCHWARTZ, 39310892, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 February 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty, Sgt. Schwartz moved forward with a squad of engineers in order to clear a route of advance through enemy mines. Despite the fact that deep snow hindered the operation of the mine detectors and that he was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage and intermittent small arms fire, he unhesitatingly crawled forward to probe for the mines. Probing continually for over two hours, Sgt. Schwartz enabled supporting tanks to progress safely to a designated point in order to give much needed support to the assault elements of the Infantry. His courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Corporal ROBERT G. APEL, 36294313, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 February 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty, Cpl. Apel moved forward with a squad of engineers in order to clear a route of advance of enemy mines. Despite the fact that deep snow hindered the operation of the mine detectors and that he was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage and intermittent small arms fire, he unhesitatingly crawled forward to probe for the mines. Probing continually for over two hours, Cpl. Apel enabled supporting tanks to progress safely to a designated point in order to give much needed support to the assault elements of the Infantry. His courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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III-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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First Lieutenant WALTER C. DOTY, 01321892, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal LEONARD SZADOSH, 31142477, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal RICHARD L. KNUDTSON, (then Private First Class), 36680796, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade DONALD R. HIGGONS, 31335683, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class PETER J. DRIVAS, 32208976, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant WILFORD ABELL, 01639924, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A. FARAGHER, 01645560, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Chief Warrant Officer ARNOLD L. WILLIAMS, W-2118300, USA, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) ANDREW J. DURR, W-2131273, USA, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant WALLACE A. ANDERSON, (then Private), 53272398, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade VERGIL BARKER, 35264958, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant LESLIE T. BELL, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 38125600, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade LANCE B. BLUM, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 39257690, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class RAYMOND A. BOURQUE, 36413619, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD L. BROWN, 35269160, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class LAWTON H. BYRD, 34350604, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. CARLOTTO, (then Private First Class), 31126686, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT C. OATES, (then Private First Class), 34118068, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class FRANCIS X. CORCORAN, 35345500, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT R. DALL, (then Private First Class), 3161331, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant THOMAS B. DICKSON, (then Sergeant), 32371640, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. ELLIS, JR., 32065436, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Delaware.

Private First Class THOMAS FARREN, 35745178, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Third Grade JAMES M. FAY, 31094475, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant SAMUEL E. GREYDANUS, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 12163593, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade KENDALL W. GUILFORD, 31134413, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant ALBERT HAMLIN, (then Staff Sergeant), 35288292, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class CLIFFORD E. HALL, 35328020, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT HOFF, 39181531, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant JIMMIE A. KNIGHT, 38161449, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant JAKE F. KOPOZYNSKI, 39379930, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Idaho.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY F. KROLL, (then Private), 16050680, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade BUDD W. LOWMAN, 13003655, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES E. MCKENZIE, (then Sergeant), 37258994, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Master Sergeant GEORGE S. McMILLEN, 37106013, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade DANIEL C. MARTIN, 34172203, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES N. PARKER, 38140026, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade MILTON H. POHLE, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 13005950, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ALFRED F. RAGO, (then Staff Sergeant), 32014576, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant EWART RAMEY, 35134732, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant McADOO RICHARDS, (then Sergeant), 34138927, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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Technician Fifth Grade MAYNARD E. SANGER, (then Private First Class), 36835325, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade ISADORE SCHACHMAN, (then Private First Class), 12136065, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private DONALD W. SHERLEY, 37007102, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVIN R. STOCKWELL, (then Private), 36241519, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class MELVIN J. STONE, 34118071, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL A. VILLERS (then Private First Class) 35430518, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class CARVEL H. WARDEN, 34496099, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Corporal JAMES F. WILSON, 33019445, Signal Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Major ALEXANDER T. FORREST, 0393333, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE V. BELL, 31000923, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY R. CHASTEEN, 35788247, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant RUSSELL E. COBGROVE, (then Corporal), 31310451, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant CHARLES A. CROCKER, (then Corporal), 35756412, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant NORTON L. CROSS, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 31398672, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E. GLENDENING, 37204086, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant JAMES P. ESTES, 35392377, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK C. FALER, 35406598, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 8 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT J. FARINA, 31314908, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal ALBERT M. FRAND, JR., 33112276, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Master Sergeant HOWARD C. GRANGER, 6563848, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class VICTORE E. HARRISON, 42080692, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS HASSIS, 33074394, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN T. HINKLE, 33129068, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class SHERIDAN S. SMIFT, 37341365, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade SAMUEL . HOSTETTER, 33010298, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RANDOLPH C. HUDGINS, SR., 38546122, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY O. MARTIN, 33010226, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WALTER A. MARUSA, 32488647, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY MASSARELLI, 31124365, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN T. O'BRIEN, 32175090, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant FRANK W. PAGE, 31016883, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade PETER P. PASTOR, 39244367, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class ALBERT F. PETRAMALE, 32739706, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN PETRISKO, 33104701, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant SYLVESTER V. PISTACCHIO, 31008980, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Sergeant JOHNIE SHADWICK, 38476689, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES E. SINGLETON, (then Sergeant), 38130083, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private WILLIAM J. SKELLY, 32537485, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Sergeant OSMAN S. UFFELMAN, 34287480, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private SYLVESTER WISNESKI, 32789412, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK J. ZEMANICK, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33064947, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Captain JAMES G. KOMELE, 0418807, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 8 November 1942 to 8 May 1945 in the North African and European Theaters of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant WILLIAM S. BENNETT, 39027848, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS E. WRIGHT, 31064843, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel MAXWELL A. INCHER, 020798, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant FRED H. VANDEN BERG, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 36418539, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

IV-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HENRY S. HOPKIN, (then First Sergeant), 01996482, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 29 March 1943 in the vicinity of El Guettar, Tunisia. While in a forward hazardous position, Lt. Hopkin's firing battery was subjected to intense enemy counterbattery fire and all members of the crew not needed to fire the guns were ordered to withdraw to safety. Learning that vital lines of communication had been severed, Lt. Hopkin voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy shelling in order to go to each firing section and notify the men of the order. His courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Second Lieutenant NELSON E. LINDSTRAND, (then Sergeant), 02005252, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 29 March 1943 in the vicinity of El Guettar, Tunisia. While in a hazardous forward position, Lt. Lindstrand's firing battery was subjected to intense enemy counterbattery fire. Observing that the aiming stakes for one of the guns had been knocked down by shell fragments, Lt. Lindstrand unhesitatingly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire in order to cross two hundred yards of open terrain and place the aiming stakes back in position. His aggressive initiative, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled the gun to continue delivering a heavy volume of accurate fire on enemy emplacements. Entered military service from New York.

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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Major VIVIAN H. PRICE, 0385701, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 17 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain WILLIAM J. BUTLER, 0461510, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain FRANK M. PARISH, 0367341, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 19 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

VI-AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

NORTH AFRICA

			<u>DATE OF</u> <u>WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED</u> <u>MIL C FR</u>
Sgt Ervin G Shover	36166669	Inf	2 Apr 43	Michigan

FRANCE

			<u>DATE OF</u> <u>WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED</u> <u>MIL SV FR</u>
Pfc Edward L Fusclior	38194426	CMP	19 June 44	Louisiana
Pfc Tauno O Luuri	35523146	Inf	15 June 44	Ohio
Pfc Joseph J Dolnik	32173728	Inf	28 June 44	New York
Cpl Arthur B Pierce	36835546	Inf	15 July 44	Wisconsin
Pfc Russell E Lomax	35723569	Inf	14 July 44	Indiana
Pfc Willie I Cross	35899365	Inf	31 Aug 44	Kentucky
Pfc William T Goff	34494259	Inf	9 Aug 44	Tennessee
Pfc Francis J Higginbottom	31188242	Inf	17 June 44	Massachusetts
Pfc Nicholas Lopsonzski	33835408	Inf	1 Sep 44	Pennsylvania
Pvt Curtis Fultz	35636503	Inf	16 July 44	Kentucky
CAPT WILLIAM P KENNEDY	01010299	Cav	23 June 44	Texas
1ST LT JOHN L DUDLEY III	01015925	Inf	10 July 44	New York
M Sgt George H Krause	6944696	Armd	10 July 44	Pennsylvania
S Sgt Clayton R Taylor	13185515	Armd	23 July 44	Connecticut

BELGIUM

			<u>DATE OF</u> <u>WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED</u> <u>MIL SV FR</u>
Sgt Donald E Smith	36584357	Inf	9 Oct 44	Michigan
Pfc Charles F Royster	33215601	FA	20 Jan 45	Virginia

GERMANY

			<u>DATE OF</u> <u>WOUND</u>	<u>ENTERED</u> <u>MIL SV FR</u>
1ST LT GEORGE G TAGGER	02016592	Cav	12 Oct 44	Connecticut
Sgt Richard E Eckel	32751928	Armd	26 Dec 44	Pennsylvania
Pfc Harold E May	35507367	Inf	10 Oct 44	Kentucky
S Sgt Tony V Allard	16053913	Inf	1 Mar 45	Illinois
Pfc George Colles	42065063	Inf	24 Oct 44	New York
Pfc Donald P Kambic	39035508	Inf	3 Dec 44	California
Pfc Emmitt J Miller	39203948	Inf	12 Oct 44	Washington
Pfc Llewellyn Wood Jr	33638256	Inf	3 Mar 45	Virginia
Sgt Walton A Lusk	35042960	Inf	9 Mar 45	Kentucky
Pfc Robert T KIRKOP	35519110	Inf	18 Mar 45	Ohio
Sgt James T McGuffin Jr	33381041	Inf	8 Mar 45	Maryland
Pfc Herbert L Briggs	33679684	Inf	9 Mar 45	Pennsylvania
Pfc Thaddaeus W Stankiewicz	35540976	Inf	17 Mar 45	Indiana
1ST LT GEORGE A McCAFFERTY	01331645	Inf	18 Apr 45	Pennsylvania
Pvt Sgt Robert G Pyne	31002007	Inf	16 Mar 45	Massachusetts
Pvt Sgt Roy E Sipe	13083185	Inf	19 Sep 44	Pennsylvania
Pvt Sgt Harold E Mortimore	33428778	Inf	18 Mar 45	Pennsylvania
Pvt Sgt Daniel V Saulnier	31451906	Inf	16 Sep 44	Massachusetts
Sgt Americo A Carideo	20119254	Inf	28 Feb 45	Massachusetts
Pvt 5 Joe T Bennett	32219566	Inf	1 Mar 45	Massachusetts
1ST TEC 5 John Downy	36205925	MD	12 Dec 44	Wisconsin

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			DATE OF FOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
Pfc James E Jacobs Jr	39695303	Inf	9 Feb 45	California
Pfc Melvin E Johnson	36701602	Inf	11 Oct 44	Illinois
Pfc Fred A McCoy	35589359	Inf	12 Dec 44	Ohio
Pfc Job Turasik	42109585	Inf	20 Feb 45	New Jersey
Pfc Joseph J Viviano	36578831	Inf	9 Oct 44	Michigan
Pfc Wayne E Ware	33802841	Inf	18 Apr 45	Pennsylvania
Pvt Aloysius J Urbin	36984753	Inf	9 Apr 45	Michigan

VII-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

FRANCE

			DATE OF FOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
S Sgt Charles B Robinson	33500734	Inf	7 Aug 44	Pennsylvania
Sgt Peter J Kaminski	33463609	Inf	7 Aug 44	Pennsylvania
Pfc Tauno O Luuri	35523146	Inf	19 July 44	Ohio
Pfc Samuel F Ragozine	35587836	Inf	24 July 44	Ohio
Pfc John D Young	34722285	Inf	8 Aug 44	Tennessee
Pvt James L Meradith	42100956	Inf	8 Aug 44	New Jersey
S Sgt Richard V Jones	33190434	Inf	30 June 44	Washington DC
Pfc Walter E Erickson	31423048	Inf	20 July 44	Massachusetts
Pfc William T Hancock	35067858	Inf	7 Aug 44	Ohio
Pfc Allen F Wolfenbarger	34491632	Inf	27 July 44	Tennessee
Pvt Curtis Fultz	35636503	Inf	24 July 44	Kentucky
Sgt Harold B Hochman	6998559	Armdl1	June 44	Maryland
Tec 4 James R Graham	6890272	Armd	9 July 44	Pennsylvania
Pfc Clotis G Kerley	38291280	Armdl2	July 44	Arkansas
MAJOR DEVEAIRE A HEDGES	0450618	Cav	7 July 44	Ohio

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			DATE OF FOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
Sgt Chester F Prokorym	32371201	Armd	4 Feb 45	New York
Pvt Alexander Danelishev	36915300	Armd	18 Feb 45	Pennsylvania
Sgt Roy M Smith	32178275	Armd	22 Mar 45	New York
Tec 5 Peter P Machonis	32926936	Armd	22 Mar 45	New Jersey
Pfc Ray Davis	38602672	Inf	11 Mar 45	Arkansas
1ST LT MERL H BENTON	0406013	Inf	3 Mar 45	Arkansas
S Sgt Thomas O Ragen	32269089	Inf	22 Dec 44	New Jersey
Sgt Edward A Mazur	36124922	Inf	9 Oct 44	Michigan
Pfc Ralph H Elkins	35871384	Inf	13 Mar 45	Kentucky
Pfc Warren R Erdmann	16102403	Inf	1 Dec 44	Wisconsin
Pfc Elmer Reiley	12204213	Inf	2 Feb 45	New Jersey
Pfc Albert N Richter Sr	33704504	Inf	23 Mar 45	Pennsylvania
Pfc William E Schwanz	36232999	Inf	12 Sep 44	Wisconsin
Pfc George A Smetana	33704633	Inf	15 Sep 44	Pennsylvania
Pfc Albert A Verschaeve	36882748	Inf	16 Feb 45	Michigan
Sgt Ronald D Olson	36695248	Inf	16 Nov 44	Illinois
Sgt Robert F Jansen	35793762	Inf	5 Feb 45	Ohio
Pfc Rodolfo Y Martinez	39606910	Inf	19 Nov 44	Texas
1st Sgt Lawrence F Schroeder	36210564	Inf	19 Apr 45	Wisconsin
Sgt Virgil L Haynes	15098683	Inf	10 Dec 44	Indiana
Sgt William H Traynham	34888573	Inf	6 Feb 45	North Carolina
Sgt August T Nelson	39141347	Inf	16 Apr 45	California
Pfc William E Borak	35921492	Inf	10 Mar 45	Ohio
Pfc Raymond Chatfield	42113383	Inf	21 Apr 45	New York
Pfc Marshall T Cooper	32267652	Inf	6 Mar 45	Delaware
Pfc Earl R Walker	33735456	MD	16 Mar 45	Maryland
Pfc Rawland A McNabb	36855670	MD	9 Mar 45	Wisconsin

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VIII-AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in:

FRANCE

		DATE OF FOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
T/Sgt Edward Carney	33191293	Inf 23 June 44	Washington DC
Cpl Thomas L Burns	35048155	Armd 23 July 44	Ohio

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		DATE OF FOUND	ENTERED MIL SV FR
2ND LT CHARLES J WEST	01999834	Inf 27 Sep 44	Ohio
Cpl Hershell E Sroufe	36915300	Armd 2 Apr 45	Kansas
S Sgt Charles B Robinson	33500734	Inf 1 Oct 44	Pennsylvania
Pfc William E Schwanz	36282999	Inf 8 Oct 44	Wisconsin
Pfc Nicholas Stricka	37727028	MD 22 Oct 44	Kansas
T Sgt Anthony D Scullli	33668361	Inf 12 Dec 44	Pennsylvania
S Sgt Dominic B Cavatorta	33440817	Inf 14 Mar 45	Pennsylvania
Sgt James A Craft	33727170	Inf 30 Sep 44	Maryland
Sgt Joseph A Wilhelm	33775820	Inf 16 Apr 45	Pennsylvania
Pfc Allen F Wolfenbarger	34491632	Inf 11 Dec 44	Tennessee

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

Sergeant GAYLE E. McKIBBIN, 35095150, Armored, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Obr Wichteriot, Germany. During an advance against a strongly defended enemy pillbox, Sgt. McKibbin observed that the assault elements of a supporting Infantry unit were being pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing immediately the seriousness of the situation, he quickly maneuvered his tank into an effective firing position from which he could bring direct cannon fire on the machine gun emplacement with complete disregard for personal safety, he then exposed himself to sniper fire by standing up in his turret in order to adjust the tank fire on the pillbox. Sgt. McKibbin's accurate direction and adjustment of fire resulted in the complete neutralization of the enemy intrenchment and enabled the Infantrymen to continue their attack. Entered military service from Indiana.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain FILMORE ORTOF, 01030278, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant MINTON J. BUCHANAN, 01030957, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant WALTON D. GRAMMER, (then Second Lieutenant), 01922991, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant JAMES M. EGAN, 01031476, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE A. ARMANIACO, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 32182244, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant VOYT R. BALDWIN, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 34017162, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLAS V. CAROBIANCO, 31021139, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 3 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH T. CHAPMAN, (then Private First Class), 32267978, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS J. DARSONNE, 34071536, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Technician Fourth Grade WALTER FATT, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 36146195, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 31 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade CLIFFORD C. JUDE, 15054289, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal JOHN J. KURSHAN, 32182183, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN L. MADIES, 33111779, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade LORIN E. McCARTNEY, 35608557, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ANDREW MELANCON, (then Corporal), 38173152, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant ARNOLD H. RONNFELDT, (then Corporal), 37048325, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant WILFORD R. WHITE, 37286650, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant ABRAHAM ASTALOS, 32209535, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant CLAYTON J. BENSON, 31000013, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD L. BRIEL, 13006570, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES F. BRAHAM, 32305617, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant SAMUEL BORISOWSKY, 31021130, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal THOMAS A. COWELL, 33114310, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM H. CROSSMON, 13006338, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant JOHN H. JAGLING, (then Sergeant), 11056868, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant EUGENE B. JESS, 31021123, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade DAVID KAPLAN, 11050453, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES J. LEACH, 13006588, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant ROBERT G. LORENSON, 31020578, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND J. MIELE, 31016893, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT C. MOORMAN, 35470659, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WELDON W. ORANDEF, 14030115, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade ANGELO A. SINARE, 35323580, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED SEDER, 13058618, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade FREEMAN C. RIGGLEMAN, 13000209, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant GEORGE E. THEIS, 13006237, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant BRUNO S. TOPA, 32376802, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class FRANK V. BRIOLA, 32998275, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant ODEN R. BRUCE, 37513881, Armored, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. CREWS, 6900174, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal ADAM J. DZIERGOWSKI, 42030450, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM T. FIELDS, 38279705, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT G. PEARCE, 35049528, Armored, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal JOHN S. RIPPY, 38333067, Armored, United States Army, during the period 11 December 1944 to 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant EARL R. WELLS, 6943703, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

AMENDMENT OF ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders 102, Headquarters Ninth Infantry Division, dated 25 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of Purple Heart to Technician Fifth Grade JAMES S. PLAIA, 2001264, Armored, United States Army, is amended to read: "Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart". **R E S T R I C T E D** 1-3-

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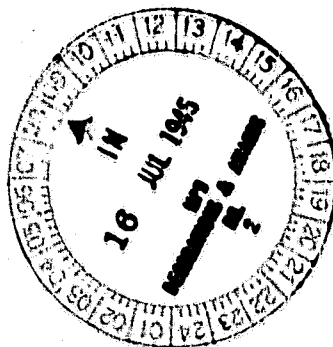
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ORIGINAL ORDER :

- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR - - - - - I
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM - - - - - II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT - - - - - III
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- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - - - - - V

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

Captain ASHER K. PAY, 0400765, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy during the period 1 September 1944 to 2 September 1944 in the vicinity of Dinant, Belgium. Preparatory to an assault crossing of the Meuse River, Capt. Pay exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to reconnoiter the bridge site for the presence of demolitions. When the bridge was blown up by the enemy, he moved several tanks forward to a point of vantage from which effective screening fire could be delivered for the engineers constructing a pontoon bridge. Despite the incessant artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he unhesitatingly led his tanks forward across the river. With complete disregard for personal safety, he deployed his unit in effective firing positions and then established a forward observation post. Although constantly under a fierce enemy barrage, he continued to direct and adjust accurate tank fire on enemy emplacements. Capt. Pay's bold and fearless leadership contributed materially to the establishing of a firm bridgehead on the east bank of the Meuse River. Entered military service from South Dakota.

