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OO #43, Hq 25th Inf Div, 14 Dec 43, continued.

✓ LAWRENCE W. MASSONE, 14053092, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Stockton, California.

✓ ALBERT O. BARIOLLETA, 20942171, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

29 JULY 1943

✓ JAMES V. NOEL, 37134977, Staff Sergeant, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ WILLIAM L. NOBLE, 14040667, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Fort Moultrie, South Carolina.

30 JULY 1943

✓ CHARLES R. BOUGENER, 39377456, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Seattle, Washington.

✓ JOE SALAS, 39231437, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California.

31 JULY 1943

✓ WILLIAM V. REACHEL, 20943845, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Prosser, Washington.

✓ THEODORE I. MALEK, 39389187, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

✓ OLYMAN J. PATTISON, 20929978, Private, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Glasgow, Montana.

1 AUGUST 1943

✓ WALTER TYLNIAK, 0-388497, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New York, New York.

2 AUGUST 1943

✓ LESTER J. BROWN, 6902299, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: North Tonawanda, New York.

✓ FRANK J. COBERTY, 6979057, Private, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: ~~East~~ Orange, New Jersey.

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OO #42, Hq 25th Inf Div, 14 Dec 43, continued.

3 AUGUST 1943

✓ ROBERT K. DICKEY, O-373542, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Walla Walla, Washington.

✓ EARL L. RAINS, O-1238617, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Francisco, California.

✓ MARTIN L. WILLIAMSON, 39156420, First Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Fulton, Missouri.

✓ IVOR L. JOHNSON, 19071128, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bridger, Montana.

✓ MERRIN B. KINDER, 37066200, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spurkle, Arkansas.

✓ LEWIS C. TINGLEY, 39022604, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Butte, Montana.

4 AUGUST 1943

✓ DAVID A. MANUCCI, 39160987, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bakersfield, California.

✓ JOHN L. TONER, 20944870, Corporal, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

✓ WILLIAM L. EVANS, 39677445, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Springfield, Ohio.

15 AUGUST 1943

✓ CHARLES SCHUMAN, O-1050070, Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New York, New York.

18 AUGUST 1943

✓ PRESLEY WILLIAMS, 38147270, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Dallas, Texas.

1 AUGUST 1943

✓ MAXWELL W. GILROY, 657 5, Private First Class, Engineer Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Portland, Oregon.

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OO #48, Hq 25th Inf Div, 14 Dec 43, continued.

18 SEPTEMBER 1943

✓ MERRITT E. COBE, 36510484, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Wyandotte, Michigan.

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Section

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART. I
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS II

I. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at New Georgia Island, on the date indicated:

24 JULY 1943

FRANK W. LANGE, 39576929, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Salt Lake City, Utah.

JOSEPH K. CALLERI, 39010740, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Soledad, California.

LLOYD L. NEWSHILL, 37155149, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Ceresco, Nebraska.

EDWARD J. DREYER, 39010679, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Santa Clara, California.

ANTHONY BENIGNIS, 32015796, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York.

25 JULY 1943

JOHN J. McCURT, 12028491, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York.

26 JULY 1943

ALBERT F. RATHDEBER, 20942311, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

JOSEPH C. HODGSON, 20944371, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Alver, Washington.

STANLEY E. KAITFORS, 37155230, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Ralph, North Dakota.

ELMER L. LOYD, 39081907, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Modesto, California.

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HARVEY J. PERRY, 20934617, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Medford, Oregon.

MARION L. MILLS, 36096320, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Johnsville, Texas.

ELDON D. ROADRICK, 39010694, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Bruno, California.

DOYLE FRANCIS, 36070865, Private, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Vienna, Illinois.

27 JULY 1943

CLARENCE A. KIEFER, 36077744, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Centerville Station, Illinois.

WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, 18119854, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Roswell, New Mexico.

28 JULY 1943

CLYDE E. MOHR, 20942886, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lewiston, Idaho.

FRANK S. JACOBS, 39676907, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Salt Lake City, Utah.

CARL FORCE, 39181989, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

JOSEPH A. McNULTY, 39025241, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Long Beach, California.

29 JULY 1943

ARMOND D. PEARSON, 20944176, 1st Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

HOMER M. NOBLE, 35207745, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Mason, West Virginia.

30 JULY 1943

WALTER C. LAND, 15063419, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kokomo, Indiana.

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GO #1, Hq 25th Inf Div, 3 Jan 44, continued.

31 JULY 1943

CLARENCE E. FULTZ, 20943439, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Albion, Washington.

GEORGE J. MARCAK, 38155249, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Victoria, Texas.

JOSE DIAZ, 18089419, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: El Paso, Texas.

RENE A. PELITIER, 20942890, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington.

WILLIAM P. RIDER, 20930349, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Dubois, Idaho.

CHRISTIAN A. HARTUNG, 39077209, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Fresno, California.

JOSEPH H. McCLAIN, JR., 19081449, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California.

1 AUGUST 1943

LOUIS J. KRZANOWSKI, 13009459, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Oliver, Pennsylvania.

HEROLD A. LENTZ, 20935448, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Pendleton, Oregon.

JEROME CORRENTI, 32015534, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES W. PERKINS, 35411005, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: McConnellsville, Ohio.

2 AUGUST 1943

HEROLD F. FORREST, 20943628, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Dayton, Washington.

MELVIN J. PRYNE, 39450445, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: St. Arles, Idaho.

EUGENE H. CIEGANSSEN, 38103696, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Trinidad, Colorado.

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JOHN J. RICHTER, 37171503, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Rugby, North Dakota.

3 AUGUST 1943

DAVE H. OLIVER, 20935238, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Wallowa, Oregon.

WILLIAM J. FROHNER, 37155140, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Able, Nebraska.

4 AUGUST 1943

STEVEN C. RAAB, 37171520, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Dickinson, North
Dakota.

ALVIN E. DICK, 37145348, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Culbertson, Nebraska.

ALLAN L. LEE, 20270588, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Binghamton, New York.

5 AUGUST 1943

WALTER H. LINGARD, 20269735, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Albany, New York.

17 AUGUST 1943

GAIL M. EGELSTAD, 20944749, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Snohomish, Washington.

II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.—So much of Section II, General Orders No.
48, last series, pertaining to the award of The Purple Heart to WILLIAM L. EVAN,
as reads "Springfield, Ohio" is amended to read "Springfield, Idaho"

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 48, last series, pertaining to
the award of The Purple Heart to DAVID A. FANUCCI as reads "4 August 1943" is
amended to read "4 September 1943".

By command of Brigadier General HULLINS:

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Section

AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. I
AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART II

I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) and Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 6, 8 September 1942, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at New Georgia Island, 31 July 1943. This is in addition to the Purple Heart award of this enlisted man by this Headquarters in previous General Orders:

BRYANT C. BEHREND, 38104495, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Ignacio, Colorado.

II: AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at New Georgia Island on date indicated:

24 JULY 1943

ROY S. BROOKS, 38089767, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Ponder, Texas. ✓

25 JULY 1943

FRED J. BOYD, 14033572, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Hialeah, Florida. ✓

ARTHUR J. ARMSTRONG, 20933240, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Meadville, Pennsylvania.

CECIL C. BASHAW, 39093964, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Portland, Oregon. ✓

26 JULY 1943

JOSEPH S. GALLWAY, O-1283407, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Baltimore, Maryland. ✓

FRED H. FINSLEY, 20935776, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gaston, Oregon. ✓

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, 39600765, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Butte, Montana. ✓

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✓ RUSSELL C. ARTHURS, 20944346, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Bellingham, Washington. ✓

✓ GILBERT G. SLAVIK, 37112561, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Emporia, Kansas. ✓

✓ CLIFFORD C. THEISS, 35129753, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Cincinnati, Ohio. ✓

✓ FRANK A. WEBER, 37171529, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Michigan, North Dakota. ✓

27 JULY 1943

✓ RICHARD N. BARNY, 39228350, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Las Vegas, Nevada. ✓