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

Second Lieutenant GORDON C YOUNG, 01043263, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wunderhausen, Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lt. Young unhesitatingly led a group of men to clear a road of mines that were blocking the passage of attacking elements. He personally supervised the removal of the mines, without regard for personal safety, and, successfully deactivated all those that were located. Although wounded, Lt. Young continued to direct the operation and to insure the safe condition of the road, he drove a vehicle over it. Lt. Young's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership and courageous actions enabled the assault elements to continue their advance and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade MUREL Y. ROYALS, 34197393, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Mausbach, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Royals repeatedly exposed himself to direct enemy observation, and heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in order to maintain vital lines of communication. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained under the withering enemy fire to service and repair all severed telephone lines. Cpl. Royals' courageous actions insured consistently efficient communications all times and enabled effective artillery fire to be delivered on enemy troops and installations in direct support of the assault elements of the Infantry. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant CHAPMAN W. CLEMENTS, 6950712, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 February 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy fire. Observing a man fall seriously wounded, Sgt. Clements voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire to go to the assistance of the casualty. He capably and swiftly administered effective emergency medical treatment and carried the man to a sheltered position. His complete disregard for personal safety, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant LUCIAN B. HUTCHINSON JR., (then Corporal, 31001799, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bonn, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack, Sgt. Hutchinson who was operating a relay radio station, was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. As six enemy Infantrymen approached the isolated area where the radio station was in operation, they were met by a small group of Wiremen who engaged them in a fire fight. Although subjected to the enemy small arms fire, Sgt. Hutchinson remained at his hazardous post, insuring the assault elements of continued supporting fire. Sgt. Hutchinson's courageous actions, devotion to duty and technical skill contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and enabled the assault elements to secure their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Vermont.

Corporal PETER J. POPECK, (then Private First Class), 33114476, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Displaying his devotion to duty and aggressive initiative, Cpl. Popeck voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to maintain vital radio communications between his Field Artillery Battalion and the assault elements of the Infantry. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained at his hazardous position under withering enemy fire in order to relay all fire missions, enabling a heavy volume of effective artillery fire to be brought to bear upon enemy troops and installations. Sgt. Popeck's courageous actions were instrumental in the repelling of an enemy counterattack and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade DUARD S. SHAFER, 33651724, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 March 1945 in the vicinity of Vettleschoss, Germany. While on duty as a radio operator at a Forward Observation Post, Cpl. Shaffer remained exposed to direct enemy tank fire in order to call for effective artillery fire on the enemy tanks. Although wounded, he refused to leave his hazardous position until the enemy armored vehicles had been forced to withdraw. Cpl. Shaffer's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal FRED L. DeROCHE, 31266349, Armored, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Wolf, Germany. While he and the other members of the tank crew were maneuvering their tank into position, Cpl. DeRoche observed the approach of an enemy tank. Realizing the difficulty of disabling it by firing at its front, he waited until the enemy tank had stopped with its side toward him. His first round penetrated the gun shield and continuing to deliver a heavy volume of effective fire at the enemy tank, he killed the entire crew and destroyed the tank. Cpl. DeRoche's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in preventing the enemy tank from wrecking havoc among the assaulting elements of the Infantry and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

III-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT Under the provisions of AI 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain WILLIAM J. BYEKA, C1166825, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain CHARLES H. PITNEY, C497309, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 29 July 1944 to 17 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant HARRY E. GALLAGHER, C1176967, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 16 August 1944 to 27 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant CARL E. GOYKL DALL, OC 7344, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 5 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant ALEXANDER A. ZDANOSKI, 32187146, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant ORVILLE J. MANKMAN, 16011342, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade DWILL G. FLIR, 33113559, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 27 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant LAUREL E. SALMER, (then Corporal), 33114554, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOHN R. REARDON, 33140727, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM J. NESTA, (then Corporal), 31121434, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant JOSEPH LAZOR, 33113324, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED A. KRIGER, 12072549, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal RUSSELL M. HICKEY, 33265221, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. HOGAN, (then Sergeant), 31016101, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal CHARLES GRACOR, 32236473, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JOHN S. GRASSI, 31020654, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade HILLARD S. FOGLEER, 36074739, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 1 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant HENRY L. DOWNS, (then Sergeant), 33090334, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade PAULINO CARDENAS, (then Private First Class), 38111133, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 5 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant JOHN E. CRAVEN, 31006726, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 January 1945 to 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. BARRY, (then Sergeant), 32445444, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade SYDNEY B. ABBIEY, 31238341, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain ALEX HOCHMAN, 0424618, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 16 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant JOHN L. DUDLEY III, 01015925, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 16 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

First Lieutenant JAMES P. ALFORD, 0518434, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant BERT A. ADAMS, 02016594, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 6 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. ASHLEY, 39462248, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 1 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Idaho.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F. BARNHART, 38243005, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY J. BUZA, 6948702, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 10 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant HARLEY BOICOWSKY, (then Staff Sergeant), 32217256, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class FREDERICK J. BRACCIA, 42030500, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

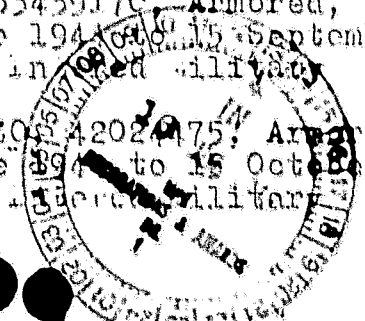
Technician Fifth Grade ELVIN W. BATES, 38332806, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant LYNDLE C. BRACKETT, 30332537, Armored, United States Army, during the period 16 June 1944 to 1 January 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Master Sergeant HENRY W. CARROLL, 7020605, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class PATRICK W. GONLEY, 53439170, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LIFORIO W. CANNAROZZO, 4202075, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.



Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT M. GILK, 37294083, Armored, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant ARTHUR C. DINWIDDIE, 38332491, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES E. DEAR, 38328957, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CORPORAL GEORGE W. DAILEY, 38332356, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant CHARLES R. DANIELS, 39462333, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 1 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Idaho.

Corporal DANA B. DARLING, (then Private), 31378904, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade ELMODOR P. ECKER, 37474666, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD E. ECKEL, 32751928, Armored, United States Army, during the period 16 October 1944 to 18 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant HAROLD F. EGGERS, 37491016, Armored, United States Army, during the period 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class BERNHARD PINKE, 38303282, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade ORVILLE A. FIELDS, 34538064, Armored, United States Army, during the period 30 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant HAROLD B. HOOKMAN, 6998559, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM H. WINKLE JR., 32953164, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant RUSSELL L. HOGGARD, 38333873, Armored, United States Army, during the period 10 January 1945 to 20 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH B. HUCKABEE, 38332930, Armored, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade HENRY L. IVEY, 38229063, Armored, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant JAMES C. KELLY, 6815660, Armored, United States Army, during the period 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant JOHN KINA, 36349457, Armored, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE D. LOMELLO, 42001653, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant WALTER LAWHORNE, 6899158, Armored, United States Army, during the period 20 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class FRED M. LOWE, 37510841, Armored, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class JOE O. MARTINEZ, 39862806, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 25 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade MARCUS L. MOONEY, 38332863, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 30 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT C. PETERSON JR., 38231931, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 3 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN W. PRIKRYL, 38251986, Armored, United States Army, during the period 22 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade EARL M. SMITH, 38331944, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant JAMES A. SHALEK, 36737514, Armored, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade EARL E. SLOAN, 38333717, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant JAMES P. TURNER, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 38328970, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant LEROY E. VOGTS, (then Private First Class), 37510050, Armored, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade F. L. WOOD, (then Private First Class), 38333528, Armored, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

V-AWARD OR OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the oak leaf cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Technician Fourth Grade CHESTER R. GUILLEY, 35159395, Armored, United States Army, during the period 30 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

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

to COL. ROY C. LUPFER, Lieutenant Colonel, 0274322, Cavalry, who distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 10 June 1945 in Fort Van Der Tann, Gaimersheim, Germany. During a growing blaze inside the fort, which housed large quantities of explosives, Col. Lupfer ordered all personnel to leave the immediate area with complete disregard for personal safety, braved the blaze which had reached a height of fifty feet to enter the building in an effort to determine the possibility for the evacuation of government property and equipment. Despite the increasing tempo of the fire, Col. Lupfer completed his hazardous task and ordered the evacuation of supplies and equipment from the doomed building. Col. Lupfer's courageous actions contributed materially to the conservation of vitally needed material and are worthy of commendation. Entered military service from Indiana.

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

Corporal GEORGE PAP, 15056879, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 February 1943 in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Zid, French North Africa. While in a defensive position, Cpl. Pap's company was subjected to a fierce tank counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Pap and another man exposed themselves to direct enemy observation and fire in order to maneuver their howitzer into an effective firing position. Despite the withering enemy fire, the two men opened fire on the oncoming enemy who had approached to within less than 150 yards of their position. Withstanding the enemy for over half an hour, they destroyed nine vehicles and killed or wounded many of the hostile force. It was during this action that Cpl. Pap was mortally wounded. Cpl. Pap's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class ARTHUR P. UNDERWOOD, 15012348, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 February 1943 in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Zid, French North Africa. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Underwood's company was subjected to a fierce tank counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Underwood and another man exposed themselves to direct enemy observation and fire in order to maneuver their howitzer into an effective firing position. Despite the withering enemy fire, the two men opened fire on the oncoming enemy who had approached to within less than 150 yards of their position. Withstanding the enemy for over half an hour, they destroyed nine vehicles and killed or wounded many of the hostile force. Pfc. Underwood's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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

Technician Fourth Grade DON W. ROWE, (then Private First Class), 39026895, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 February 1943 in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Zid, French North Africa. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Rowe's company was subjected to a fierce tank counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Rowe repeatedly exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire in order to administer emergency medical treatment to the wounded. Despite the withering enemy fire, he continued to treat all the casualties in the forward combat area until his unit's gun positions had been made untenable. Sgt. Rowe's devotion to duty, technical skill, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded men. Entered military service from Utah.

III-AWARD OF THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel VAN H. BOND, 018601, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 13 October 1944 in the vicinity of Vossenack, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Colonel Bond learned that a gap existed between the two assault battalions of his Regiment. Realizing that infiltrating enemy troops were threatening the vital supply lines, he promptly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to reconnoiter the terrain and formulate a tactical plan. Observing that his troops were in need of covering fire, he personally registered one of the supporting mortars on the enemy emplacements and then quickly relayed the important information to the other guns. He directed an entire platoon of mortars in laying a devastating barrage on the enemy and then launched a renewed attack, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Colonel Bond's bold and fearless leadership resulted in the complete rout of the enemy and contributed materially to the reestablishing of contact between the two battalions. Entered military service from New York.

IV-AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Corporal DAVID J. BROGNER, 32056453, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 June 1944 to 18 June 1944 in France. Displaying aggressive initiative, expert judgement, and sound tactical knowledge, Cpl. Brogner performed his duties as Squad Leader of the Defense Platoon in an outstanding manner. He competently led and successfully coordinated the functions of the men of his squad, insuring its maximum fighting efficiency at all times. Cpl. Brogner skillfully selected and established strategic gun emplacements and road blocks, thereby providing effective defenses for the Division Command Post. His devotion to duty and untiring efforts were instrumental in securing the Division Command Post against enemy infiltration and surprise attack, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

V-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain JAMES L. BROOKS, JR., 0476151, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain ALBERT M. KARRE, 0396306, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Captain EVERETT L. ROBERSON, 01287065, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain JOHN F. SOUTHWORTH, 01306653, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant ROBERT L. BELL, 01290881, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 29 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant RUSSELL P. COOPER, JR., 01295675, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 25 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant VINCENT J. MANN, 01294867, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS J. MERRIGAN, 01308844, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 5 March 1945 to 29 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant THOMAS F. SOLON, 0470270, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant GLEN C. COOPER, (then Staff Sergeant), 02016855, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Washington.

First Sergeant ALFRED J. BETAR, 36052428, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant HARVEY B. COOK, (then Technical Sergeant), 34147380, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Sergeant EMANUEL L. KATZEN, 35214427, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant JOHN A. STAPLETON, 32135473, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 6 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant SALVATORE J. BARBA, 32117026, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE W. SLOVER, 37077028, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT S. CALIPENA, 32001270, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. SAGE, 35483116, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 31 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE T. SOLTIS, 33088671, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant LLOYD E. ARMSTRONG, 38569159, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant HUGH C. DEWESE, (then Sergeant), 34046098, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant RALPH C. JORDAN, 32338621, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. LENZ, 37159008, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant JAMES P. PAPPAS, 33065332, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Third Grade HERBERT J. BLAIR, 32299987, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant LOUIS C. VANIK, (then Private), 35913707, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant JOSEPH S. TEKELY, 33075760, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant OLENTON A. JAYCOX, 42015986, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade ANTHONY J. YANNUZZI, 32025633, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade ANDREW J. SEASOOK, 32014838, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLARD E. BISHOP, JR., (then Corporal) 32065420, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade CARL R. EDWARDS, 15382454, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH CORNEY, 12015653, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade ETHAN T. MONTGOMERY, 36407118, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD C. MACKIE, 31289499, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN PYATAK, JR., 42109561, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade DON W. ROWE, 39026895, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Utah.

Corporal CLIFTON C. UTTERBACK, 16152426, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal ROBERT G. TERRELL, 32040893, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal EDWARD SOBOLL, 31269812, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Corporal JOHN J. ANDERSON, 32161783, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal RAYMOND R. DESFORGES, 31289244, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Corporal JAMES J. HAJDAK, 33410705, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal EDWARD PELLE, 32001943, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade BENJAMIN D. SADLER, 34160363, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade HUGH O. BLACK, JR., 34367510, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN J. FASSEL, JR., 32063332, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade ARL E. HELBERT, 35524045, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 30 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade JILL A. HERRIN, 34124099, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 15 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade LENO JULIANI, 33396998, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES E. McMAHON, 32025836, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class STEPHEN TAKKERIS, 32014200, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class STEVE BUDISHIN, 32304604, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN M. DeFLORIA, 33427717, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class THOMAS F. FLYNN, 20156242, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class ANTHONY A. FOTTI, 36217245, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOSEPH IVANCHO, 33427764, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HADDIE FUDA, 35638810, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class PETER H. GANS, 35263078, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES F. WISKUFF, 32737586, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class DANIEL KANTOLETTI, 35272407, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class FRITZ A. NEUJAHN, 31407444, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class HELMUT A. OFFERMAN, 32801675, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class STANLEY J. BILSKI, 33088654, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private RAYMOND A. HELSEL, 12097696, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 January 1945 to 9 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private JAMES R. NELSON, 34088383, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 23 February 1945 to 25 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain JACK E. EDDY, JR., 0426114, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain WRIGHT N. HANBLIN, 0450235, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant ERNEST L. CHAMBERS, 0885622, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant HARREN T. LAFFERTY, 01664720, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant GLENN A. SHAW, 01313130, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 July 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. WESSMILLER, 01296577, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 18 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD E. DeBOARD, 33067849, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant FOREST H. HAYES, (then Corporal), 35037931, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 19 June 1944 to 30 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JULIAN M. MONTOYA, 38014245, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD D. SPICER, 13000355, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 18 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Sergeant JAMES T. RYAN, (then Private First Class), 32055789, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant ARTHUR E. BRESSETTE, 16021034, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade ERNEST E. COSTELLO, 32003126, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH H. BECKER, 32161627, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade LYLE R. DARNELL, 36125020, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade CLARENCE O. ELLENBERGER, 33084975, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade CARL COOK, (then Technician Fifth Grade) 15054124, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal WOODROW VAN LANDINGHAM, 14027573, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal HAROLD H. MYERS, 33076823, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal GRAHAM M. HUTTON, 31076979, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 19 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade STANLEY A. SWIDEREK, 32014547, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM K. STONE, 34108193, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT I. BAIERL, 15101613, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY F. BROJNE, 33065010, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade FRED F. BERGE, 32015054, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 30 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD J. BUTLER, (then Private First Class), 32833192, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade EMERSON D. COY, 13003127, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CARLOS VASQUEZ, 32003157, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JOHN W. MACKEN, 33067575, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class ARTHUR MUSTO, 33173162, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class STUART W. SUGG, 14028709, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class LUNDY C. FUCOI, 52065714, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class NICK VULK, 35297853, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class AMI R. HAMPTON, 34193708, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class STEWART W. CHAPMAN, 33526028, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private JAMES C. FOWLER, 34035194, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

Captain CLAUD P. BROTHLEY III, 0395899, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 7 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) ROBERT W. WARREN, W2131461, USA, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant ANILGARE ROCCHINI, 6780794, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 June 1944 to 15 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C. REIN, 32029900, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 March 1945 to 23 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Third Grade ELGIA L. STAROCHER, 15012032, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 10 January 1945 to 10 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant THOMAS J. WEST, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 34152410, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 June 1944 to 30 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Captain L. GUY McCORMICK, JR., 0302639, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 5 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant BILLY R. DOWNEY, 01284691, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

VI-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

First Lieutenant EARL L. DOLANAY, 0540489, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS DONOVAN, 31215247, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade GARNET J. BROYLES, 35745736, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class JESSE D. LOYER, JR., 33314441, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant EDWARD BRODERICK, 0407722, Cavalry, United States Army, during the period 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant FRANK J. VIVES, 32015874, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant HERBERT R. DIETZ, 32179026, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade CORNELIUS H. HOLMES, 31017008, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

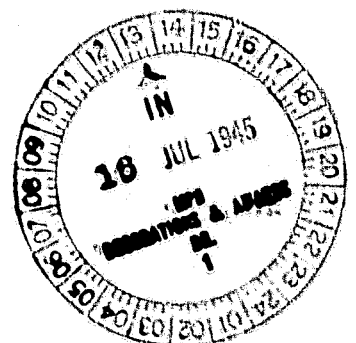
Private First Class PAGE R. DYE, 33646459, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL LADD:

OFFICIAL:

J. P. HULLEY,
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Chief of Staff.

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Major, AGD,
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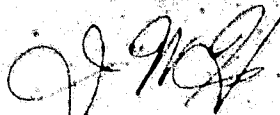
AMP-02 SGT Ivancho, Joseph V.
SS 427 704 (29 Jan 45)

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 112, Headquarters 9th Infantry
Division, dated 2 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze
Star Medal, which reads, "Private First Class Joseph Ivancho,
SS 427 704" is amended to read, "Private First Class Joseph V. Ivancho,
SS 427 704."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


Adjutant General

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2 July 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM - - - - - I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT - - - - - II

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

✓ Private First Class RICHARD M. EASON, 32019606, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 July 1944 in the vicinity of Hague, France. While transporting food and ammunition to the assault elements, Pfc. Eason and another man were subjected to intense enemy artillery and sniper fire. Leaving their vehicle in a concealed position, the two men hand carried hot food about 300 yards to the company area. On the return trip, they observed an artillery shell land close to their quarter ton truck, setting it afire. With complete disregard for personal safety, the two men extinguished the blaze, saving the load of ammunition and preventing the complete destruction of their vehicle. Pfc. Eason's courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

✓ Staff Sergeant DOMENICK V. MARINO, 32001253, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 September 1944 to 22 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant MYRON S. WESOLOWSKI, 32000668, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD R. STEIERNAGEL, 32014451, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade HERBERT U. TORRE, 32014323, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 August 1944 to 6 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Corporal SULLIVAN LEE, 35261671, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 23 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade VINGIL B. KELLY, 6919659, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade VINCENT J. PADOVANO, 32000704, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES T. POLKOSKI, 32014597, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade HARRY SOKOLOWSKI, (then Private), 32047615, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class VICTOR E. DeCESARE, 33142422, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ Corporal WILLIAM M. GAMBILL JR., 35210863, PA, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH S. LYMAN, 31001764, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Vermont.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ERNEST A. SPEAR, 31016177, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ First Sergeant RAYMOND T. RUDICIL, (then Master Sergeant), 16010652, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 1 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

✓ Technical Sergeant MICHAEL J. MAHAR, 31006684, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Technical Sergeant CARL J. WESOLOWSKI, 31006656, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Staff Sergeant MICHAEL S. MEDEIROS, (then Corporal), 31016518, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE R. REINHAGEN, 31016379, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Corporal LLOYD N. OXLEY, 31016470, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade ELFIS H. FORESTER, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 34268098, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 10 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Georgia.

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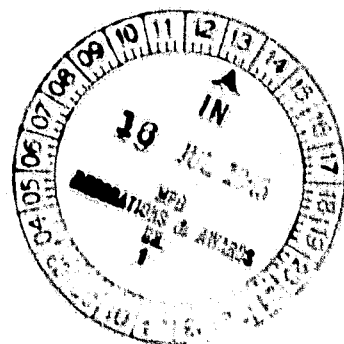
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I-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

First Lieutenant ANTHONY J. PONTICELO, 01183160, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 13 August 1944 to 13 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant GEORGE F. SCHARFF, 01182958, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 25 December 1944 to 9 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant CECIL W. SEARS, 01174867, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) JOSEPH P. MAKI, 72131271, USA, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant RICHARD C. FISCUS, 35027661, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 30 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant PAUL A. GRIFFIN, (then Staff Sergeant), 33113104, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ELMER C. ROSCOE, 31020731, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant LESTER S. BROOKS, 35210878, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM S. OLCAVAGE, 31020635, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant LLOYD E. FISHER, 35019866, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ELMO C. RHODES, (then Sergeant), 34131421, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. COOMES, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 35256278, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 16 December 1944 to 3 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant ROBERT O'CALLAGHAN, 31016333, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 7 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant DOMENIC GRIECO, 31060805, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 30 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Sergeant JAMES E. SCHILLING, 36347839, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant TRULY O. HAMMOCK, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33097232, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant ROY B. ORENHAW, 34134014, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant NICOLAS ASAFAYLO, JR., 33113290, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade CHESELEY F. MISCHLER, 33103786, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSE F. PENA, (then Corporal), 32621215, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade ELBERT L. TURNER, 14021211, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN J. CLOUSER, 13063153, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal GERRY TORLEY, 36668006, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal RALPH R. BURKHARDT, (then Private First Class), 37657499, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal VELDON CONLEY, 35131900, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 30 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal STARKEY P. JERNIGAN, 34300557, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN R. CREWS, 34058783, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. MCGUCKIN, 32208478, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH R. WORDEN, 36181068, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK J. CLARK, 33129522, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. BRAZIL, JR., 39117060, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade MAG F. HURN, 39117053, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class ROY VAUGHAN, 38256300, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class EDWARD C. DOHERTY, 32830647, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Lieutenant Colonel ALVAR B. SUNDIN, 021128, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain JOHN F. LANNON, JR., 01136761, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

First Lieutenant ROURKE J. SHEEHAN, 0525749, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant JOHN E. SLATER, JR., (then Second Lieutenant), 0527278, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT C. BALDRIGE, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 02003724, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant FRANK D. CAMPION, 02005411, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant CASIMIR A. BIELEWICZ, 32159158, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant ELMER H. GLINES, (then Sergeant), 59321863, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oregon.

Staff Sergeant GERALD BERNSTEIN, 32190846, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant FRANK W. SLIVSEK, 13058151, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant MILTON C. LANDER, 32135550, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. KRAUSE, 35741971, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 31 December 1944 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Staff Sergeant MITCHEL J. POTTORA, 36041375, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant GLENN E. GRIFFIN, (then Corporal), 37251188, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant WILLIAM L. THOMAS, (then Corporal), 35270323, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant HARRY J. HAAS, 32235723, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant ROY E. KENDRICK, 33651714, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant WILLIAM A. MILLS, 31016466, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 1 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant LEONARD A. WALKER, (then Corporal), 34260319, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH E. WILD, 12216390, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade LOREN D. MCKINLEY, 39310521, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH A. SPANIK, 33151052, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade ROSCOE J. HOWELL, 35451264, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade DANA D. BUCKLEY, (then Corporal), 37251238, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT L. FELCH, 37340473, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES B. FOX, 32275063, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM T. FOX, 33113175, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade NORMAN S. EPSTEIN, 12088240, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade MARVIN J. ETRA, 32207576, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM M. HALSEY, 37525577, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY STRAWNIAK, 33104837, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal WARREN Y. GOOD, 37247634, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal DANIEL J. STEVENS, JR., 33125484, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal FRANCIS T. STANGO, 35140778, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal FRANCIS J. COSTELLO, JR., 11048553, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES NEAR, 35250804, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLIE W. HALL, 33525342, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade WALLACE E. PARKER, 32297740, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Technician Fifth Grade DELTON J. SIMON, 34232488, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade RAY D. KELLER, 35171400, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM Y. STEPHENS, 34183003, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN M. BUCKLEY, 20214974, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade FRED RUSH, 34148016, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class HERVEY J. LOOLERO, 11039533, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class EMIL HERZOG, 32307747, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant STEPHEN H. BIRPKA, 01176259, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 2 October 1944 to 7 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant WESLEY E. COLE, 01176288, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant EARL E. PLANTING, 01178937, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 26 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Oregon.

First Lieutenant EARL G. PURCELL, 0439949, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 7 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant SANDY D. BURNS, 01998391, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE R. KRAFT, 01178539, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 February 1945 to 7 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant HENRY B. NIX, 14009845, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant JAMES J. MULHERN, (then Corporal), 35254540, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C. SPENCE, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 33112682, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant CLIFTON D. GORDON, (then Sergeant), 35035220, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ORVILLE L. BUNYAN, (then Corporal), 17028216, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. WARDZALA, (then Sergeant), 31006685, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant ARCHIE DOUGAN, 31006588, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant ROY C. HAUSMAN, 16040022, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant ALFRED S. KRAVETSKY, (then Corporal), 32236257, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant RAY E. FIREBAUGH, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 3097433, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant NICHAEEL BELMONTE, 36306343, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant ALBERT E. TATE, (then Corporal), 34162415, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade BENJAMIN C. McDANIEL, 35152000, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade ZOLTAN FODOR, 32236222, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade VINFIELD H. WAGNER, 33345956, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade AUSTIN H. BRIGGS, 31020632, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Corporal EUGENE E. SKOCZYLAS, 31008942, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Corporal ALOYSIUS I. FRIEDLMEIER, 32176900, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIS A. WILLIAMS, 38129997, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM B. PATTON, 35035311, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE A. ROCHFORD, (then Private First Class), 31008958, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade SALVADOR ALVARADO, 37525356, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class LEONARD E. HAFLIGER, 37015737, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class ROBERT J. SCHWARTZ, 36666040, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM FERRAND, 36542282, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain RALPH H. OXFORD, 01550885, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant JOHN R. HEIGHTS, 0470741, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM WHETTON, 01549409, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) GEORGE R. HUNSCHE, 72109381, USA, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant DAVID V. W. COY, (then Technician Third Grade), 3861028, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 3 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH H. GERSON, (then Technician Third Grade), 33154306, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Third Grade JOHN E. VIBOSTOK, (then Sergeant), 13063995, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade ROBERT L. ROSS, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 37337518, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Third Grade GROVER RUNKLE, JR., 37073044, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant METRO J. MISKO, 13003073, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN J. GRESKOWITZ, 32296628, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 8 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JACOB KNITTEL, JR., (then Technician Fifth Grade), 35012112, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN J. KOWALSKI, 33266241, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade HERBERT J. GREIS, 33266280, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN M. HAY, 32526849, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JARREN G. BIALLAS, (then Corporal), 36228294, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade PATRICK J. McCOURDY, 35037659, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade ERNEST L. McCLINTOCK, 33271532, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. COOKSON, 33299761, Ordnance Department, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II-A /ARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Major HOWARD F. CASEY, 0376914, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 24 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Major FREDERICK A. KEYES, 0417656, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 24 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain ISAAC H. ROYLAND, 0380115, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 10 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant WOODROW B. GRAY, 34178713, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Major JULIAN E. COBLETT, 0451600, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Major ROY A. KANE, JR., (then Captain), 0387531, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 22 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain ALLEN M. GROENDYKE, 0116873c, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain MALCOLM E. HANNAF, JR., 0394488, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 12 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain DONALD L. HARRISON, (then First Lieutenant), 025373, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

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First Lieutenant LAWRENCE H. CHADWICK, 01170309, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant GEORGE I. CONNOLLY, JR., 0497288, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 12 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant HENRY S. HOPKIN, 01996482, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wyoming.

First Lieutenant JAMES A. THORNTON, 02055207, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD T. CLARKE, 02008425, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant JAMES G. BEAGNEY, 01998502, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Chief Warrant Officer JOHN R. HILL, #2118303, USA, United States Army, during the period 12 June 1944 to 22 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Chief Warrant Officer KENNETH S. JENKS, #2118295, USA, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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

Private HARRY C. CRIST, 33232860, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. Learning that several men were lying seriously wounded in an enemy mine field, Pvt. Crist volunteered to help in the evacuation of the wounded men. With complete disregard for personal safety, he entered the mined area and succeeded in reaching one of the casualties. Promptly administering emergency medical treatment, he then picked up the wounded man and attempted to carry him to safety. When almost at the edge of the mine field, he accidentally detonated a mine and was seriously wounded himself. Pvt. Crist's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal ARTHUR E. GRIEGER, 33262732, Med Dept, U.S. Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. Learning that several men were lying seriously wounded in an enemy mine field, Cpl Grieger volunteered to help in the evacuation of the wounded men. Entering the mined area, he was wounded himself when he accidentally detonated one of the mines. With complete disregard for his own wounds, he crawled to the side of one of the casualties and administered emergency medical treatment promptly and efficiently. He then directed a squad of men forward to evacuate both the wounded man and himself. Cpl. Grieger's devotion to duty and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

Captain JACK V. N. HEARDON, 0293834, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant MARSHALL W. POTTER, 01297248, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant THOMAS N. BEUSON, 0411622, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 26 December 1944 to 16 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant FRANK WILSON, 0343483, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 October 1944 to 15 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE A. MCKEITHEN, 01331645, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant PAUL A. PIVLED, (then Technical Sergeant), 7031493, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant JAMES E. LOSE, 36054290, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant PARKER C. WELCH, 35830474, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant PETER SIROTA, (then Staff Sergeant), 32449637, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 12 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JOHN D. SELLON, 37120402, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant JAMES E. PELT, 33513210, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant LEROY J. MAGGA, 36569825, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE P. GIANORE, 39034470, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant NORMAN E. COOPER, 35312398, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CLAYTON T. VANDERHOOF, 33711255, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD F. SISKO, 33573578, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE M. SCOTT, (then Sergeant), 37207711, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 July 1944 to 20 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT E. RUCKEL, 12131793, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant WALTER J. MURPHY, 32790293, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HENRY A. MCCARTHY, 36824056, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant PAUL L. MILLER, 35547748, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY J. MICEK, 36126590, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD E. LEWISON, (then Private First Class), 37670766, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant JOHN R. JOYCE, 33303942, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WILLIE C. HORNADY, 34703505, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant LEROY E. GUYMON, 36960157, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 14 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant LESTER G. STOKES, 20381634, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 24 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

Sergeant RONALD R. MORGAN, 11065685, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant HILTON J. GALLAND, 38486285, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

First Sergeant PARKER C. WELCH, 35830474, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant PETER SIROTA, (then Staff Sergeant), 32449637 Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 12 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JOHN D. SELLON, 37120402, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Technical Sergeant NORMAN E. COOPER, 35312398, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant EUGENE M. SCOTT, (then Sergeant), 37207711, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 July 1944 to 20 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT K. RUCKEL, 12131793, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant WALTER J. MURPHY, 32790293, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant HENRY A. MCCARTY, 36824066, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant PAUL L. MILLER, 35547748, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY J. MICEK, 36126590, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD E. LLWISON, (then Private First Class), 37670766, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant JOHN I. J. JOYCE, 33303942, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WILLIE C. HORNADY, 34703505, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant LEROY E. GUYMON, 36960157, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 14 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant LESTER G. STOKES, 20381634, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 24 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

Sergeant RONALD R. MORGAN, 11065685, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant HILTON J. GALLAND, 38486285, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant THOMAS A. GIORDANO, 31799553, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 30 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant CARL E. GILLHAM, 37372672, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant HAROLD BELIER, 36662517, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal DAILEY D. YOUNG, 33091042, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal HENRY E. NEADOWS, (then Private First Class), 33636944, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal KNUTE H. KILEN, (then Private First Class), 39602397, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Montana.

Corporal ENOBY S. HOOVER, 33555627, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Corporal EDWARD J. HASSING, (then Private First Class), 35061848, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 23 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH T. WOLNER, 35261901, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY F. POHL, (then Private First Class), 33927764, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade CLYDE E. PENNIGREW, 32014463, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 December 1944 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN J. MAHONEY, 32159405, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 2 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Delaware.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH DeRUGGIERO, 32540169, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 August 1944 to 31 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE J. ALBERT, (then Private First Class), 32152813, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ORVILLE ANDERSON, (then Private First Class), 36232093, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class HOMER R. WARREN, 39470658, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class HAROLD J. WRIGHT, 35263323, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 December 1944 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class ARTHUR J. SULLIVAN, 31137702, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 31 October 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class CYRIEL T. VLAEMING, 35330489, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class SIDNEY G. SCHULMAN, 42056237, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 21 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JULIUS F. SULLIVAN, 38128940, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class JOHN STACHIW, 32055316, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ROBERT F. RUMENAPP, 36567997, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 29 September 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class HADEN PARSLEY, 35262544, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class ROY L. PAINTER, 15115131, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 31 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class GREGARIO B. MONTOYA, 38584354, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private First Class RUSSELL E. LOMAX, 35723569, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 5 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class SAMUEL D. JUST, 16040534, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class FLOYD A. JONES, 37663597, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class MARTIN C. HAUBLE, 37294750, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class REINO HUHTA, 37306232, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class JESUS GUZMAN, 38214189, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class DAVID L. GOLDSTEIN, 12146188, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JOHN GULLA, 36961883, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class GILBERTO M. DAVILA, 38579420, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 31 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class CLAYTON O. AFKEND, 36251886, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 July 1944 to 31 January 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private FRED MOCK, 33766206, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 29 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States/who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain CLIFFORD A. BARBETL, 0396600, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant MARK H. SANDERS, 01305654, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 30 November 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant DONALD T. GIBSON, 37330277, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 December 1944 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH R. FOWLER, 34088421, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Private First Class WILLIAM J. COONEY, 325009, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 19 September 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

IV-AMENDMENT OF ORDERS. So much of Section III, General Orders 100 Headquarters, Fifth Infantry Division, dated 24 June 1945 as pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Technician Fifth Grade Donald Cook, 3489028, Medical Department, United States Army, is amended to read: "Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal."

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

Corporal CHESTER M. CADELL, 36312624, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 in the vicinity of Shevenhutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Cpl. Cadell's 105mm Howitzer Platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy attack. Quickly grasping the seriousness of the situation, he repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire to control the movements of his men and to direct accurate fire on the assaulting enemy Infantry. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in successfully repelling a numerically superior force and in securing and holding a position of strategic importance. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN LODEN, 32181770, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 in the vicinity of Shevenhutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Pfc. Loden's 105mm Howitzer Platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy attack, supported by mortar and rifle fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the intense enemy fire and made his way to a machine gun in order to deliver effective fire on the enemy Infantrymen. Although seriously wounded, Pfc. Loden continued to crawl forward to the gun position until fatally wounded. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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

First Lieutenant FRED R. VENO, 0445280, Infantry, United States Army who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 July 1944 in the vicinity of Cherbourg, France. While leading his Platoon forward to remove mines blocking the advance of the attacking Infantrymen, Lt. Veno's Platoon was subjected to intense antitank and small arms fire. Rather than endanger the lives of his men, Lt. Veno and one other officer voluntarily undertook the task of clearing away the mines. Although constantly under direct enemy observation and fire, they successfully removed the mines. Seeing the other officer fall seriously wounded, he carried him across the open terrain to a rear Aid Station where prompt and effective emergency medical treatment was administered. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative and courageous actions enabled the assault elements of the Infantry to press forward to their objectives, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT E. WILSON, 15303934, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Frauenberg, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Wilson's machine gun emplacement was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire to control the movements of his men and to direct

accurate fire on the assaulting enemy Infantry. Seeing his machine gunner fall fatally wounded, Sgt. Wilson immediately manned the gun and continued to deliver a heavy volume of effective fire on the enemy until the hostile force withdrew in confusion. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in killing many of the enemy and contributed materially to the successful repelling of the enemy thrust. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN S. ZYCH, 32678143, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While his company was advancing against the enemy in a bitterly contested sector, Pfc. Zych and seven other men were left behind to defend the left flank of the unit and to protect a disabled vehicle loaded with ammunition. Subjected to an intense enemy attack, he and his men took a stand in a nearby farm house. In the face of heavy small arms fire, Pfc. Zych went back unhesitatingly to the abandoned truck and, procuring its fifty caliber machine gun, returned once again through the withering fire to the rest of his men. Mounting the weapon in an advantageous position in one of the windows of the farm house, Pfc. Zych, by superior qualities of leadership, aggressive initiative, and devotion to duty, inspired his men to withstand the bitter attack for fifteen hours. Twenty of the enemy were killed, four wounded, and seventeen captured, completely frustrating their attempt to overrun the company's position. Pfc. Zych's actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ORESTE E. RUSSO, 32892865, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Pfc. Russo's platoon was subjected to intense artillery, machine gun, and rifle fire. Although wounded himself, Pfc. Russo refused all medical aid but repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to administer emergency medical treatment to all the other wounded men in the area. With complete disregard for personal safety, he remained in the interdicted area until all the casualties had been evacuated to the rear. Pfc. Russo's actions were instrumental in saving the lives of at least six of the wounded men. Entered military service from New York.