✓ RICHMOND E. SWARTZ, 31023349, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Ridgefield, Connecticut. ✓

✓ JOSEPH B. MITCHELL, 37221106, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Columbia, Missouri. ✓

28 JULY 1943

✓ DAVID G. STEWART, 39675608, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Wellington, Utah. ✓

✓ JOHN G. SZURA, 32241299, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York. ✓

✓ FRANK P. SILVA, 39002783, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Hayward, California. ✓

✓ HENRY VECHINSKY, 31022863, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Colchester, Connecticut. ✓

✓ WOODWARD BELL, 14042584, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Shreveport, Louisiana. ✓

✓ VINCENT L. BYERS, 20931327, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Portland, Oregon. ✓

✓ GILBERT M. HORN, 20930381, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Dodson, Montana. ✓

✓ EUGENE V. VERNON, 39002845, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lancaster, California. ✓

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GO #2, Hq 25th Inf Div, 6 January 1944, continued.

✓ JOSEPH BLUMSTEIN, 32001154, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York. ✓

✓ JAMES N. BROWN, 18062406, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Houston, Texas. ✓

MICHAEL H. BULLOCK, 20942834, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington. ✓

29 JULY 1943

✓ ERVIN A. BONOW, 37029403, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Altura, Minnesota. ✓

✓ ROBERT E. STOVER, 11014410, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Winter Harbour, Maine. ✓

✓ LYMAN B. WATSON, 38125237, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Bynum, Texas. ✓

✓ KENNETH W. BARNES, 37221103, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Sturgeon, Missouri. ✓

30 JULY 1943

✓ CECIL V. SMITH, 20932497, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Days Creek, Oregon. ✓

31 JULY 1943

✓ JOHN B. DAY, 6859701, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: North Platte, Nebraska. ✓

GEORGE R. BAKER, 20942845, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington. ✓

✓ CHARLES L. SHERMAN, JR., 6149211, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Portland, Maine. ✓

FRANK E. SUTTIE, 39010823, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California. ✓

CARL C. BLAKE, 39301045, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Renicks Valley, West Virginia. ✓

✓ HOMER L. BUTLER, 20943849, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Richland, Washington. ✓

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ARTHUR R. SMITH, 7021424, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: North Hampton, Pennsylvania. ✓

HUBERTO R. GARZA, 38075975, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Antonio, Texas. ✓

JOHN D. HERRING, 7083417, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Tomahawk, North Carolina. ✓

VERNON V. ROGERS, 20935057, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Willamette, Oregon. ✓

JOHN C. BATTERS, 37090532, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Claques, Minnesota. ✓

CELESTINO J. BORREGO, 39227397, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Casablanca, California. ✓

1 AUGUST 1943

DANIEL O. NOORLANDER, O-1288603, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California. ✓

HENRY J. DAVIS, 34130541, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Vivian, Louisiana. ✓

JAMES HOLLIS, JR., 35410920, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Chillicothe, Ohio. ✓

LLOYD P. WASHAM, 38067744, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Shamrock, Texas. ✓

CLARENCE D. WHITTINGTON, 35429746, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the
United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Wellesburg, West
Virginia. ✓

JOE D. VALDEZ, 18070871, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States.
Residence upon entry into military service: Questa, New Mexico. ✓

2 AUGUST 1943

SIDNEY A. SNYDER, O-358561, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United
States. Residence upon entry into military service: Norfolk, Virginia. ✓

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✓ ROBERT WINKLER, O-1288660, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: West Shokan, New York. ✓

✓ CHARLES R. HEDSTROM, 39021976, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California. ✓

✓ JOHN E. McGRATH, 20923212, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Spokane, Washington. ✓

3 AUGUST 1943

✓ COURTNEY E. KIRBY, O-287124, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Elyria, Ohio. ✓

✓ DON R. HARRIS, 20935159, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: La Grande, Oregon. ✓

✓ WALTER WYNN, 37064959, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Eureka Springs, Arkansas. ✓

✓ ALEX STEINLEY, 38148901, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lomas, Colorado. ✓

✓ HENRY A. TENNER, 20935065, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Portland, Oregon. ✓