III-AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to:

Private First Class LEO F. MEFFORD, 35483004, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 June 1944 in the vicinity of Cherbourg, France. Voluntarily exposing himself to intense enemy fire, Pfc. Mefford drove to an ammunition dump in order to secure vitally needed ammunition for his unit. Coming under heavy artillery and tank fire, his vehicle was hit and set afire by an enemy shell. Although seriously wounded himself, he refused to leave the blazing vehicle and attempted to remove his wounded assistant driver to a position of safety. It was at this time that a second shell hit the disabled vehicle and killed both men. Pfc. Mefford's complete disregard for personal safety and self-sacrificing actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

IV-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ALEXANDER ZEMENOSIK, 32066640, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 August 1944 in the vicinity of St Sever De Calvados, France. While repairing two disabled Prime Movers, Sgt. Zemenosik was subjected to intense enemy shelling. Realizing the urgency of restoring the vehicles to service, he unhesitatingly exposed

himself to the enemy fire and continued to work until both vehicles were in efficient operating condition. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled the Antitank Platoon to execute its mission of establishing antitank defenses, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade FLOYD L. TRAMMELL, (then Private First Class), 38175481, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 July 1944 in the vicinity of St. Lo, France. While transporting vital supplies to his company, Cpl. Trammell's vehicle was subjected to intense enemy tank fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, he skillfully maneuvered his vehicle to a hedgerow affording cover and partial concealment in order to protect the urgently needed supplies. Although constantly under tank fire, Cpl. Trammell succeeded in moving out of the range of fire and delivered the supplies to the Company. Immediately reporting the presence of the enemy armored vehicle, he enabled Tank Destroyers to neutralize it and remove the potential threat to supply lines. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class HAROLD F. SCHATZ, JR., 33873564, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. During an assault against strongly defended enemy positions, Pfc. Schatz's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. Although the enemy force approached to within close range of his unit's emplacements, Pfc. Schatz kept the enemy pinned down with a heavy volume of accurate carbine fire. When his own ammunition was expended, he secured and effectively used the rifle and ammunition of a wounded soldier. His deadly fire halted the assaulting enemy troops and enabled the Aid Men to evacuate all the casualties from the forward combat area, insuring the wounded of prompt emergency medical treatment. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN G. SOKOL, 35322987, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Learning that the supply of ammunition was being rapidly expended, Pfc. Sokol repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire in order to make several trips back to the rear for the vitally needed ammunition. His complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions enabled the men in his unit to successfully engage and defeat the enemy force in the area. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant MILFRED J. SERIGNET, (then Sergeant), 38496749, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. During an assault against a strongly defended enemy pillbox, Sgt. Serignet's rifle squad was subjected to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he skillfully maneuvered his squad and attacked the supporting enemy bunkers and intrenchments. The enemy troops were forced to abandon their positions due to the deadly accuracy of the hand grenades hurled by Sgt. Serignet's squad, enabling his squad to reach the dead side of the pillbox and completely neutralize the pillbox. His devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in neutralizing fortifications that imposed a serious threat to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. QUINN, 31056682, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Osberg, Germany. While providing covering fire for assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Quinn's mortar position lost contact with the Fire Control Center. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to locate and repair the severed lines of communication. Quickly restoring communications, he enabled his Mortar Squad to direct accurate fire on enemy emplacements and concentrations. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and

courageous actions were instrumental in delivering effective supporting fire for the attacking Infantry, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technical Sergeant JAMES R. MACEDO, 32003089, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 November 1944 in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions with assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Macedo's Company was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Observing several men fall seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly went to the aid of the casualties despite the heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sgt. Macedo repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire until all the wounded had been successfully evacuated to a point of safety. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of one of the wounded men. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class FLOYD E. LOMAX, 13001485, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 July 1944 in the vicinity of St Jean de Daye, France. Learning that the assault elements of the Infantry were in need of supporting mortar fire, Pfc. Lomax moved forward to lay a wire line from his unit's mortar positions to the Forward Observer. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire to establish the vital communication line across an open field, enabling a heavy volume of accurate and effective mortar fire to be directed on enemy troops and installations. Pfc. Lomax's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the successful advance of the Infantrymen. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class NORMAN S. LUCAS, 33483357, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While his unit was engaged in fierce combat with the enemy, Pfc. Lucas voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy mortar and artillery fire in order to return to the rear for vitally needed ammunition. His complete disregard for personal safety and courageous actions insured the men in his unit of an adequate supply of ammunition at all times and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. KRZANARIC, (then Sergeant), 33706090, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. Learning that a number of seriously wounded men were in an exposed area of a mine field, Sgt. Krznanaric voluntarily left his position of comparative safety to assist in the evacuation of the casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the dangers of the mine field and enemy fire until all the casualties had been successfully evacuated to rear Aid Stations. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHESTER IGNATOWSKI, 42091069, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bessnich, Germany. While displacing forward to support assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Ignatowski's Mortar Section was halted by a series of enemy trenches. Despite intense enemy shelling of the immediate area, he voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire to fill in a section of the trench, thereby enabling the convoy to continue. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in providing the attacking Infantrymen with effective supporting fire, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class RUEBEN R. GOEHRING, 16048390, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. Learning that supplies were badly needed by the assaulting

elements, Pfc. Goehring volunteered to lead a supply party over the hazardous route to the forward position. With complete disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to lead his men through the heavily mined area with the vital supplies. Pfc. Goehring's courageous actions, aggressive leadership, and devotion to duty, enabled the Infantry to continue their attack and contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES S. FERGUSON, (then Private), 33851504, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 November 1944 in the vicinity of Eachweiler, Germany. Although wounded during an attack on enemy positions, Pfc. Ferguson refused all medical treatment but instead went to the aid of two other seriously wounded men. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to the heavy enemy mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire to administer emergency medical treatment to the casualties and then evacuate them to a covered position from which they could be quickly evacuated to the rear. His courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the two wounded men. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES C. ELKINS, 35263247, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany. Learning that vital lines of communication had been severed by enemy fire, Cpl. Elkins voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy barrages in order to help service and maintain the wire lines. With complete disregard for personal safety, he moved forward three times, under the intense enemy shelling, in order to maintain constant contact between all elements of his unit. His courageous actions enabled effective coordination between the assaulting elements of the Infantry and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class FRANK CZACHOR, 36959980, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Cologne, Germany. Observing that the assault elements of his unit were being pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, with utter disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Czachor immediately crawled forward to a point of vantage from which he could effectively engage the enemy gun crew. With hand grenades and a heavy volume of accurate rifle fire, he successfully neutralized the enemy emplacement and captured the enemy crew. His aggressive initiative and courageous actions enabled his unit to continue its swift attack. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. BENNETT, 33573343, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 7 September 1944 in the vicinity of Dinant, Belgium. While the other members of his Reconnaissance Patrol moved forward to investigate a house, Pfc. Bennett remained behind to guard the Patrol's vehicles. Suddenly assaulted by two squads of enemy Infantrymen, Pfc. Bennett, with complete disregard for his personal safety, stayed in his exposed position and directed a heavy volume of machine gun fire on the hostile force until the enemy withdrew in confusion. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions resulted in killing four and wounding several of the enemy, contributing materially to the success of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD W. BLECHARCZYK, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 35263039, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 June 1944 in the vicinity of Mont Bois Du Roc, France. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Blecharczyk's Platoon was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Learning that the supply of ammunition was dangerously low, he voluntarily and with complete disregard for personal safety exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to procure the urgently needed ammunition. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions insured his Platoon of an adequate supply of ammunition, contributing materially to the success of his unit's defensive operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD J. BRADLEY, (then Private First Class), 33571801, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. Bradley repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to repair and service the vital lines of communication to forward combat elements. Although frequently under direct enemy observation and fire, he maintained the communication lines in consistently efficient operating condition, thereby enabling the assaulting units of the Infantry to successfully coordinate their activities with adjacent supporting elements. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the Regiment's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MICHAEL L. ALOISI, 32008468, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ballenstedt, Germany. Moving forward in an attempt to contact the enemy, Pfc. Aloisi's motorized patrol encountered a well-armed enemy force. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Aloisi immediately engaged the enemy with his .50 caliber machine gun, killing six of the enemy and forcing the remainder to surrender. His aggressive initiative and courageous actions prevented the infiltrating Germans from causing any damage and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

V-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Sergeant DONALD F. ROACH, (then Private), 37245145, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Major WILLIAM T. MacLAUGHLIN, 0418971, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 28 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

VI-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1945, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant ELMER J. CAUGHEY, 32288360, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions east of the Rhine River, the assault elements of the Infantry encountered fanatically stubborn enemy resistance. Realizing that continued wire communication was vital to the coordination and success of the attack, Sgt. Caughey repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy tank and artillery fire in order to lay and service wire from the Battalion Command Post to the Forward Observation Post. His courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW J. McKENNA, 32841831, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Vernich, Germany. Learning that an enemy machine gun emplacement had halted his Platoon's advance, Cpl. McKenna volunteered to attempt to neutralize the position. With complete disregard for personal safety, he crawled 200 yards over open terrain to a vantage point only twenty yards from the hostile position. Throwing a hand grenade that landed just short of the fortification, he forced the entire enemy gun crew to surrender. Cpl. McKenna's courageous actions and devotion to duty enabled his unit to continue their advance with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from New York.

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VII-AWARD OF THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Colonel PETER O. WARD, 018574, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 12 March 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

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

Private First Class CHARLES W. DUBOIS, 32770744, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. During the swift assault across the Rhine River, the forward elements of the Infantry were subjected to several fierce enemy counterattacks. Learning that three seriously wounded men were lying in an open area, Pfc. Dubois voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy enemy machine gun fire in order to work his way across the fire swept area to the side of the wounded men. Instructing one man to place his arms around his neck, Pfc. Dubois crept out of the interdicted area on his hands and knees with the wounded soldier under his body to a position from which the wounded man could be quickly evacuated. He unhesitatingly returned to evacuate the other two casualties in the same manner. Pfc. Dubois' courageous actions and disregard for personal safety were instrumental in saving the lives of the three wounded men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant RICHARD M. SKAPIK, (then Second Lieutenant), 01325878, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While in a defensive position, Lt. Skapik's Battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lt. Skapik unhesitatingly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to direct and adjust the fire of his Mortar Platoon on the assaulting enemy troops. Despite the fact that he was obliged to call for mortar fire within fifty yards of his own position, he remained at his hazardous position in order to direct the continued accurate fire on the hostile forces. Observing that an adjacent rifle platoon was imperiled by an infiltrating enemy force and the loss of their Platoon Leader, he promptly reorganized the platoon in effective defensive positions. Lt. Skapik's complete disregard for personal safety, aggressive leadership, and fearless actions contributed materially to the successful repelling of the attacking enemy troops. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD H. HAAS, 33088052, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. Learning that there were a number of casualties in a nearby minefield, Cpl. Haas volunteered to go to their aid. Despite the fact that one of the aid party set off a mine which severely wounded him, Cpl. Haas continued to probe and stake off a safe passage through the field. After three hours of continuous probing, the casualties were reached and successfully evacuated. Cpl. Haas' action were instrumental in saving the lives of several soldiers. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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

Technical Sergeant JOHN O. MORELAND, (then Staff Sergeant), 33720125, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Schevenhutte, Germany. While leading a patrol behind enemy lines, Sgt. Moreland and his men were attacked by a numerically superior enemy force. Quickly realizing the seriousness of the situation, he ordered the patrol to withdraw and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he rushed the enemy hurling hand

grenades and directing a heavy volume of accurate fire with his rifle. Temporarily disorganizing the hostile force by the ferocity of his attack, Sgt. Moreland enabled the patrol to reach the shelter of nearby woods. He then rejoined his patrol and successfully led it back to the Company area. His devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the men of the patrol and the successful completion of his assigned mission. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technical Sergeant HARLEY J. HOLWICK, 37751341, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Drilon, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended hostile positions, Sgt. Holwick's platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Holwick exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to deploy his platoon and direct their fire power. Personally leading a flanking attack against the fortification, he was directly responsible for the neutralizing of the enemy emplacement and the capture of 17 prisoners. Sgt. Holwick's courageous actions and aggressive leadership were instrumental in the success of his unit's operations and are worthy of commendation. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK GROVES, (then Technician Fourth Grade), 39380962, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945 in the vicinity of Harzgerode, Germany. During a bitter fight, Sgt. Groves' Squad Leader became a casualty. Despite the intense hostile fire, Sgt. Groves crawled forward and, assuming command of the squad, quickly succeeded in reorganizing the men. Despite the intense fire, he led the squad forward and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy in addition to capturing a large number of prisoners. Sgt. Groves' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative and intrepidity were reflected by his outstanding actions. Entered military service from Washington.

Sergeant MARIO A. DISANTO, 32117145, Infantry, United States Army who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 30 November 1944 in the vicinity of Stolberg, Germany. Observing his Platoon Leader fall seriously wounded during an assault on strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Di Santo immediately assumed command of the platoon and quickly reorganized his men. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy observation and fire in order to direct and control the fire and movement of his men, he led the platoon in a successful attack of the enemy emplacements. His courageous actions and fearless leadership contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JACK J. JOHNSON, (then Private First Class), 35541755, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 February 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Word was received at Sgt. Johnson's Aid Station that a wounded man lay in the snow in an exposed position. Sgt. Johnson, without regard for his personal safety, immediately volunteered to go to his aid. Under intense sniper and machine gun fire and in waist deep snow, he worked his way to the wounded soldier. In the face of a blinding blizzard, he succeeded in carrying the casualty to the aid station and undoubtedly saved this soldier's life. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade EBEN L. GLIDDEN, 31099748, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 in the vicinity of Mausbach, Germany. At this time, Sgt. Glidden was serving as a medical Aid Man with an Antitank Company. The gun sections were under an extremely heavy enemy artillery barrage when word was received that two men had been seriously wounded in one of the emplacements. Sgt. Glidden quickly volunteered to go to their aid. Without regard for his personal safety, he proceeded over three hundred yards of fire swept ground to the men and immediately rendered first aid. His excellent technical skill, aggressive initiative, and intrepidity undoubtedly saved the lives of his two fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade PETER PUHAR, 35397097, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack against the Infantry's newly secured positions, Cpl. Puhar's Forward Aid Station was subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Despite the proximity of enemy riflemen and the concentrated enemy fire, he remained with the casualties and capably administered effective emergency medical treatment. Upon the arrival of the evacuation vehicle, Cpl. Puhar rapidly loaded the men, insuring them of quick removal to rear areas of safety. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ALLIE L. HUGHES, 34830390, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 February 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Word was received at Cpl. Hughes' Aid Station that a wounded man lay in the snow in an exposed position. Cpl. Hughes, without regard for his personal safety, immediately volunteered to go to his aid. Under intense sniper and machine gun fire and in waist deep snow, he worked his way to the wounded soldier. In the face of a blinding blizzard, he succeeded in carrying the casualty to the aid station and undoubtedly saved this soldier's life. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. GAMBINO, 37411382, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Alt Renneberg, Germany. Hearing that one of the forward scouts was lying seriously wounded in a nearby field, Cpl. Gambino quickly volunteered to go to his aid, even though the field was flat open terrain and under direct enemy machine gun fire. Reaching the field, he ran across the fire swept area and reached the side of the wounded soldier. As he was rendering first aid, he himself was severely wounded by the enemy fire. Although he could have crawled to safety, he refused to leave the stricken man, electing instead to dig a hole large enough so that both of them would be safe. Cpl. Gambino then made the wounded soldier as comfortable as possible and continued to treat him for six hours until they were both evacuated under cover of darkness. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class GETZY SCHIFF, (then Private), 32533618, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. Despite an intense enemy artillery barrage, Pfc. Schiff crawled over open terrain to investigate a suspicious building. With complete disregard for personal safety, he attacked the enemy stronghold, forcing the surrender of fifteen heavily armed Germans. Observing hostile movement in a nearby building, he subjected it to a withering hail of fire until four more of the enemy surrendered. Pfc. Schiff's courageous actions, aggressive initiative, and devotion to duty were instrumental in the success of his unit's operations and are worthy of commendation. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class VILAS H. ROE, 36989117, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in the vicinity of Niedersfeld, Germany. While he was engaged in setting up an Aid Station in the town, word was received that a unit had suffered a number of casualties on the road leading to the town. Pfc. Roe immediately volunteered to go to their aid, despite the fact that the road was still under intense enemy artillery fire. Reaching the wounded, Pfc. Roe expertly and quickly dressed their wounds in the midst of the exploding shells. He then loaded them into a jeep and walked back himself through the fire swept area so that the men could be evacuated more rapidly. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class ARTHUR W. PAULEY, 35779457, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Niedersfeld, Germany. Late at night, an urgent call was received at Pfc. Pauley's Aid Station stating that a number of men had been

wounded and were in need of medical aid. Pfc. Pauley quickly volunteered to go to them, even though he knew that the men were in an area constantly shelled by enemy artillery. Succeeding in reaching the wounded, Pfc. Pauley rapidly carried them to a nearby ditch, built a lean-to with some blankets so that he could use his light, and quickly and expertly dressed the wounds of the stricken men. Despite the fact that shells were exploding all over the area, Pfc. Pauley worked untiringly until all had been treated and evacuated. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class RUSSELL E. MITTERWAGER, 42165802, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Velmedo, Germany. Attacking in this sector, Pfc. Mitterwager's squad was stopped by intense enemy machine gun, tank and panzerfaust fire. Seeing the situation, Pfc. Mitterwager, without regard for personal safety, crawled around and assaulted the enemy position from the rear. Throwing hand grenades and laying down accurate rifle fire, he succeeded in causing many enemy casualties and caused the remaining tanks and soldiers to withdraw in disorder, enabling his squad to gain their objective. Pfc. Mitterwager's actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class GEORGE E. MOORE, (then Private), 38657829, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Rovenich, Germany. When supporting tanks were unable to advance because of a mined road, Pfc. Moore and another man voluntarily exposed themselves to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to clear the important route of attack. Working with precision, the two men cleared five miles of the road and then entered the bitterly contested town of Rovenich. With complete disregard for personal safety, they continued to work their way forward until their voluntary mission had been accomplished. Pfc. Moore's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the swift advance of the assault elements of the Infantry. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class MALCOLM McDONALD, (then Private), 31462658, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Berleberg, Germany. While checking a hostile road block for mines, one of the men with Pfc. McDonald was wounded by enemy sniper fire. As the wounded man fell, he set off an enemy mine, killing two men and wounding eighteen who were nearby. Despite an intense enemy artillery barrage that covered the immediate area, Pfc. McDonald remained in the interdicted area, administering emergency medical treatment and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded to the rear. Pfc. McDonald's courageous actions and devotion to duty contributed materially to the saving of many lives and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOSEPH P. McELDOWNEY, 32921295, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Niedersfeld, Germany. While displacing forward, Pfc. McEldowney's battalion convoy was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage, disabling several of the vehicles. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. McEldowney voluntarily exposed himself to the intense enemy concentration of fire in order to guide the remainder of the convoy around the wreckage and out of the danger zone. His presence of mind and courageous actions prevented any traffic tieup from developing in the interdicted area. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class VIRGIL G. DINGMAN, 32370162, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Rovenich, Germany. When supporting tanks were unable to advance because of a mined road, Pfc. Dingman and another man voluntarily exposed themselves to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to clear the important route of attack. Working with precision, the two men cleared five miles of the road and then entered the

bitterly contested town of Rovenich. With complete disregard for personal safety, they continued to work their way forward until their voluntary mission had been accomplished. Pfc. Dingman's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the swift advance of the assault elements of the Infantry. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class MORTON E. CYTRYN, 12227689, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 at Ballenstadt, Germany. Realizing that constant contact had to be maintained between all the attacking platoons in his company during the mopping up operations in the town, Pfc. Cytryn repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to deliver vital messages to the forward elements of his unit. His devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled the effective coordination between all platoons and contributed materially to the successful clearing of the town of all enemy resistance. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WILLIE W. BERRY, 37242421, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions by assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Berry's platoon was subjected to heavy machine gun fire. Unhesitatingly, and displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, he skillfully maneuvered to the ruins of a nearby house and took a position at the top of it. From his commanding point, Pfc. Berry discharged several rounds with his rocket launcher at the machine gun emplacement and neutralized it completely. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled his platoon to successfully take its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class VICTOR F. ALSKO, 33698187, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in the vicinity of Erl, Germany. When withering machine gun fire halted the advance of the assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Alsko voluntarily exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to neutralize the enemy emplacements. Locating one enemy machine gun, he worked his way forward to a point of vantage and killed or wounded all of the enemy gun crew with a heavy volume of accurate rifle fire. Observing another machine gun nest, he opened fire on its crew and neutralized the position. Pfc. Alsko's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private JOSEPH N. D'ACHILLE, 42187908, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Volmade, Germany. Attacking in this sector, Pvt. D'Achille's squad was stopped by intense enemy machine gun, tank, and panzerfaust fire. Seeing the situation, Pvt. D'Achille, without regard for personal safety, crawled around and assaulted the enemy position from the rear. Throwing hand grenades and laying down accurate rifle fire, he succeeded in causing many enemy casualties and caused the remaining tanks and soldiers to withdraw in disorder, enabling his squad to gain their objective. Pvt. D'Achille's actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Private First Class HUGH L. SCOTT, 34134257, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class BOBBY K. SHUBERT, 33758802, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM.
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain WILLIAM KLAUZ, 01301837, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Erpel, Germany. During a fierce attack against strongly fortified hostile positions, the assault platoons were pinned down by intense fire from enemy self-propelled guns. With complete disregard for personal safety, Capt. Klauz exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to move from one platoon to another, rallying and encouraging his men to greater effort and leading them in a successful attack on their objective. Capt. Klauz's courageous actions and aggressive leadership was directly responsible for the success of his unit's operations and are worthy of commendation. Entered military service from New York.

Captain CRAIG T. LARIMER, 0475031, Medical Corps, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Alt Renneberg, Germany. Capt. Larimer received word that many casualties had resulted due to fierce enemy action. The conditions of the roads were such that rapid evacuation of the wounded was not possible. Knowing that a doctor's skill was vitally important in saving the lives of casualties, Capt. Larimer, without regard for personal safety, and in the face of intermittent artillery fire, made his way to the wounded soldiers. Working unceasingly, Capt. Larimer skillfully treated all the cases and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the men. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM K. NIECE, 0441580, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. Although under direct enemy observation and fire, Lt. Niece established a Forward Observation Post to adjust and direct fire on enemy concentrations and installations. Seeing the enemy launch a fierce counterattack, he remained at his post, despite the fact the building he occupied suffered three direct artillery hits in order to enable the supporting gun sections to deliver a heavy volume of accurate fire, contributing materially to the successful repelling of the enemy thrust. During the enemy assault, Lt. Niece also alerted a Tank Destroyer and directed its fire, successfully neutralizing a Mark V Tank. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in the success of the defensive operations. Entered military service from Washington.

Technical Sergeant STEVE V. MILETICH, (then Staff Sergeant), 37586037, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 30 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Preparatory to an assault on strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Miletich moved out ahead of his platoon to locate a safe route of advance through an enemy mine field. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire to work his way through the heavily mined area. He plainly marked his passage as he advanced so that his platoon could follow him without detonating any of the mines. Reaching the far side of the mine field, Sgt. Miletich selected an effective firing position and harassed enemy positions with rifle fire while his men advanced through the lane he had cleared. His courageous actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

V-AMENDMENT OF ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders 101, Headquarters, Ninth Infantry Division, dated 24 June 1945 as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to Staff Sergeant FALTON A. LUSH 38042960, Infantry, United States Army, is amended to read: "Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal".

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

First Lieutenant JAY G. GARNER, 0536537, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 25 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. While his unit was advancing over flat terrain, under direct enemy observation, a tremendous artillery, mortar, tank, and small arms enemy barrage was directed at them. With no cover available, withdrawal from the exposed positions was imperative, and orders were given to fall back to a more secure point. Lt. Garner, by expert leadership, succeeded in bringing his platoon, without further casualties, to safety. Realizing that numerous wounded still remained on the field, Lt. Garner repeatedly braved the withering fire, with utter disregard for personal safety, to bring the wounded men to the aid stations. Displaying devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and great courage, Lt. Garner rallied the remaining members of the platoon together and again attacked the enemy position, this time successfully. Lt. Garner's actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Idaho.

II-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Third Grade CARSON B. BAKER, 34736203, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Kotheln, Germany. Despite interdicted roads and intense enemy artillery fire, Sgt. Baker volunteered to drive a quarter ton truck to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. On the return trip to the Aid Station, Sgt. Baker was wounded in the leg by a shell fragment but continued on to his destination. With complete disregard for personal safety he made several trips over the hazardous route, refusing medical attention until all the casualties had been treated. Sgt. Baker's courageous actions and devotion to duty contributed materially to the saving of many lives. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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

Captain JOHN N. BRIGGS, 0470358, Medical Corps, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 January 1945 in the vicinity of Walternberg, Germany. During a fierce enemy artillery barrage, six of Capt. Briggs' men were seriously wounded by a direct hit on the house they occupied. With complete disregard for personal safety, Capt. Briggs drove through the intense enemy fire to reach the casualties and administer emergency medical treatment. Capt. Briggs' courageous actions, devotion to duty and technical skill were instrumental in saving the lives of several of the men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain FRANCIS L. LALLY, 0516773, Medical Corps, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ohlenberg, Germany. Although constantly subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, Capt. Lally established a Forward Aid Station within a short distance of the front line positions in order to promptly attend to the casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he remained at his post, administering effective emergency medical treatment to the wounded, despite the fact that the Aid Station was under direct enemy observation and fire. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant LEON KOLKER, 01321046, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack, Lt. Kolker's antitank platoon was subjected to intense artillery, tank and small arms fire. With complete disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to deploy his men and direct their fire power. When an enemy tank approached close to his unit's positions, Lt. Kolker directed a tank destroyer to an advantageous firing position resulting in the neutralizing of the hostile vehicle. Lt. Kolker's courageous actions, expert judgement, and devotion to duty were instrumental in the securing of the position with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant JAMES L. KRALL, 0539841, Infantry United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirche Germany. While at a Forward Observation Post, Lt. Krall observed the enemy preparing to launch a counterattack against the Infantry's newly secured positions. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to adjust and to direct accurate mortar fire on enemy vehicles and concentrations. Lt. Krall remained at his post and insured the defending elements of effective mortar fire until the enemy thrust was successfully repulsed. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in destroying one half-trac vehicle and killing many of the enemy riflemen. Entered military service from Montana.

Technical Sergeant FRANCIS J. PICARD, 31035789, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Linz, Germany. While on a reconnaissance mission to select advance gun positions for his Heavy Machine Gun Platoon, Sgt. Picard was fired upon by the enemy from a lone house in the midst of a woods. Realizing that his advancing men and their weapons must be protected at all costs, he immediately dropped to the ground and returned the fire with his carbine to such good effect that he was able to force the enemy to temporarily cease firing. During this lull, with complete disregard for his personal safety, Sgt. Picard rushed up to the house and threw a hand grenade into one of the windows. This resulted in wounding two of the enemy and caused the remaining two to surrender. Sgt. Picard's actions enabled his platoon to continue their operations successfully, and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JAYNE A. EVERS, (then Private First Class), 37651704, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Lucnem, Germany. During a fierce attack on a strongly fortified enemy position, Sgt. Evers' machine gun position was subjected to intense fire from enemy mortars, machine guns, and small arms. When the gunner of his squad was hit, Sgt. Evers immediately took over the position and delivered a withering volume of fire on the enemy positions until wounded himself. Sgt. Evers' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions insured the assault elements of effective supporting fire and contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES F. KELLEY, 31019114, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 July 1944 in the vicinity of Haguenau, France. While transporting food and ammunition to the assault elements, Sgt. Kelley and another man were subjected to intense enemy artillery and sniper fire. Losing their vehicle in a concealed position, the two men hand carried hot food about 300 yards to the company area. On the return trip they observed an artillery shell land close to their guard dog truck, getting it a few feet with complete disregard for personal safety, the two men extinguished the blaze, saving the load of ammunition and prevented the complete

destruction of their vehicle. Sgt. Kelley's courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN R. McALLISTER, (then Private First Class), 42039859, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 November 1944 in the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany. Learning that several men lay seriously wounded in a forward combat area, Sgt. McAllister voluntarily exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire to cross 1200 yards of open fire swept terrain to go to the aid of the wounded men. With complete disregard for personal safety, he made two trips across the interdicted area in order to evacuate two casualties to the rear. His devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of one of the wounded men and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal HARRY BARTEL, (then Private First Class), 35461070, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Orsberg, Germany. Seeing a man fall seriously wounded, Cpl. Bartel left his position of comparative safety to rush to his aid. Despite the intense enemy artillery fire he moved swiftly over the open terrain to where the wounded man lay. Although wounded himself Cpl. Bartel administered emergency medical treatment to the casualty, and then carried him to a point of safety. Cpl. Bartel's courageous actions and devotion to duty enabled the casualty to receive prompt medical attention and evacuation to the rear and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal BARTHOLOMEW J. GHENT, 31280234, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Berghausen, Germany. Learning that a group of isolated men had suffered several casualties, Cpl. Ghent voluntarily left his position of comparative safety to go to the aid of the casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Ghent made his way across open terrain and succeeded in locating the group. Although subjected to heavy enemy antitank and rifle fire, he capably administered emergency medical treatment and then evacuated the wounded to a point of safety. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES M. BANKSTON, 34015234, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 November 1944 in the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany. At this time a call came through to Cpl. Bankston's aid station that two men were seriously wounded in a nearby woods and needed medical attention. Although a distance of twelve hundred yards under intense enemy artillery fire had to be crossed to get to them, Cpl. Bankston quickly volunteered to go to their aid. Unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he crossed the fire swept area and succeeded in reaching the wounded men. Displaying high technical skill, Cpl. Bankston rapidly redressed a serious chest wound of one of the despite the exploding shells which were falling all around. He carried the man back across the fire raked field to safety. Cpl. Bankston's skill and great courage were undoubtedly responsible for saving the life of the seriously wounded man. His actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade ROGER J. GARTLAND, 32545044, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944 in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany. Observing a man fall seriously wounded, Cpl. Gartland unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the heavy enemy shelling to go to the aid of the casualty. Successfully removing the wounded man to a point of comparative safety, Cpl. Gartland capably administered effective emergency medical treatment and once again carried

the man until he gained his Platoon Command Post. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JOHN M. LEARY, 31165971, Medical Department United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Berleberg, Germany. While his company was advancing against the enemy, the third platoon, in which Pfc. Leary was acting as aid man, was forced to pass through a road block under heavy enemy artillery fire. Casualties were heavy, and although suffering from wounds himself, Pfc. Leary treated all casualties first and remained with them under the intense shelling until their evacuation was complete. Only then, did he allow himself to be treated. Pfc. Leary's devotion to duty, courage, and aggressive initiative were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. MERTES, 35877939, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. While on a mission to pick up enemy prisoners at the Battalion Command Post and return them to the Prisoner of War enclosure, Pfc. Mertes was subjected to intense enemy fire. On the return trip with a group of 23 prisoners he was wounded in both legs while crossing a heavily interdicted area but successfully delivered all of his charges to the Prisoner of War enclosure. Pfc. Mertes' devotion to duty and outstanding endurance were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. MARTYSZCZYK, 36859217, Infantry United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchem, Germany. In order to supply the advance elements with essential materiel, it became necessary to cross about 400 yards of open terrain that was heavily mined and subjected to enemy observation and fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Martyszczyk made numerous trips through the fire swept area to deliver rations and ammunition to the assaulting riflemen. Pfc. Martyszczyk's courageous actions and devotion to duty enabled the advance to continue and contributed materially to the high state of morale and the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. MILLER, 36634069, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Niedersfeld, Germany. While travelling in a convoy, Pfc. Miller was wounded in the head by shrapnel from an intense artillery barrage directed at the convoy. With complete disregard for personal safety he rushed to the aid of the other casualties, administering emergency medical treatment and assisting in their evacuation to the rear. Only after all the wounded had been treated did he permit himself to receive medical attention. Pfc. Miller's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the saving of many lives and enabled the convoy to move with a minimum of delay to the destination. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class THOMAS A. RUTLEDGE, 13059270, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Monschau, Germany. Despite intense enemy fire, Pfc. Rutledge voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to fell several trees obstructing his Antitank Gun Section's field of fire. Although constantly under direct enemy observation and fire, he successfully cleared away the trees, enabling his unit to direct a heavy volume of accurate fire on enemy concentrations and installations, effectively supporting the assault elements of the Infantry. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN W. STIENMETZ, 36835686, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ballenstedt, Germany. During a displacement forward, Pfc. Stienmetz's 81mm Mortar Squad was ambushed by an enemy group forcing them to abandon their vehicles and take cover. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Pfc. Stienmetz was the first to volunteer to remove the vehicles to safety. With complete disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to the intense rocket, small arms, and artillery fire to assist in the moving of large trees that were blocking the only route of escape. Turning one of the vehicles around he drove it to a safe position, contributing materially to the conservation of valuable equipment and ammunition. Pfc. Stienmetz's courageous actions and aggressive initiative were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES H. DUNAWAY, 35798292, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Bruchhausen, Germany. While assisting his squad in the emplacement of their antitank guns, Pfc. Dunaway observed a half-track vehicle and a gun become imbedded in the soft ground. With complete disregard for personal safety, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire in order to extricate the vehicle and the gun with a winch. He then quickly helped to maneuver the gun into an effective firing position. Pfc. Dunaway's devotion to duty and courageous actions contributed materially to the repelling of a fierce enemy tank counterattack. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class JOHN W. DIEHL, 35732104, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 February 1945 in the vicinity of Nideggen, Germany. While on duty at an Observation Post, Pfc. Diehl observed a column of enemy Infantry and vehicles coming toward him. After braving the heavy enemy artillery barrage to repair severed lines of communication, Pfc. Diehl returned to his post and successfully directed his own artillery on the approaching column. The courageous actions, devotion to duty, and technical skill displayed by Pfc. Diehl was instrumental in inflicting heavy casualties to the hostile forces and the destruction of numerous vehicles, contributing materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. DEWBERRY, 34704261, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Frenzerburg, Germany. At this time a company from his battalion had attacked and occupied a portion of a large castle which had been occupied by the enemy. A member of the battalion's Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, Pfc. Dewberry volunteered to aid in evacuating the casualties that resulted from the action. Crossing twelve hundred yards of open territory subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire, he reached the castle only to find that additional help was required. Quickly returning to the aid station, he guided additional litter teams to the wounded, contributing materially to their rapid and successful evacuation. Pfc. Dewberry's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and complete disregard of his personal safety in carrying out this mission was a credit to himself, and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class JAMES E. CODY JR., 32991909, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. During a fierce attack against strongly defended enemy positions, it became necessary to deliver a heavy volume of supporting fire from his mortar section. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Cody made four round trips over open terrain, while subjected to enemy observation and fire to obtain vitally needed ammunition for his section. The courageous

actions and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc. Cody insured the assault elements of continued supporting fire and enabled the securing of objectives with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class LAWRENCE W. FLANNERY, 37421610, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 in the vicinity of Gresserich, Germany. During a fierce attack against strongly defended hostile positions, the assault elements were subjected to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Flannery placed his 81mm mortar in an exposed position in order to deliver effective supporting fire for the advancing riflemen. Despite the heavy artillery barrage in the immediate area, Pfc. Flannery remained at his hazardous position, delivering a continuous volume of effective fire at enemy targets. Pfc. Flannery's display of devotion to duty, expert judgement and courageous actions enabled the assaulting forces to secure their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class VERNON E. FARLOW, 34609064, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. At this time, his unit had suffered quite a number of casualties due to enemy action. Due to a shortage of litter bearers, Pfc. Farlow volunteered to evacuate a number of wounded men who still remained on the field. To reach the wounded, it was necessary at one point, to cross twelve hundred yards of flat terrain exposed to enemy observation and fire. Arriving at the scene, he was informed that more assistance was required. Again he negotiated the fire raked area and returned with additional litter teams which resulted in twenty-five men being successfully evacuated for medical treatment. Pfc. Farlow's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative and great courage were reflected in all his actions and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class WILLIAM K. FLEECE, 31468199, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Berleberg, Germany. Observing a man fall seriously wounded in a forward combat area, Pfc. Fleece exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire in order to go to the aid of the wounded man. With complete disregard for personal safety, he administered emergency medical treatment to the casualty and then evacuated him to a covered position. Pfc. Fleece's devotion to duty and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class CHARLES T. GEARY, 33142279, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 20 February 1945 in the vicinity of Bergstein, Germany. While under an intense enemy concentration of fire, Pfc. Geary learned that three men had fallen seriously wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in order to go to the aid of the wounded men. Administering emergency medical treatment to the three casualties, he then evacuated them one at a time to a position of comparative safety. Pfc. Geary's devotion to duty, technical skill, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

First Sergeant ALLAN E. HALFORD, 35012817, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant LAWRENCE F. SCHROEDER, 36210564, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant ELMER H. BELLOTTI, 33761789, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant JAMES A. BRENNAN, 32000699, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant CHARIE DOULEN, 6986103, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant WESLEY L. OYRES, 37109001, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 24 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. BALL JR., 35383117, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant CIRILDO L. DeLA ROSA, 38462455, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant CARL H. WINTER, 32184872, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant ERBY R. BURNETT, 38550907, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant SAH J. CILUFFO, 36960085, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOHN G. DUNNE, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 35019590, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant EDWARD O. LASSEN, (then Private), 32828250, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal EARL C. RAY, 36577014, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal JAMES B. KISSELL, 35615534, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH P. WOMACK, (then Private First Class), 34706132, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD H. SELWEN, 37098267, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 3 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade LLOYD E. BRUNNER, (then Private First Class), 33110241, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 30 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND LINSTAEDT, 37285825, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class STANLEY BABI, 32551476, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ANTHONY J. DOMBROSKI, 36959009, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Private First Class ANDREW J. VRANISKY, 32539306, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class WILLIS C. LYFORD JR., 31365567, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class HUBERT SHULTS, 34022852, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. EDMOND, 35559963, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class ROBERT S. ROBERSON, 38599214, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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

Captain DOUGLAS A. BERNHARDT, 01288502, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 12 October 1944 in the vicinity of Germeter, Germany. While in a defensive position, Capt. Bernhardt's Battalion was subjected to a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. Learning that a number of casualties were lying in a forward combat area, Capt. Bernhardt voluntarily and unhesitatingly exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in order to go to the aid of the casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, he moved forward in the face of the withering enemy fire to administer emergency medical treatment to the wounded and to assist in their evacuation to the rear. Capt. Bernhardt's aggressive initiative and fearless actions were instrumental in saving the lives of several of the wounded men. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain NICK B. ROBERTS, 0407205, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Hallenberg, Germany. While leading a billeting detail forward, Capt. Roberts and another man were subjected to enemy small arms fire. Signaling the other members of their party to halt and dismount, the two men then engaged the enemy in a fire fight and took one prisoner. They learned from the prisoner that enemy troops occupied the area and were under orders to force their way out of the Ruhr pocket. Immediately realizing the importance of locating the disposition and approximate strength of the enemy force, the two men organized a patrol and continued on into enemy territory. Upon encountering a numerically superior enemy force, the two men unhesitatingly opened fire on the enemy and enabled the remaining members of the patrol to turn their vehicles around. Skillfully working their way back to their vehicles, they then returned to their unit with the important tactical information. Capt. Roberts' aggressive initiative and courageous actions enabled the Regimental Commander to formulate a plan to prevent the enemy from escaping from the Ruhr pocket. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM G. BRANDENBURG, 01290889, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 in the vicinity of Lammersdorf, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing his Company Commander fall seriously wounded, Lt. Brandenburg assumed command, reorganized the units and called for artillery support. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he led the men in an attack and secured the objective despite the fact that he was wounded. Refusing medical treatment, Lt. Brandenburg directed and assisted in repairing the defenses which later repelled a fierce enemy counterattack and only then he submitted to evacuation. Lt. Brandenburg's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in killing twenty and capturing seventy-five of the enemy, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service

Sergeant JOHN R. CURTIS, 36219620, Infantry, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in the vicinity of Nid...