✓ STEPHAN B. BIRD, 7171671, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Syracuse, New York. ✓

✓ JOHN W. SCHACHTEL, 35410983, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Chillicothe, Ohio. ✓

✓ HOMER E. WEST, 39153198, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bell, California. ✓

4 AUGUST 1943

✓ GIFFITH H. THOMAS, O-498812, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Madison, Wisconsin. ✓

✓ FELIX C. SOTO, 39156279, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California. ✓

✓ JOSEPH D. BRUCE, 39078967, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Marysville, California. ✓

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GO #2, Hq 25th Inf Div, 6 January 1944, continued.

✓ TONY L. STAJER, 37160534, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Biwabik, Minnesota. ✓

✓ DONALD M. SWINK, 37112543, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: North English, Iowa. ✓

✓ BENJAMIN R. WILSON, 20944575, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Everett, Washington. ✓

✓ JAMES A. WALSH, 39162693, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California. ✓

5 AUGUST 1943

✓ WILFRED J. WHEELERS, 37113014, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bellevue, Iowa. ✓

✓ JAMES F. SPEARS, JR., 7083415, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bennetsville, South Carolina. ✓

By command of Brigadier General MULLINS:

WILLIAM W. DECK, JR.,
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AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART Section I

I. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart (for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at place and on date indicated:

NEW GEOROLA ISLAND

3 AUGUST 1943

JOE W. GORBOSKI, 12026630, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Glenhead, Long Island, New York.

4 AUGUST 1943

ANDREW G. MCGYAR, 6942795, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Erie, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT F. DE STEFANO, 20127104, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New haven, Connecticut.

MITCHELL M. BORUTA, 33171411, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Palmerton, Pennsylvania.

CHESTER R. ESCHENWACH, 13091573, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Renova, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN L. JACKSON, 34212758, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Forest City, North Carolina.

FRANCIS E. JOST, 19039251, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States, Residence upon entry into military service: Banning, California.

ADES LACQUE, 38264348, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

DYD M. LYONS, 15070589, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Parkersburg, West Virginia.

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4 JAN 1943

JAMES R. PORTER, O-402794, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

GEORGE W. DEVLING, O-375857, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kaufman, Texas.

RALPH L. CALLAWAY, 38100095, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Nuevas Casas Grandes Chihuahua, Mexico.

JESSE R. HARRIS, 7006058, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Farmville, North Carolina.

MURVIN G. JACOB, 15065242, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Cincinnati, Ohio.

LOYD R. JORDAN, 6859592, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Yankton, South Dakota.

JAMES M. LEITCH, 13023303, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Huntingtown, Maryland.

GEORGE H. MESSENGER, 7023076, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Claysville, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE R. PYLES, 15014029, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Newburg, West Virginia.

JARVIS McMILLAN, 34231437, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Pioneer, Louisiana.

CLARENCE L. SKINNER, 7040027, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

BURA B. HARDAGE, 34162960, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Opp, Alabama.

WALTER P. JACOBS, 37114836, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Morristown, South Dakota.

HARVEY L. JAMISON, 33154175, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sharpsburg, Maryland.

CHARLES A. LEONARD, 13029984, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Port Royal, Pennsylvania.

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GO #3, Hq 25th Inf Div, 26 January 1944, continued.

ROBERT J. MOORE, 16034473, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Chicago, Illinois.

ELLIS L. NEWSON, 15065123, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Littlearr, Kentucky.

ROSCOE K. SCARERO, 15016281, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Colcord, West Virginia.

ABRAHAM SCHWARTZ, 16062501, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER SHENSKY, 33153751, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Colesburg, Pennsylvania.

RUBEN L. SISNEROS, 18001278, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brighton, Colorado.

MEIBON IVEY, 34261010, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Webb, Alabama.

LAWRENCE J. MACERO, 20268718, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Catskill, New York.

ROY L. REED, 14020570, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Seneca, South Carolina.

WALTER S. VAN DALSEL, 33159900, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Greenville, Pennsylvania.

6 AUGUST 1943

JACK E. FARRER, O-1283228, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

CURTIS F. WILLIAMS, O-1284800, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Avon Lake, Ohio.

ROGER E. JASIENOWSKI, 6144974, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Hinsdale, New Hampshire.

WILLIAM J. MARTIN, 11011898, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: West Warwick, Rhode Island.

GRADY SHELTON, 14047372, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Larkinsville, Alabama.

MARTIN F. CARDWELL, 6923139, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Leiner City, Tennessee.

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GO 8), Hq 25th Inf Div. 26 January 1944, continued.

ORVILLE D. FERGUSON, 37135034, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: St., Louis, Missouri. ✓

HAROLD E. HULPHRIES, 14020595, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Marble, North Carolina. ✓

GEORGE W. ROBINS, 37135818, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Chesterfield, Missouri. ✓

BLETT W. HARDYMAN, 33154315, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Allegheny, Virginia. ✓

LEE SINDELMAN, 32633596, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York. ✓

WILLIAM A. SMITH, 34081584, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Newnan, Georgia. ✓

7 AUGUST 1943

DAVID L. BAIRD, O-309013, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania. ✓

9 AUGUST 1943

FRANK L. PANION, 13001133, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Boswell, Pennsylvania. ✓

VAUGHN K. SUMMERS, 34189866, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sunbright, Tennessee. ✓

JAMES THEODORE, 33159555, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sharps, Pennsylvania. ✓

FRANK R. K... 38253325, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Hallettsville, Texas. ✓

11 AUGUST 1943

MALCOLM L. PACKER, 7021128, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Blanchard, Pennsylvania. ✓

14 AUGUST 1943

VINCENT E. ROBATIN, 6667903, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Cleveland, Ohio. ✓

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15 AUGUST 1943

ARNOLD G. HENZLER, 14038124, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Plant City, Florida. ✓

IVAN W. BARDWELL, 37114902, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kallette, South Dakota. ✓

ALBERT L. MARLE, 37330608, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Wakarusa, Kansas. ✓

HERBERT H. MORRIS, 14059075, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Shreveport, Louisiana. ✓

JOSEPH R. POIRNER, 6149857, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Warren, Rhode Island. ✓

16 AUGUST 1943

LOUIS G. THOMPSON, 35109450, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Paducah, Kentucky.

ARUNDEL ISLAND

14 SEPTEMBER 1943

CHARLES J. BRUNNEMAN, O-1283370, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ✓

RALPH L. PETERSON, 37115001, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Groton, South Dakota. ✓

C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH, 34261067, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Anniston, Alabama. ✓

CARL F. KENDT, 36116774, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Herron, Michigan. ✓

16 SEPTEMBER 1943

LEWIS W. McCIELLAN, 19102357, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Montrose, Illinois. ✓

18 SEPTEMBER 1943

LEWIS A. MILLER, 6998532, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Westernport, Maryland. ✓

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HOWARD N. HURSECKER, 33171421, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lehighton, Pennsylvania. ✓

SANTOS C. VARGAS, 18103147, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Antonio, Texas. ✓

19 SEPTEMBER 1943

WILLIAM O. WHITAKER, O-128432, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Francisco, California. ✓

21 SEPTEMBER 1943

JOHN J. MEADE, 32018211, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York. ✓

By command of Brigadier General MULLERS:

WILLIAM W. DEK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS,
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1. AWARDS OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) and Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named officer and enlisted man for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at place and on date indicated. This is in addition to the Purple Heart awarded this officer and enlisted man by this headquarters in previous General Orders.

SAGAKARABA ISLAND

14 SEPTEMBER 1943

GEORGE W. DEVLAMING, O-375857, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kaufman, Texas.

ARUNDL ISLAND

14 SEPTEMBER 1943

GRADY SHELTON, 14047372, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Larkinsville, Alabama.

-II. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at place and on date indicated:

NEW GEORGIA ISLAND

28 JULY 1943

EUGENE W. FRAY, 39675591, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Noca, Utah.

30 JULY 1943

ELWIN D ANDERSON, 20935006, Sergeant, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Clackamas, Oregon.