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Sgt. Curtis' Company was launching an attack against the face of a heavy artillery and mortar barrage. ~~When the enemy launched a counterattack, Sgt. Curtis, without concern for personal safety, moved about constantly and so inspired his platoon with his great courage and leadership that the savage attack was repulsed.~~ ~~Sgt. Curtis' actions at all times reflected devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and intrepidity and contributed materially to the success of the unit's operations.~~ Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES H. LEGATE, (then Private First Class), 36446629, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 13 October 1944 in the vicinity of Germeter, Germany. As Sgt. Legate's Company was advancing in this area, they suddenly encountered severe artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from a numerically superior enemy force. To enable his company to regroup safely, Sgt. Legate, without regard for personal safety, remained alone in an exposed advanced position, to pin the enemy down with his automatic rifle fire. Although subjected to withering machine gun fire, Sgt. Legate directed the full firepower of his weapon at vital enemy positions. Besides successfully covering his unit's reorganization, Sgt. Legate's accurate fire eliminated three hostile machine guns and accounted for at least ten enemy casualties. Outstanding gallantry, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative, were reflected in all of Sgt. Legate's actions. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JAMES W. OVERTON, 36893733, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Winterberg, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Overton's unit was attacked in force by enemy Infantry supported by two tanks. A stronger defensive position was imperative and orders were given to reestablish the line in a different location. When this had been done, Sgt. Overton noticed the absence of a squad member. With complete disregard for personal safety, he rushed over ground covered by heavy enemy automatic and artillery fire until he located the missing soldier, whom he discovered was wounded. Half-carrying the wounded man, he evacuated him through the murderous fire to a safe position, and undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade. Devotion to duty, aggressive initiative and outstanding gallantry were reflected in all of Sgt. Overton's actions. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN M. KEEHBAUCH, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 36166680, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Hallenberg, Germany. While leading a billeting detail forward, Sgt. Keehbauch and another man were subjected to enemy small arms fire. Signaling the other members of the party to halt and dismount, the two men then engaged the enemy in a fire fight and took one prisoner. They learned from the prisoner that enemy troops occupied the area and were under orders to force their way out of the Ruhr pocket. Immediately realizing the importance of locating the disposition and approximate strength of the enemy force, the two men organized a patrol and continued on into enemy territory. Upon encountering a numerically superior enemy force, the two men unhesitatingly opened fire on the enemy and enabled the remaining members of the patrol to turn their vehicles around. Skillfully working their way back to their vehicles, they then returned to their unit with the important tactical information. Sgt. Keehbauch's aggressive initiative and courageous actions enabled the Regimental Commander to formulate a plan to prevent the enemy from escaping from the Ruhr pocket. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class FRANK E. BUZANOSKI, JR., 33711521, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 December 1944 in the vicinity of ~~the enemy's~~ ~~of a bitter engagement with the~~ ~~enem~~ ~~es~~

from the scene of action. Pfc. Buzanoski unhesitatingly went forward, despite an intense barrage of enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Arriving at the scene of the wounded men, Pfc. Buzanoski expertly rendered what medical aid he could and then, in total disregard of his personal safety, carried one of the seriously injured soldiers on his back over two and one half miles across hazardous and open terrain, bringing him safely to an Aid Station. Pfc. Buzanoski then retraced his steps to the dangerous battle area to help treat and remove six additional casualties. Outstanding gallant devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative, were reflected in all of Pfc. Buzanoski's actions. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT J. DIETRICH, 36964844, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 6 February 1945 in the vicinity of Herhahn, Germany. While his unit was in a defensive position, it was suddenly attacked by a strong enemy force. While other members of the company were hastily deploying to meet the sudden thrust, Pfc. Dietrich, with total disregard for personal safety, ran ahead to an exposed position less than thirty yards from the enemy. With an automatic weapon, he fired continuously until his ammunition was exhausted, and then started hurling hand grenades. His gallant actions disrupted the enemy assault long enough for his company to organize and successfully repulse the savage attack. Devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and intrepidity, were reflected in all of Pfc. Dietrich's actions. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class PHIL M. FRANKEL, 12096935, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 February 1945 in the vicinity of Berg, Germany. Although wounded while protecting his Platoon's flank, Pfc. Frankel voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire to obtain aid for a wounded companion. Upon returning to the position and finding it abandoned, he directed the Medical Aid man to go back for reinforcements. Threatened by a numerically superior force, Pfc. Frankel remained at the strategic point, delivering a heavy volume of fire at the enemy until relieved by the arrival of the supporting riflemen. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions, insured the security of his Platoon's flank, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class RAYMOND E. LACKS, 33532780, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hungaburg, Germany. With two platoons of his company virtually surrounded and threatened with attack by numerically superior enemy troops, Pfc. Lacks, with total disregard for personal safety, volunteered to run a communication line through the enemy position to a neighboring weapons platoon to enable the two units to function as a single defending force. Under direct enemy observation, and in the face of continuous sniper and mortar fire, Pfc. Lacks ran the line successfully to his objective. The resulting phone communications enabled the rifle and weapons platoons to fire effectively on the enemy positions, and to repulse two enemy counterattacks during that night. Outstanding gallantry, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative, were reflected in all of Pfc. Lacks' actions. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM T. LEKUTIS, 35284818, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 28 February 1945 in the vicinity of Berg, Germany. While protecting his Platoon's flank, Pfc. Lekutis' position was subjected to intense enemy fire and attacked by a numerically superior enemy force. Although seriously wounded, he continued to direct a heavy volume of effective fire against the hostile force. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he stayed in the exposed position, firing his BAR until captured by several Germans who had managed to creep up behind his position. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in securing his Platoon's flank, contributing materially to the success of the defensive operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class MYRON D. MacLEAN, 16122373, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 30 January 1945 in the vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany.

At this time, Pfc. MacLean's platoon was forced to reorganize and redeploy after a bitter enemy counterattack. In diverting enemy fire, two members of Pfc. MacLean's automatic rifle team were wounded. To cover his unit and to enable his injured comrades to return safely for aid, Pfc. MacLean employed the automatic rifle incessantly against the enemy, and by so doing drew the hostile machine gun and rifle fire to his own position. With outstanding gallantry and total disregard for his personal safety, Pfc. MacLean moved from place to place, drawing the enemy's fire until his platoon had safely regrouped. Pfc. MacLean's devotion to duty and heroic actions contributed immeasurably to his unit's success in repulsing the enemy attack which followed. Entered military service from Illinois.

Major JULIAN E. GOBELET, (then First Lieutenant), 0451600, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 29 March 1943 in the vicinity of El Guettar, Tunisia. While emplaced in a forward position, Major Gobelet's firing battery was subjected to intense enemy counterbattery fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Major Gobelet repeatedly exposed himself to the withering artillery barrage to move among his men, rallying them and encouraging them to hold their positions. His aggressive leadership and fearless actions inspired his men to such an extent that effective and accurate artillery supporting fire was available to the assault elements of the Infantry whenever required. Major Gobelet's actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the United Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II-AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to:

Captain WILLIAM B. McCLELLAN, 01288772, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Zuschen, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, Capt. McClellan's Company was subjected to intense enemy tank, machine gun, and small arms fire. Realizing the need for rapid advance, he personally moved forward to reconnoiter the enemy's positions in order to resume the attack. Although exposed to direct enemy observation and fire, Capt. McClellan made his way to the forward platoon leader and passed on the vital information he had secured. While attempting to inform the other elements of his Company, Capt. McClellan was killed by the concentrated enemy machine gun fire. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled the assaulting units to take their objectives with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Wyoming.

III-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD H. CLEAVES, 01303268, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 6 September 1944 in the vicinity of Houx, Belgium. While in a defensive position after crossing the Meuse River, Lt. Cleaves' Battalion was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. Realizing that the partially constructed bridge over the river was imperiled, he skillfully maneuvered his Platoon, deploying his men in advantageous positions and repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to direct accurate fire on the assaulting enemy. Under his expert leadership, three of the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Acting quickly, Lt. Cleaves launched a counterattack against the disorganized enemy and succeeded in forcing the withdrawal of the hostile force. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in removing the threat to the nearly completed bridge and the vital supply route. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant NICHOLAS CHIPURA, 32608626, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of Passbruch, Germany.

At this time, a convoy's leading half-track, in which Sgt. Chipura was riding, came to a road block on which an enemy machine gun was trained. In the face of the intense fire, Sgt. Chipura coolly led the men from the vehicle to a nearby woods. Organizing his group, he led an advance in an attempt to knock out the resistance, but after a short distance his men were pinned down by the devastating machine gun fire. Ordering his men to remain under cover, Sgt. Chipura, with total disregard for his personal safety, alone went forward to neutralize the machine gun position. Quickly outflanking the enemy group, his rifle accounted for the gunner and caused the remainder to surrender. Outstanding gallantry, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative were reflected in all Sgt. Chipura's actions, which contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain WILLIAM EWALD, 01014680, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy during the period 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945 in the vicinity of Mildensee, Germany. Upon reaching the Mulde River, Capt. Ewald voluntarily crossed the river with a patrol attempting to contact Russian forces. When the patrol was suddenly subjected to enemy mortar fire, he, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, made his way to the enemy emplacement and persuaded the enemy to take him to their Command Post. Through his resourcefulness and aggressive initiative, he obtained the surrender of the fully armed enemy battalion. Although repeatedly encountering enemy road blocks and emplacements, Capt. Ewald continued the patrol activity until all enemy resistance between the Mulde and Elbe Rivers was crushed and contact established with the Russian force. His devotion to duty, tactical skill, and courageous actions were instrumental in capturing four thousand of the enemy, contributing materially to the success of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IV-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain ARVID P. CROONQUIST, 025639, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of Zuschen, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended hostile positions, Capt. Croonquist's company was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Capt. Croonquist exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to direct the deployment and fire power of his men. Capt. Croonquist's courageous actions, aggressive leadership, and thorough knowledge of Infantry tactics enabled the assault elements to secure their objective with a minimum of casualties and were instrumental in the continued advance of the Battalion. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Captain DAVID J. ROTH, 0437727, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 February 1945 in the vicinity of Thum, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile positions, the assaulting elements were halted by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and tank fire. Leaving his position of comparative safety, Capt. Roth exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to reach a vantageous observation point. Although wounded by the heavy tank fire directed at him, Capt. Roth remained at his hazardous post to adjust artillery fire on hostile targets, successfully destroying two enemy tanks and routing three others. Capt. Roth's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and technical skill enabled his unit to continue its advance and secure their objective. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant JOHN P. BENDER, 01302762, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Derkum, Germany. At this time, Lt. Bender's regiment had gained a small bridgehead on the far side of a canal and was under an intense artillery and small arms barrage from the enemy. Due to the lack of

bridges, the unit had no antitank support. Realizing the dire need for weapons to combat the enemy armor, Lt. Bender and some volunteers recrossed the canal to obtain antitank mines. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lt. Bender repeatedly exposed himself to the withering fire in selecting positions for the mines. In mining all approaches to the bridgehead, Lt. Bender assured the security of his unit and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant MORGAN B. MCGEE, 01294695, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 February 1945 in the vicinity of Schleiden, Germany. Learning that an ammunition truck enroute to the forward elements had broken down, Lt. McGee went forward to supervise the repairs. Arriving at the truck, the repair detail was subjected to an intense artillery barrage forcing them to seek cover. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lt. McGee remained to work on the disabled vehicle and succeeded in returning it to operating condition. Lt. McGee's courageous actions, technical skill, and devotion to duty insured the assault elements of vital ammunition and contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR W. SHIVELY, 01322721, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Frohnen, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were halted by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and tank fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lt. Shively and another man crawled forward to an exposed vantage point in order to direct accurate mortar fire on enemy targets. Observing two casualties lying on a forward slope of a ridge which was completely exposed to enemy observation and fire, Lt. Shively and his radio operator rushed to their aid and succeeded in removing the wounded men to a point of safety where they administered emergency medical treatment. Lt. Shively's courageous actions insured the continued advance of his unit and were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant JACOB P. PISARCIK, (then Staff Sergeant), 33081658, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 March 1945 in the vicinity of Niederberg, Germany. While moving forward to support the assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Pisarcik's antitank squad was subjected to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he unhesitatingly moved forward to reconnoiter and select strategic firing positions for his weapons. Skillfully deploying the men and weapons, Sgt. Pisarcik effectively covered all routes offering passage for enemy armored vehicles. His accurate and deadly fire delivered against enemy concentrations and installations, enabled the attacking Infantrymen to successfully take their objective with a minimum of casualties. His devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant STAFFORD T. CARTER, 19016082, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 February 1945 in the vicinity of Thum, Germany. During an extremely intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, one of the antitank guns in Sgt. Carter's platoon was knocked out. Realizing the need for these weapons, he sent for bazookas to substitute for the demolished gun. Despite the fierce enemy fire, and without regard for his personal safety, Sgt. Carter exposed himself repeatedly in selecting positions for the bazookas. Sgt. Carter's courageousness and foresight later prevented a serious enemy flanking threat. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant DOUGLAS ETTINGER, 32665709, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 February 1945 in the vicinity of Morebach, Germany. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Sgt. Ettinger came upon a six man enemy patrol making their way through a wooded draw. Instructing his men to outflank them, Sgt. Ettinger crept up to their rear and without regard for personal safety, he alone engaged all six men in a fire fight while his men were getting into position.

His accurate fire, together with that from the flank, completely annihilated the enemy patrol. Devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and great courage were reflected in all of Sgt. Ettinger's actions. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR J. GIANSANTE, 33072563, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While placing their 57mm antitank gun into position to protect a vital supply route, Sgt. Giansante and the other members of his antitank squad were subjected to intense enemy shelling. Suddenly threatened by exploding ammunition of a nearby enemy abandoned ammunition dump that had suffered several direct hits, Sgt. Giansante and the men in his squad exposed themselves to remove the endangered gun and a half-track vehicle. They successfully moved the vehicle and gun to new positions and proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment to the seriously wounded. Sgt. Giansante's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the vitally needed antitank gun and half-track vehicle, thereby enabling the valuable supply route to be secured against possible enemy infiltrations and surprise assaults. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. SHAW, 32056484, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 March 1945 in the vicinity of Niederberg, Germany. At this time, Sgt. Shaw's squad was held down by an extremely intense enemy artillery and tank fire barrage. Realizing the importance of getting his antitank gun into action, Sgt. Shaw left his squad in a protected location and crept forward alone to select a favorable position for his weapon. With total disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself repeatedly to enemy fire in establishing the gun emplacement. Returning through the withering fire, Sgt. Shaw safely led his squad to the new position and put the gun into action without delay. Sgt. Shaw's devotion to duty and heroic actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH O. BONELLY, 31047010, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Herhahn, Germany. During an intense enemy barrage, several casualties occurred in Sgt. Bonelly's Antitank Platoon. Leaving his sheltered position, without regard for personal safety, Sgt. Bonelly voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy shelling to render first aid to the wounded men. Despite the intense fire, Sgt. Bonelly continued to treat and care for the men, and when the barrage had lifted he directed their evacuation. Sgt. Bonelly's devotion to duty and courageous actions undoubtedly saved the lives of his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM G. BUNN, 34168099, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Rederscheid, Germany. At a crossroads subjected to intense enemy fire, Opl. Bunn found that aid men were unable to treat the numerous casualties in his battalion. Without regard for personal safety, Opl. Bunn unhesitatingly exposed himself to the heavy fire and set up a collecting point where he treated the wounded and organized additional litter teams. He refused to leave the scene, even though the crossroads had become a major enemy target, until all casualties had been treated and evacuated. Outstanding courage, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative, were reflected in all of Opl. Bunn's actions. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade FLOYD R. TAYLOR, 35713468, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. During a bitter enemy attack, several casualties were sustained in Opl. Taylor's company. Realizing that prompt evacuation and treatment of the wounded was imperative, Opl. Taylor, without regard for personal safety, exposed himself to concentrated enemy mortar fire to reach the men. Despite the extreme danger involved, Opl. Taylor unhesitatingly made six trips across the shell swept field, successfully evacuating all casualties. Devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and great courage were reflected in all

Cpl. Taylor's actions. Entered military service from Ohio.
Private First Class JOHN E. BIZANOSKI, 3071222, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile emplacements, the assault elements received numerous casualties while crossing open terrain. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Buzanoski and three other men exposed themselves to enemy observation and fire to rush to the aid of the casualties. Despite the intense mortar barrage directed at them, the three men made six trips through the fire swept Aid Station. Pfc. Buzanoski's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative contributed materially to the saving of many lives. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALFRED J. DENKO, 33067296, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. While moving forward to establish a road block, Pfc. Denko's Antitank Platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, supported by self-propelled guns. Realizing that tank fire directed at his platoon threatened the success of the mission, he and one other man unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the intense enemy fire to locate the armored vehicle. Finding the enemy tank, they delivered a heavy volume of effective fire with their rocket launcher and forced it to withdraw. Pfc. Denko's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in enabling his Platoon to set up the road block, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class WILLIE J. HEMMI, 38158020, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. While moving forward to establish a road block, Pfc. Hemmi's Antitank Platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, supported by self-propelled guns. Realizing that tank fire directed at his platoon threatened the success of the mission, he and one other man unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the intense enemy fire to locate the armored vehicle. Finding the enemy tank, they delivered a heavy volume of effective fire with their rocket launcher and forced it to withdraw. Pfc. Hemmi's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in enabling his platoon to set up the road block, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class FRED LACKEY, 39152551, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 February 1945 in the vicinity of Herhahn, Germany. While supporting road blocks, Pfc. Lackey's platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Observing several members of an antitank gun crew fall seriously wounded, he voluntarily left his position of comparative security to go to the aid of the casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Pfc. Lackey repeated the trips until all the wounded were removed to a sheltered position. He then capably administered emergency medical treatment and remained with the men until the arrival of a Medical Aid man. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class GEORGE E. MOORE, 34882802, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While clearing wooded areas of hostile elements, Pfc. Moore's Company was subjected to intense enemy tank and small arms fire. Observing several of the men fall seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly left his position of comparative safety to go to the assistance of the casualties. Capably administering emergency medical treatment, he removed one man to a sheltered point. He again crossed the open terrain under heavy enemy fire and carried the remaining casualty to where the first man had been placed. Pfc. Moore's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in

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saving the lives of both of the wounded men. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class JAMES R. RANKIN, 39409047, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Frohnen, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were halted by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and tank fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Rankin accompanied a Forward Observer to an exposed vantage point in order to direct accurate mortar fire at enemy targets. Observing two casualties lying on a forward slope of a ridge, completely exposed to enemy observation and fire, Pfc. Rankin and his companion rushed to their aid and succeeded in removing the wounded men to a point of safety where they administered emergency medical treatment. Pfc. Rankin's courageous actions insured the continued advance of his unit and were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class SAMUEL W. REGISTER, 34536784, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While placing their 57mm antitank gun into position to protect a vital supply route, Bfc. Register and the other members of his antitank squad were subjected to intense enemy shelling. Suddenly threatened by exploding ammunition of a nearby enemy abandoned ammunition dump that had suffered several direct hits, Pfc. Register and the men in his squad exposed themselves to remove the endangered gun and a half-track vehicle. They successfully moved the vehicle and gun to new positions and proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment to the seriously wounded. Pfc. Register's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the vitally needed antitank gun and half-track vehicle, thereby enabling the valuable supply route to be secured against possible enemy infiltrations and surprise assaults. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class JOSEPH J. TALLIFER, 31391192, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. During a bitter enemy attack, several casualties were sustained in Pfc. Tallifer's company. Realizing that prompt evacuation and treatment of the wounded was imperative, Pfc. Tallifer, without regard for personal safety, exposed himself to concentrated enemy mortar fire to reach the men. Despite the extreme danger involved, Pfc. Tallifer unhesitatingly made six trips across the shell swept field, successfully evacuating all casualties. Devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and great courage were reflected in all of Pfc. Tallifer's actions. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private CARL ELGESTAD, 39602624, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While placing their 57mm antitank gun into position to protect a vital supply route, Pvt. Elgestad and the other members of his antitank squad were subjected to intense enemy shelling. Suddenly threatened by exploding ammunition of a nearby enemy abandoned ammunition dump that had suffered several direct hits, Pvt. Elgestad and the men in his squad exposed themselves to remove the endangered gun and a half-track vehicle. They successfully moved the vehicle and gun to new positions and proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment to the seriously wounded. Pvt. Elgestad's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the vitally needed antitank gun and half-track vehicle, thereby enabling the valuable supply route to be secured against possible enemy infiltrations and surprise assaults. Entered military service from Montana.

V-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MILITARY
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 28 September 1945, as amended the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant MARION O. BROOKS, 01294611, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 February 1945 in the vicinity of Schleiden, Germany. Observing a man fall seriously wounded, Lt. Brooks stopped his vehicle and unhesitatingly made his way to the casualty. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire, crossed the open terrain to the man's position, and carried him back to his vehicle. Lt. Brooks capably administered effective emergency medical treatment and evacuated the man to the Battalion Aid Station. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant NORMAN F. McNEIL, 01290636, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 April 1945 in the vicinity of Aschersleben, Germany. Although subjected to intense enemy fire, Lt. McNeil moved forward with the assault elements of the Infantry to reconnoiter and select strategic firing positions for his antitank guns. Informed of the presence of a hostile force by German civilians, he unhesitatingly made his way to the location and directed a heavy volume of accurate fire at their position, forcing the enemy riflemen to withdraw. He then searched the entire area and, when insured that no hostile elements remained, Lt. McNeil moved the antitank guns into position. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in securing positions from where the assault units could be effectively supported. Entered military service from New York.