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GO #5, Hq 25th Inf Div, 12 March 1944, continued.

31 JULY 1943

RICHARD E. STORCKMAN, 6917334, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Mount Carmel, Illinois.

KENNETH R. ROTHFUS, 6999814, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

3 AUGUST 1943

CHARLES A. ROBEL, O-2042667, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Wahiawa, Territory of Hawaii.

4 AUGUST 1943

WILLIAM W. SHELTON, 6967227, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Hickory Point, Tennessee.

ALFRED H. ERETON, 11016655, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Augusta, Maine.

HERBERT E. ROTH, 35047755, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Warren, Ohio.

CLIFFORD H. HALL, JR., 11019996, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Norwalk, Connecticut.

DOCK SLACLE, 35264156, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Mt. Pisgah, Kentucky.

WILLIAM A. WILMS, 31022442, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: West Torrington, Connecticut.

5 AUGUST 1943

ALPHUS R. CLARK, O-420850, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Baker, Oregon.

IVAN WENTWORTH-ROHR, O-445572, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lonikai, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

EDWIN W. COOK, O-1283215, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Detroit, Michigan.

RICHARD G. FOURNIER, 6151049, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Worcester, Massachusetts.

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GO #5, Hq 25th Inf Div, 12 March 1944, continued

FRANCIS J. STOTT, 11017038, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lawrence, Massachusetts.

JAMES T. STRAWN, 14020284, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

RAYMOND F. CARVER, 35108912, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Scottsville, Kentucky.

THOMAS A. YARDING, 33171518, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD Z. HERRERA, 38091511, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN F. TEICHMANN, 38095793, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gordon, Texas.

JOSEPH C. TOMASZEWICZ, 32167017, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bayonne, New Jersey.

ROBERT B. WOODWARD, 11018823, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

MORREL R. BARTLEY, 35169406, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bedford, Indiana.

RONALD F. CLARKE, 35451582, Private, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Dayton, Ohio.

ANTHONY YETKA, 13013915, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

6 AUGUST 1943

JOHN MOLINARO, 13013171, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Washington, Pennsylvania.

10 AUGUST 1943

PAUL ANIUSH, 33138415, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Stowe, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. COBURN, 7020330, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Park, West Virginia.

11 AUGUST 1943

REVIS BURKHALTER, 14047077, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gordo, Alabama.

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ALBERT E. TINNIN, JR., 34211956, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Mebane, North Carolina.

13 AUGUST 1943

OLIVER C. ROHOLF, O-364379, Captain, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Browning, Montana.

FREDERICK L. REYNOLDS, O-1283308, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bogota, New Jersey.

NATHAN H. HAMILTON, 6578213, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Visalia, California.

HARRY R. DYNESKO, 33171179, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

14 AUGUST 1943

SAMUEL DE ANGELIS, 12008592, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Newark, New Jersey.

JOE A. DOMALIK, 33153910, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

15 AUGUST 1943

FRANCIS B. MORGAN, 6718988, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Woodbury, New Jersey.

ARUNDEL ISLAND

13 SEPTEMBER 1943

CLIFFORD I. COLLINS, 38082454, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brice, Texas.

14 SEPTEMBER 1943

JAMES F. ASH, 7023033, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Acme, Pennsylvania.

GERALD H. MONROE, 37047339, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sanborn, Minnesota.

GEORGE C. HADDIX, 37119450, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Loup City, Nebraska.

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CARL A. GEROSKI, 13023612, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kempton, West Virginia.

CARL E. LINDELOE, 11920164, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Quincy, Massachusetts.

FRANKHAM B. MIDDLETON, 6988770, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lexington, Kentucky.

HUBERT O. MORRISON, 34241352, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Darlington, Florida.

CHARLES H. SMITH, 34189926, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Glenary, Tennessee.

JOHN T. WOODARD, 34190219, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Elmwood, Tennessee.

15 SEPTEMBER 1943

ARCH P. COOMES, 35105137, Technician Third Grade, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bardstown, Kentucky.