VI-AMENDMENT OF ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders 107, Headquarters, Ninth Infantry Division, dated 27 June 1945 as pertains to Award of Bronze Star Medal for Merit for Major CLYDE J. RADEMACHER, 0327536, Medical Corps, United States Army, is amended to read: "during the period 17 March 1943 to 11 April 1943 in Tunisia."

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

Private ROBERT S. EDDY, 13200789, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Strodt, Germany. Observing that the assault elements of the Infantry were being subjected to heavy fire by a Mark V Tank, Pvt. Eddy unhesitatingly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to crawl to a point within fifty yards of the tank. Although wounded and under direct enemy observation and fire, he remained at his hazardous position in order to effectively direct and adjust accurate artillery fire upon the enemy tank. When an enemy patrol attempted to capture him, he withstood the patrol with accurate small arms fire and continued to call for fire upon the enemy tank, which had been reinforced by several others. Pvt. Eddy's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions resulted in the withdrawal of the enemy armored vehicles and in the complete disorganization of the enemy troops in the sector. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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

Staff Sergeant EARL BROMLEY, (then Private First Class), 16011953, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 April 1945 in the vicinity of Siptenfeld, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, Sgt. Bromley's squad was subjected to intense enemy small arms fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Bromley unhesitatingly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire to lead his men forward in an assault of the emplacements. Although wounded three times, he refused all medical treatment but continued to direct and control the fire and movement of his men. Sgt. Bromley's bold and fearless leadership contributed materially to the successful rout of the enemy troops in the sector. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. SALO, (then Private), 37170385, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Siptenfeld, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. Realizing immediately the seriousness of the situation, Pfc. Salo unhesitatingly exposed himself to direct enemy observation and intense rocket and small arms fire in order to man his .50 caliber machine gun. Bringing a heavy volume of intense and accurate fire to bear on the enemy at point blank range, he singlehandedly dispersed the assaulting enemy forces. Pfc. Salo's bold and fearless actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

III-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technical Ser JOHN E. TOLSKI, (then Staff Sergeant),

Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallant action in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Linz-am-Rhein, Germany. During an advance against strongly fortified enemy positions, Sgt. Wolski's assault platoon was subjected to intense enemy tank fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Wolski immediately secured a sound-powered telephone and worked his way forward to a point of vantage from which he could observe the four tanks holding up the advance of his platoon. Although exposed to withering enemy fire, he remained at his hazardous position and directed and adjusted a heavy volume of accurate artillery fire on the enemy tanks. Sgt. Wolski's aggressive initiative, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions enabled his unit to continue its assault on the enemy intrenchments and contributed materially to the successful capture of the objective. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IV-AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH J. JOYCE, 01080294, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Linz-am-Rhein, Germany. Advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, Lt. Joyce unhesitatingly led his men forward under a heavy enemy barrage in an assault of the emplacements. With complete disregard for personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to direct enemy observation and fire in order to direct and control the fire and movement of his men. Routing the enemy, he then quickly deployed his men in effective defensive positions. Although wounded, he refused to be evacuated until the enemy strong point had been completely secured. Lt. Joyce's tactical skill, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant BERNARD V. HAXBY, 0548640, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 9 March 1945 in the vicinity of Linz-am-Rhein, Germany. Leading his platoon forward in a swift advance, Lt. Haxby engaged and routed an enemy patrol. Although subjected to intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to direct and control the fire and movement of his men. Assaulting the enemy emplacements, they forced the enemy to withdraw. He then quickly deployed his men in effective defensive positions and directed his men in the repulsing of several fierce enemy counterattacks. Lt. Haxby's tactical skill, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions contributed materially to the securing of a strategic position behind the enemy lines. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant IRA D. HEATON, (then Sergeant), 35074070, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Roth, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sgt. Heaton quickly displaced his machine gun section forward to a point of vantage from which a heavy volume of accurate fire could be directed on the enemy emplacements. Although one of the guns was disabled by enemy fire, he repeatedly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire to direct and control the fire of his men. Sgt. Heaton's tactical skill, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions insured the attacking Infantrymen of effective covering fire and contributed materially to the taking of seventy-five prisoners. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ALVIN E. THORP, JR., (then Corporal), 52065684, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. While displacing forward, Sgt. Thorp's antitank gun squad observed several enemy tanks approaching. Immediately assisting in maneuvering his antitank gun into an effective firing position, Sgt. Thorp then promptly assumed his position as

gunner. Although subjected to intense enemy fire, he remained at his hazardous position until the tanks had approached to within twenty-five yards of his position. Opening fire on the enemy armored vehicles he continued to deliver a heavy volume of accurate fire against the enemy until his gun was neutralized. Quickly reorganizing the squad, Sgt. Thorp deployed the men in defensive positions to assist the Infantry, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Delaware.

Corporal ALEX D'ANGELO, (then Private First Class), 32000819, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945 in the vicinity of Alt Astenburg, Germany. While acting as the scout for an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon patrol, Cpl. D'Angelo encountered a column of over 100 enemy soldiers who were forming on the road with weapons and vehicles in preparation for a counterattack. With complete disregard for personal safety, he unhesitatingly dismounted from his vehicle and engaged the enemy in a fire fight. Delivering accurate rifle fire into the enemy ranks, he disorganized and dispersed the enemy troops and gave his patrol an opportunity to withdraw its vehicles to safety. He then called for and directed a heavy volume of artillery fire upon the enemy assembly area. Cpl. D'Angelo's bold and fearless actions resulted in the complete neutralization of the proposed enemy thrust. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class ALPHONSE B. SANDERS, 38657759, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 April 1945 in the vicinity of Freidrichbrunn, Germany. While on duty at an outpost, Pfc. Sanders became aware of the movement of troops approximately fifty yards to his flank. Ascertaining that they were enemy troops, he crawled forward to a point of vantage and observed that the enemy soldiers were preparing a road block and defensive positions. He then returned to his post and called for a heavy volume of accurate mortar fire on the enemy position. Pfc. Sanders' skillful direction and adjustment of the mortar fire resulted in the destruction of the enemy fortification, killing and wounding twenty of the enemy and completely routing the remainder. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant CORNELIUS J. GRIFFIN, 32358022, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While placing their 57mm antitank gun into position to protect a vital supply route, Sgt. Griffin and the other members of his antitank squad were subjected to intense enemy shelling. Suddenly threatened by exploding ammunition in a nearby enemy abandoned ammunition dump that had suffered several direct hits, Sgt. Griffin and the men in his squad unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the flying shrapnel to remove the endangered gun and a half-track vehicle. They successfully moved the vehicle and gun to new positions and then proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment to all casualties in the vicinity. Sgt. Griffin's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the vitally needed antitank gun and half-track vehicle, thereby enabling the valuable supply route to be secured against possible enemy infiltrations and surprise assaults. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal DAVID J. KIDD, 35027676, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While placing their 57mm antitank gun into position to protect a vital supply route, Cpl. Kidd and the other members of his antitank squad were subjected to intense enemy shelling. Suddenly threatened by exploding ammunition in a nearby enemy abandoned ammunition dump that had suffered several direct hits, Cpl. Kidd and the men in his squad unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the flying shrapnel to remove the endangered gun and a half-track vehicle. They successfully moved the vehicle and gun to new positions and then proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment to all casualties in the vicinity. Cpl. Kidd's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the vitally needed antitank gun and half-

track vehicle, thereby enabling the valuable supply route to be secured against possible enemy infiltrations and surprise assaults. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class DAVID B. REYNOLDS, 35153889, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Kalenborn, Germany. While placing their 57mm antitank gun into position to protect a vital supply route, Pfc. Reynolds and the other members of his antitank squad were subjected to intense enemy shelling. Suddenly threatened by exploding ammunition in a nearby enemy abandoned ammunition dump that had suffered several direct hits, Pfc. Reynolds and the men in his squad unhesitatingly exposed themselves to the flying shrapnel to remove the endangered gun and a half-track vehicle. They successfully moved the vehicle and gun to new positions and then proceeded to administer emergency medical treatment to all casualties. Pfc. Reynolds' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the vitally needed antitank gun and half-track vehicle, thereby enabling the valuable supply route to be secured against possible enemy infiltrations and surprise assaults. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Sergeant RALPH C. PRIEBE, 37197823, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hargarten, Germany. During an attack in his sector, Sgt. Priebe's tank destroyer was disabled and two of the crew members were wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Priebe voluntarily remained behind and helped one of the wounded, who could not walk, across an open field which was subjected to devastating enemy fire. Sgt. Priebe's courageous actions were responsible for saving his crew members' life, and were a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant JAMES L. WIGINTON, (then Sergeant), 38069031, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 24 June 1944 in the vicinity of Flottesmonville-Hague, France. Advancing against strongly fortified enemy positions, Sgt. Wiginton, in order to deliver accurate and effective fire on enemy tanks and gun emplacements, moved his section of tank destroyers to forward and exposed positions. Although he was under direct enemy observation and fire, he repeatedly exposed himself in order to control and direct the fire of his section. Sgt. Wiginton's courageous actions resulted in the destruction of an enemy tank and enabled his unit to attain its objectives, contributing materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant MILTON H. DEARING, 38177129, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 February 1945 in the vicinity of Dreibern, Germany. During a bitter fight with the enemy, Sgt. Dearing's platoon was desperately in need of fuel and ammunition. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Dearing voluntarily exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to find a trail through deep snow leading to the supply dumps. Succeeding in doing so, he carried the urgently needed materials to his platoon, enabling it to take and hold their objective. Sgt. Dearing's devotion to duty and aggressive initiative contributed greatly to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Arkansas.

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 28 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain CYRIL P. DARGAY, 0443289, Medical Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain PHILIP ECKSTEIN, 0537032, Dental Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Captain HAROLD C. STERLICH, 5575, Dental Corps, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant JAMES W. ALVEY, JR., 0525335, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant JERRY E. CASTLE, 01319479, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant CLIFFORD G. PURVIS, 01314837, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant WALLACE B. SCHWAB, 01321956, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 9 October 1944 to 9 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant JAMES E. SHIRLEY, 01320190, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant GEORGE B. SHREWSBURY, 01315377, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 5 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant WALTER P. WASSERMAN, 01310793, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Sergeant JOE R. COOPER, 38012953, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 29 June 1944 in France. Entered military service from New Mexico.

First Sergeant HARRY M. RHORER, JR., 39315830, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Oregon.

First Sergeant WALTER C. WEBSTER, (then Technical Sergeant), 20250823, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant JAMES D. DUDDERAR, 35808911, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant THOMAS W. HATTON, 36569760, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant BERTON P. FELEMAN, 33572768, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 11 June 1944 to 22 September 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant KARL L. KLOPPER, 32734810, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant BILL MARTIN, 34172119, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant HOWARD K. MUSICK, 33090775, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 27 September 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technical Sergeant FRANK J. PRIHODA, (then Staff Sergeant), 79157984, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 September 1944 to 10 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM E. TIMMONS, 35763282, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 26 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant JERRY UVA, 32568198, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant LESTER S. BARTHOLOMEY, 33137025, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ALVIE R. BELL, (then Sergeant), 33904591, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant FRED J. BELL, 35055725, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant GLAUCO T. BRANDON, 6661699, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. DeLONG, 35898359, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 16 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM E. HANSEN, JR., 35048534, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant NICK HILBERT, JR., (then Technician Fifth Grade), 36697823, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. KADLUBOSKI, 35281648, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant LAVERNE E. KENT, 16053654, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. LEAMAN, (then Sergeant), 35413453, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant LOWELL N. LODEN, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 34349487, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. LYNCH, 37732003, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JOHN T. MILLIKEN, (then Private First Class), 35219295, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH SCHETTINI, 32644317, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 24 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES E. WAHL, 42130306, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant DONALD L. CORDELLI, (then Corporal), 33604794, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant ALPHONSE C. DI ANGELO, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33266344, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOHN J. DICKENSON, (then Private First Class), 31069105, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 18 June 1944 to 18 August 1944 in France. Entered military service from Vermont.

Sergeant ROBERT J. FRANTZ, (then Private), 35246597, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant JOHN M. MOOHESNEY, JR., 33442717, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Sergeant GROVER D. MOSS, 34171186, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant EDWARD F. POWERS, JR., (then Technician Fifth Grade), 33582283, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant EDWARD S. RAUKTIS, 33370556, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. SEXTON, 35626517, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant PAUL SANDUSKY, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 35100500, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade PETE BORGOGNONI, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 34134042, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES J. BURPA, JR., (then Technician Fifth Grade), 36768654, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade LEWIS G. CONSTABLE, 33101570, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 June 1944 to 6 September 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade HERMAN P. DURANTE, 31049942, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade ONA LANGLEY, 34106719, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN V. THOMPSON, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 37012092, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal JAMES J. DONAHUE, 33184242, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal CHARLES M. WADDLE, 37127891, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 31 September 1944 in France. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE BORIS, 33263668, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 September 1944 to 30 November 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade SAM S. BRUNO, (then Private First Class), 32772931, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND J. CARROLL, 32351144, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK A. CORPOLINO, (then Private First Class), 35066129, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 December 1944 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade CLARENCE L. DAVIDSON, 36166260, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade RAY F. DEMERAY, 36166277, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 December 1944 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade GORDON L. FOSTER, 16021078, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade ADAM W. KRASUCKI, (then Private First Class) 6124302, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE LOHANICK, 35312273, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 July 1944 to 6 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM C. SCHNEIDER, 16096917, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade SHERMAN W. WALBURN, 37285623, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in France. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK WIEGZOREK, 36892248, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade FABER L. WILLIAMS, (then Private), 33257758, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAMES R. ALEXANDER, 39383922, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class MOSES ANDERSON, 34108195, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class OLEY B. BAKER, 35560153, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class STANLEY P. BIENISK, 31370128, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 25 December 1944 to 25 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class BENJAMIN BOSCO, 32539414, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class JEROME E. BOWLES, 33752595, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class JOHN O. BURRIES, 35091446, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 8 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class ALBERT L. CARR, JR., 33416432, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CLIFFORD D. DAVIS, 34152261, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM S. DUDLEY, 37725277, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class JOE A. FLORES, 37236267, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 15 September 1944 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class DONALD R. FOWLER, 33263718, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 10 June 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HARRISON H. GREEN, 16141099, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class WALTER J. LABAJ, 32919359, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 1 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class CHESTER L. PIRTLE, 36539811, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 5 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class THOMAS I. SAUNDERS, 36572884, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class BERNARD H. SMITH, 35261968, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 July 1944 to 6 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class JOHN P. TAYLOR, 33577038, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 6 July 1944 to 6 October 1944 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WALTER W. WARRICK, 33673450, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VI-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM.
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended the Oak Leaf Cluster to the bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant FRANCIS J. NUGENT, 01288285, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Windhagen, Germany. While moving forward to support the assault elements of the Infantry, Lt. Nugent's platoon was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Observing a half-track vehicle set on fire by a direct hit, he unhesitatingly rushed forward to help the seriously wounded occupants of the burning vehicle. Although under direct enemy observation and fire, Lt. Nugent remained in his exposed position until all the casualties had been removed from the vehicle and evacuated to a point of safety. Lt. Nugent's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant PETER O. SANDBERG, 01308385, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945 in the vicinity of Zuschen, Germany. Leading his men forward to cover a road in order to prevent an expected thrust by armored enemy elements, Lt. Sandberg's platoon was subjected to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire to select strategic firing positions for his guns. Lt. Sandberg's expert leadership, tactical skill, and courageous actions were instrumental in establishing an effective road block, preventing an enemy break through in that section. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant JOHN M. MCCHESENEY, JR., 33442717, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of Geich, Germany. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Sgt. McChesney observed the building, in which the company's howitzer ammunition was stored, suffer a direct artillery hit, setting it afire. With complete disregard for personal safety he rushed into the blazing inferno, remaining there until he had removed all of the vitally needed ammunition. Shortly afterwards, when supporting fire was requested by the assaulting elements, Sgt. McChesney ran 200 yards through intense enemy artillery fire to deliver fire data from the fire direction center to the gun battery. Sgt. McChesney's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative insured the attacking riflemen of effective supporting fire and contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE J. FOREMAN, (then Sergeant), 33233957, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ballenstadt, Germany. While riding in the lead vehicle of a motorized patrol, Sgt. Foreman observed several enemy Infantrymen in a nearby woods. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to deploy his men and direct their firepower. Then working his way around to the rear of the hostile group, he opened fire on the enemy force, killing two, wounding one and capturing the remaining four. Sgt. Foreman's courageous actions and aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant VERNON H. VAN BRAMER, 32066637, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. While crossing a bridge spanning the Rhine River, Sgt. Van Bramer's vehicle was subjected to an attack by six enemy aircraft. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Van Bramer manned the .50 caliber machine gun on his vehicle and delivered an effective volume of fire against the hostile aircraft. Sgt. Van

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Bramer's courageous actions and aggressive initiative were instrumental in the failure of the enemy aircraft to accomplish their mission. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant MICHAEL S. VAXMONSKY, 12082114, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Oberkirchen, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile positions, Sgt. Vaxmonsky's platoon was subjected to intense fire from three enemy self-propelled guns. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. Vaxmonsky exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to direct tank support against the enemy guns, forcing them to withdraw. On numerous occasions, Sgt. Vaxmonsky displayed aggressive leadership in the deployment and fire control of his platoon, enabling his unit to secure objectives with a minimum of casualties. Sgt. Vaxmonsky's courageous actions contributed to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VII-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

First Lieutenant JOHN F. HIGGINS, JR., 01299336, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant THEODORE C. HUKK, 01321187, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 July 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant PASCAL E. CALHOUN, 34722388, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant VERE C. STEPHENS, (then Technician Fourth Grade 35570275, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES C. SCHOETTLE, (then Private First Class), 35508583, Infantry, United States Army, during the period 1 January 1945 to 31 March 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

VIII-REVOCATION OF ORDERS. So much of Section VI, General Orders 109, Headquarters, Ninth Infantry Division, dated 1 July 1945, as pertains to the Award of Purple Heart to Technician Fifth Grade JOE T. BENNETT, 38217966, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

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

First Lieutenant LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, JR., 01313803, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944 in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Germany. When the assaulting platoons were forced to withdraw temporarily for the purpose of reorganization because of intense enemy fire, Lt. Schneider immediately emplaced his machine gun platoon in an effective firing position to give cover to the withdrawing riflemen. After new defensive positions had been established, he then exposed himself to the heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in order to supervise and assist in the carrying of the machine guns and boxes of ammunition to the rear. Making four trips across the fire swept terrain to insure that all of the equipment had been removed, he then deployed his men along the new line of defense. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lt. Schneider made two more trips into the interdicted area in order to give first aid to the wounded and to help evacuate them to the rear. His bold and fearless actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant FRANCIS J. PICARD, (then Staff Sergeant), 31035709, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 20 November 1944 in the vicinity of Nothberg, Germany. While providing covering fire for the assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Picard's Machine Gun Section had to be moved in order to continue effective support. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he reconnoitered and selected the new positions. Despite the intense enemy fire, Sgt. Picard then directed the emplacements of the guns at strategic points and remained exposed to the enemy fire to direct a heavy volume of accurate fire on the enemy concentrations, enabling the assaulting Infantry to take their objectives. Although seriously wounded, he refused to be evacuated until the operations had been successfully executed. Sgt. Picard's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were, at all times, a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant RALPH B. DeFOREST, (then Private First Class), 31048435, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Luchen, Germany. Exploding mines seriously wounded several litter bearers who had entered a mine field to remove casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sgt. DeForest and one other man unhesitatingly moved to the mine field to find a safe path to the casualties. Unable to employ a mine detector, they probed the ground with their bayonets and marked the cleared area. Although working in the dark and under enemy fire, they successfully carried out their hazardous mission, enabling the casualties to be evacuated to rear Aid Stations. Sgt. DeForest's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class RALPH E. EHNSTROM, 31388745, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 November 1945 in the vicinity of Gressenich, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions with assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Ehnstrom's squad was subjected to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Realizing the squad's

precarious condition, he voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety moved forward with smoke grenades to the enemy emplacement. The smoke grenades, hurled with deadly accuracy, effectively screened his squad's movements, enabling them to withdraw to a position of safety. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the men of the squad. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOHN C. SHAFFER, 37241203, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. During an advance against strongly defended enemy positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were subjected to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Observing a man fall seriously wounded, Pfc. Shaffer unhesitatingly exposed himself to direct enemy observation and withering fire to go to the aid of the wounded man. With complete disregard for personal safety, he picked up the casualty and carried him across 100 yards of open terrain to a point of comparative security. Pfc. Shaffer's bold and fearless actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private JOHN M. WILSON, 36988783, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 16 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notscheid, Germany. While carrying ammunition to his machine gun squad located in a nearby building, Pfc. Wilson was subjected to intense enemy fire. Finding the machine gun position abandoned, he lowered the gun to the ground by means of a rope, despite the fact that the building was receiving direct artillery hits. Quickly manning the machine gun, Pvt. Wilson provided effective supporting fire for the assault elements of the Infantry. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in enabling the attacking units to successfully take their objective with a minimum of casualties. Pvt. Wilson's aggressive initiative and courageous actions were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel WALTER O. BEETS, 0279753, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hambach, Germany. While Colonel Beets was briefing and issuing final instructions to reconnaissance parties, the group was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Hearing cries for help from seriously wounded occupants of a nearby vehicle, Colonel Beets unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety exposed himself to the enemy fire to go to the aid of the casualties. With the assistance of another man, Colonel Beets removed the wounded to a position of comparative safety where they capably administered effective emergency medical treatment. Colonel Beets' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

II-AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH ZUBA, 31008948, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hambach, Germany. While receiving final instructions for the occupation of firing positions, Sgt. Zuba's Reconnaissance Party was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Hearing cries for help from seriously wounded occupants of a nearby vehicle, Sgt. Zuba unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety exposed himself to the enemy fire to go to the aid of the casualties. With the assistance of another man, Sgt. Zuba removed the wounded to a position of comparative safety where they capably administered effective emergency medical treatment. Sgt. Zuba's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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

Technical Sergeant CASIMIR V. SZUKALSKI, (then Private First Class), 32375374, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Despite intense enemy shelling of the immediate area, Sgt. Szukalski and two other men moved forward to clear and provide a safe route for vehicles through an enemy mine field. Although constantly under direct enemy observation and fire, they successfully located and removed the mines, marking the cleared zone to insure a safe passage for the waiting armored vehicles. Sgt. Szukalski's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in allowing the Armored elements to continue their advance, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant JOHN W. ARNOLD, 38683226, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945 in the vicinity of Erl, Germany. While advancing with assault elements of the Infantry against strongly defended enemy emplacements, Sgt. Arnold's Company was subjected to intense enemy fire. Observing his Platoon Sergeant fall seriously wounded, he voluntarily, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, went to the aid of the wounded Sergeant. Suddenly assaulted by several enemy riflemen, Sgt. Arnold opened fire, wounding two and forcing the remainder to flee in confusion. He then capably administered effective emergency medical treatment and removed the casualty to a rear Aid Station. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant SAM N. BATTISTA, 35011581, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Apperode, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended hostile positions, Sgt. Battista's squad was subjected to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to deploy his men and direct their firepower. Sgt. Battista's devotion to duty, aggressive leadership, and courageous actions were instrumental in the neutralizing of the enemy fortification, killing fifteen, wounding one, and capturing twenty-four of the enemy personnel. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JIMMY CHAMARRO, (then Corporal), 35262607, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Monschau, Germany. At dawn, Sgt. Chamarro assisted his squad in getting his antitank gun into a position, exposed to enemy mortar fire, in order to fire at an enemy pillbox. Completely ignoring constant enemy machine gun fire, he fired round after round into the fortification, despite the fact that the gun slid back several feet on the ice after each shot and required a completely new lay before again firing. Sgt. Chamarro's actions resulted in the taking of the pillbox and a number of prisoners without a casualty to the attacking force. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH R. COVERT, 36656778, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 11 March 1945 in the vicinity of Erl, Germany. During a fierce attack against strongly defended enemy fortifications, Sgt. Covert observed three men fall seriously wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, he crossed open terrain that was being subjected to intense enemy artillery fire to reach the casualties. Despite the continued heavy fire he administered emergency medical treatment and succeeded in removing the three wounded men to a position of safety. Sgt. Covert's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative were instrumental in saving the lives of three men. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant BENJAMIN D. HULL, 39476435, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Bigge, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions by elements of the Infantry, the radio communications became difficult to maintain due to interference from a powerful German radio. Unhesitatingly, Sgt. Hull and one other squad leader led their squads to the enemy observation post suspected of creating the interference. With complete disregard for personal safety they advanced to within twenty-five yards of the post, hurled hand grenades with deadly accuracy and delivered a heavy volume of rifle fire, succeeding in killing the enemy officer in command and several of his operators. Sgt. Hull's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in securing clear reception over the radio, enabling the assault elements to coordinate their operations. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS J. LEONARD, (then Private First Class), 33408898, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Velmede, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions by assault elements of the Infantry, Sgt. Leonard's Platoon was subjected to intense enemy tank and rifle fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the need for rapid advance, Sgt. Leonard and one other man unhesitatingly made their way to a nearby house. From their commanding position both men hurled hand grenades with deadly accuracy and delivered a heavy volume of effective automatic and rifle fire at the armored vehicles and enemy Infantrymen. The ferocity of their attack killed two and wounded many of the enemy, forcing the remainder to withdraw in disorder. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled his Platoon to successfully take its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant FERMIN R. WATTS, (then Private First Class), 38439313, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Vettlescoess, Germany. While in a defensive position, Sgt. Watt's unit was suddenly subjected to a heavy enemy counterattack. Despite numerous casualties, Sgt. Watts remained in a forward position and succeeded in pinning the enemy Infantrymen down with his accurate rifle fire. Leaping from his foxhole, Sgt. Watts then led his squad forward, capturing twenty seven prisoners and completely frustrating the enemy advance in his sector. Sgt. Watts' actions contributed materially to the success of his unit's defense. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant J. C. WILLIAMS, 34965064, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Bigge, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions by elements of the Infantry, the radio communications became difficult to maintain due to interference from a powerful German radio. Unhesitatingly, Sgt. Williams and one other squad leader led their squads to the enemy observation post suspected of creating the interference. With complete disregard for personal safety they advanced to within twenty-five yards of the post, hurled hand grenades with deadly accuracy and delivered a heavy volume of rifle fire, succeeding in killing the enemy officer in command and several of his operators. Sgt. Williams' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in securing clear reception over the radio, enabling the assault elements to coordinate their operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal ELMER BERTA, 36313126, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. While crossing a bridge spanning the Rhine River, Cpl. Berta's vehicle was subjected to an attack by six enemy aircraft. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Berta manned the .50 caliber machine gun on his vehicle and delivered an effective volume of fire against the hostile aircraft. Cpl. Berta's courageous actions and aggressive initiative were instrumental in the failure of the enemy aircraft to accomplish their mission. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. BRACE, JR., 4202344, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in the vicinity of Heimersheim, Germany. Observing the approach of two enemy tanks, Pfc. Brace immediately opened fire with his rocket launcher and disabled one of the tanks. While moving from his position, he saw several men fall seriously wounded in an exposed area subjected to intense fire from a rapidly approaching German vehicle. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Brace discharged his rocket launcher at the vehicle, neutralizing it and killing all of the occupants. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men and neutralizing two enemy armored vehicles. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class EARL C. CROOK, 34838288, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 March 1945 in the vicinity of Apperde, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended hostile positions, Pfc. Crook's squad was subjected to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Crook moved from one position to another, delivering a withering hail of fire from his BAR at enemy targets. Pfc. Crook's courageous action, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative were instrumental in the killing of fifteen Germans, wounding one, capturing twenty-four, and the neutralizing of the hostile position. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class PAUL J. DWORAK, (then Private), 59564029, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Velmede, Germany. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions by assault elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Dworak's Platoon was subjected to intense enemy tank and rifle fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the need for rapid advance, Pfc. Dworak and one other man unhesitatingly made their way to a nearby house. From their commanding position both men hurled hand grenades with deadly accuracy and delivered a heavy volume of effective automatic and rifle fire at the armored vehicles and enemy Infantrymen. The ferocity of their attack killed two and wounded many of the enemy, forcing the remainder to withdraw in disorder. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions enabled his Platoon to successfully take its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class FRANK A. HELTON, 34897204, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 March 1945 in the vicinity of Olenberg, Germany. During a fierce enemy counterattack it became necessary for Pfc. Helton's heavy machine gun squad to deliver a heavy volume of fire at the advancing hostile forces. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Helton exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to cross open terrain in an effort to procure vital ammunition from the Platoon supply point. Pfc. Helton made three trips over the hazardous route, enabling his squad to continue their fast rate of fire and contributing materially to the repulsing of the enemy thrust. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class LEO M. HOUWELING, 19311731, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of Ehrenberg, Germany. Assuming command of his squad during a fierce assault on enemy positions, Pfc. Houweling repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy rocket, machine gun, and small arms fire to direct and control the fire and movement of his men. Subjected to intense, close range rocket fire by enemy forces in a nearby emplacement, he quickly brought a heavy volume of accurate BAR fire to bear on the enemy group and singlehandedly stormed the position. His bold and courageous actions resulted in the neutralization of the intrenchment and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class JOHN JACOBS, 35067919, Medical Department, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 January 1945 in the vicinity of

Hofen, Germany. Observing a man fall seriously wounded, Pfc. Jacobs and another litter bearer, unhesitatingly went to the aid of the casualty. With complete disregard for personal safety, they crossed a bridge under direct enemy observation and machine gun fire and successfully evacuated the wounded man to an Aid Station. Pfc. Jacobs' devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man by securing prompt emergency medical treatment. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class CHARLES M. MOORE, 33064239, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany. While crossing a bridge spanning the Rhine River, Pfc. Moore was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Despite a direct hit on the bridge, Pfc. Moore, although badly shaken, continued on his mission to deliver messages of vital importance to the advance elements. Pfc. Moore made four round trips over the hazardous bridge, delivering sorely needed tank and mortar ammunition, contributing materially to the repulsing of an enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class DANIEL J. POULTNEY, 12005409, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 30 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. In a defensive position, Pfc. Poultney's unit was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. One of the exploding shells landed directly in the Battalion's Command Post causing a number of casualties. After first aid had been given to those men, it was imperative that they should be immediately evacuated because of the intensely cold weather. Pfc. Poultney unhesitatingly, and without regard for personal safety, volunteered to carry the wounded through the enemy fire to the litter jeeps. Pfc. Poultney made four such trips, and his actions undoubtedly saved the lives of four wounded comrades. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class MELVIN E. TILLMAN, 34057627, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in the vicinity of Abendon, Germany. While removing a road block so that supporting tanks could reach the advance elements of the Infantry, Pfc. Tillman and another man were subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Despite adverse weather conditions, the two men worked all night to successfully complete their hazardous mission, enabling the capture of the objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Florida.

Private VERNON BENSHOOF, 37441416, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 March 1945 in the vicinity of Abendon, Germany. While removing a road block so that supporting tanks could reach the advance elements of the Infantry, Pvt. Benshoof and another man were subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Despite adverse weather conditions, the two men worked all night to successfully complete their hazardous mission, enabling the capture of the objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private WARREN H. FULLERTON, 42140997, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 4 March 1945 in the vicinity of Revenich, Germany. While moving forward with assault elements of the Infantry, the supporting armored vehicles were halted by an enemy mine field. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pvt. Fullerton and one other man unhesitatingly made their way to the mined area. Although aware of the proximity of enemy troops and exposed to concentrated enemy fire, they successfully removed the mines and enabled the supporting armored vehicles to move safely to their objectives. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private JAMES S. MURPHY, 38711924, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Despite intense enemy shelling of the immediate area, Pvt. Murphy and two

other men moved forward to clear and provide a safe route for vehicles through an enemy mine field. Although constantly under direct enemy observation and fire, they successfully located and removed the mines, marking the cleared zone to insure a safe passage for the waiting armored vehicles. Pvt. Murphy's devotion to duty, complete disregard for personal safety, and courageous actions were instrumental in allowing the Armored elements to continue their advance, contributing materially to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private ARTHUR L. SUTTER, 36525312, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 6 March 1945 in the vicinity of Hemingheim, Germany. While moving toward a Forward Observation Post, Pvt. Sutter, a Radio Operator, was subjected to intense artillery fire, prelude to a fierce enemy counterattack. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pvt. Sutter, carrying his radio, ran four hundred yards across open terrain in full view of the enemy to reach the observation post. Pvt. Sutter's courageous actions insured the constant flow of communications and enabled accurate artillery fire to repulse the hostile attack. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant RONALD M. NORTON, (then Second Lieutenant), 01822304, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Friedrichsbaum, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile positions, the assault elements of the Infantry were halted by the intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lt. Norton exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to direct the deployment and fire power of his platoon of Tank Destroyers. Lt. Norton's courageous actions and aggressive leadership were instrumental in the neutralizing of the hostile emplacements, enabling the Infantry to continue their advance with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERIT. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

Captain CHARLES R. STEIN, 01182970, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant BENNETT J. KNIGHT, 38241198, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Third Grade CARL T. JOHNSON, 33021628, Medical Department, United States Army, during the period 7 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the European Theater of Operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

V--AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain JACOB M. KROLO, 01172956, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Notschied, Germany. During a fierce aerial bombardment, Capt. Krolo's battery suffered a direct hit, setting fire to powder charges and fuses. Despite the continued enemy attack and the danger from the rapidly growing blaze, Capt. Krolo unhesitatingly proceeded to extinguish the fire. Through his courageous actions and aggressive leadership, vital ammunition and equipment were saved, contributing materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal HARRY R. COLEY, 34210233, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 February 1945 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. During a fierce enemy artillery and mortar barrage, vital wire lines

between the Observation Post and Firing Batteries were severed. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Coley exposed himself on numerous occasions to the intense enemy fire to repair broken lines of communication. Cpl. Coley's courageous actions and technical skill insured consistently efficient communications, enabling accurate supporting fire to be delivered on enemy targets. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Corporal EDWARD J. KUTIL, 36203921, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Kalterherberg, Germany. During a fierce enemy artillery and mortar barrage, vital wire lines between the Observation Post and Firing Batteries were severed. With complete disregard for personal safety, Cpl. Kutil exposed himself on numerous occasions to the intense enemy fire to repair broken lines of communication. Cpl. Kutil's courageous actions and technical skill insured consistently efficient communications, enabling accurate supporting fire to be delivered on enemy targets. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

d. VI-AMENDMENT OF ORDERS. So much of Section IV, General Orders 17, Headquarters, Ninth Infantry Division, dated 27 January 1945, as pertains to the Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal for Heroism to Sergeant ROBERT H. NEWSWANGER, 33233510, Field Artillery, United States Army, as reads: "on 12 December 1944 in Germany", is amended to read: "on 11 December 1944 in Germany".

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

Private First Class LOUIS J. SCARPA, 32450394, Medical Department United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 11 February 1945 in the vicinity of Schmidt, Germany. During a fierce attack against strongly defended hostile emplacements, the assaulting elements were subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, resulting in numerous casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Scarpa exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to administer emergency medical treatment to the wounded. Throughout the attack, Pfc. Scarpa remained in the fire swept area to treat casualties and assist in their evacuation. As the assault progressed, he established a Forward Aid Station and remained at his hazardous post despite the devastating volume of fire directed at him. Pfc. Scarpa's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and technical skill contributed materially to the saving of many lives. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant MARVIN P. R. GLOVER, (then Sergeant), 38286357, Armored, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on 18 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ordorf, Germany. While advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, the assaulting armored elements were subjected to devastating rocket fire from the rear by enemy Infantrymen that had been by-passed by the rapidly moving tanks. Although the hostile force directed a fierce and intense volume of fire at his tank, Sgt. Glover, displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, hurled hand grenades with deadly accuracy and delivered withering machine gun fire against the stubbornly resisting troops. Seeing several members of a tank crew in an exposed situation, he skillfully maneuvered his vehicle to them and removed them to a place of safety despite the continuous rocket fire. Sgt. Glover's devotion to duty, aggressive actions, and courageous leadership were instrumental in the destruction of a numerically superior enemy force and the elimination of a serious threat to units imposed by the presence of the pocket of resistance. Entered military service from Texas.

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

Captain JOHN RUDLOSKY, (then First Lieutenant), 01821918, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 10 October 1944 in the vicinity of Germeter, Germany. In order to establish a road block at a vital crossroad, Capt. Rudlosky's platoon was forced to use a route defended by a well entrenched enemy. With complete disregard for personal safety, Capt. Rudlosky drove his jeep to within fifty yards of the hostile positions to deliver a heavy volume of machine gun fire at enemy targets in an effort to divert their attention. While his platoon was moving toward the crossroads they suffered numerous casualties from the terrific artillery and mortar barrage directed at them. Despite the continued intensity of the enemy fire, Capt. Rudlosky personally manned a half-track vehicle and led the remainder of his platoon to the all important crossroads. Although subjected to continued enemy counterattacks, Capt. Rudlosky and three other men successfully defended their position for two days until relieved by reinforcements. Capt. Rudlosky's courageous actions, aggressive

leadership, and devotion to duty insured the securing of his objectives and contributed materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant RICHARD A. VSETECKA, 0516205, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 April 1945 in the vicinity of Osterwald, Germany. After reconnoitering the area to select firing positions, Lt. Vsetecka moved forward with his Mortar Platoon to support forward elements of the Infantry. Unable to proceed by vehicles because of the intense enemy fire and realizing the urgency of his mission, he decided to infiltrate the men and vehicles over the interdicted road. Although seriously wounded, Lt. Vsetecka exposed himself to the enemy fire to direct the infiltrating elements to their gun positions. He remained under direct enemy observation and fire to adjust and control the mortars in order to deliver an accurate concentration on the attacking enemy Infantry. Lt. Vsetecka's devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in providing the defenders with effective supporting fire, contributing materially to the successful repelling of the enemy thrust. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant TOIVO L. KYTO, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 16021059, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in the vicinity of Hofen, Germany. Seeing a man fall seriously wounded, Sgt. Kyto exposed himself to enemy observation and fire to rush to his aid. As the intensity of the enemy fire increased, Sgt. Kyto was forced to move the casualty to a point of safety before emergency medical treatment could be administered. Despite the tank and small arms fire directed at him, he succeeded in carrying the wounded man over five hundred yards of open terrain to a sheltered point. After treating the casualty, he carried him over seven hundred yards to a point where he could be evacuated to an Aid Station. Sgt. Kyto's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and aggressive initiative were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal WOODROW L. BRYANT, 33525333, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of St. Katherine, Germany. While moving forward to lay a mine field, Cpl. Bryant's squad was subjected to heavy enemy tank fire. Not wishing to jeopardize the lives of the men with him, he voluntarily made his way to the selected site with one other man. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. Bryant remained exposed to heavy enemy fire until he had mined the section. His devotion to duty, aggressive initiative, and courageous actions were instrumental in securing the area against enemy armored assaults, contributing materially to the success of the unit's operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class MUREL E. ELLE, 36523843, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 12 October 1944 in the vicinity of Zweifall, Germany. During an attack against strongly fortified hostile positions it became necessary to make frequent use of radio communications to insure accurate supporting fire from artillery units. Learning that the radio's batteries were rapidly weakening, Pfc. Elle volunteered to make the hazardous trip to procure the vital new batteries. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to enemy observation and fire while crossing open terrain. On the return trip, he was again subjected to the concentrated enemy fire but succeeded in completing his mission. Pfc. Elle's courageous actions and devotion to duty insured the constant flow of communications and the delivery of accurate supporting fire for the advance elements, contributing materially to the success of his unit's operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class JAMES A. ELMORE, 35648638, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 June 1944 in the vicinity of Cherbourg, France. While preparing defensive positions, Pfc. Elmore's squad was attacked from the rear by an enemy patrol. With complete disregard for personal safety, Pfc. Elmore rushed the hostile group, completely surprising