DAVID D. TAVAMANTE, 38003864, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Luis, Arizona.

JOHN J. BURGER, 33170395, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD B. COLEMAN, 34088987, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Smyrna, Georgia.

DELMER J. ERB, 37035306, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

MIKE HOBIZAL, 38075381, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES V. MULLIN, 39024095, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California.

STANLEY J. STYBOL, 35324836, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. WANSLEY, 34261292, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Elberton, Georgia.

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QUINCY A WELLS, 35573536, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Clinton, Indiana.

16 SEPTEMBER 1943

HORST JACKSON, 15018655, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Hasford, West Virginia.

GEORGE TADICH, 7020778, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Connaugh, Pennsylvania.

17 SEPTEMBER 1943

ALFRED K. MARSHALL, 37135220, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gainesville, Missouri.

ARTHUR ZIERT, 12020565, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

18 SEPTEMBER 1943

WILLIAM G. HAMMOND, 7060163, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Rockwell, Iowa.

HAROLD F. COOK, 6151934, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lynn, Massachusetts.

FRANK A. CIMINERI, 12003704, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Clyde, New York.

GEORGE E. PARKER, 12009464, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Jersey City, New Jersey.

RAYMOND G. GEORGE, 38072859, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Claypool, Arizona.

DEAN W. NORMAN, 6398599, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gaffney, South Carolina.

SIENEY D. O'NEAL, 6968409, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Denham Springs, Louisiana.

BENNIE A. ROSKOWSKI, 35169482, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gary, Indiana.

WAYNE G. WEIR, 11025664, Corporal, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Stacy, Minnesota.

LORNIE FOX, 36302994, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Chicago, Illinois.

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GO #5, Hq 25th Inf Div, 22 March 1944, continued

OSCAR B. JOHNSON, 7386086, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Elma, Washington.

MARION W. KEASTER, 37076553, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bernie, Missouri.

19 SEPTEMBER 1943

LAWRENCE J. FRASCELLA, 12011152, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Trenton, New Jersey.

VALENTINE J. LEHANSKI, 6718606, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Utica, New York.

WYLIE E. CRAWFORD, 14097981, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Augusta, Georgia.

ELVIE KEITH, 7024053, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Christiansburg, Virginia.

RAYFORD W. CROUCH, 34170758, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Stony Point, North Carolina.

LELDON B. GONNELLS, 34100815, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bessemer, Alabama.

EDWARD T. IVANICKI, 20131451, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Rockville, Connecticut.

MANUEL H. MEDINA, 6583298, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES A. SCHINDLER, 35169253, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: LaGrange, Indiana.

VERAL S. WILLIAMS, 18062548, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Jacksonville, Texas.

20 SEPTEMBER 1943

BRUCE S. ELDRIDGE, O-353810, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sioux City, Iowa.

GEORGE KLECKOWSKI, 13005992, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM E. McLAWHORN, 17018790, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kinston, North Carolina.

KENNETH D. EVANS, 1809176, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Valentine, Nebraska.

21 SEPTEMBER 1943

FRANK CARUSO, 13004183, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS NORTON, 14004241, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Wrens, Georgia.

SAMUEL SIMONS, 6954925, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bassett, Texas.

CLAYTON W. HINES, 34260521, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Florence, Alabama.

BERNARD SWIEZEK, 33159401, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

25 SEPTEMBER 1943

JAMES J. CREASER, 20126899, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New Haven, Connecticut.

DOMINIC GALBO, 32026399, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Rochester, New York.

30 SEPTEMBER 1943

CHARLES H. WOOTTEN, 6994086, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Berlin, Maryland.

ROY D. EILER, 13054522, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

SAGAKARASA ISLAND

20 SEPTEMBER 1943

LEO E. RONDEAU, 6159171, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

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III. ^{Jan 28} ~~REVISION~~ OF GENERAL ORDERS.--So much of Section 1, page 1, General Orders No. 3, this headquarters, cs, pertaining to the award of The Purple Heart to JOE W. GORDONKA, 12026630, Private First Class, Infantry, was erroneously made and is revoked.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff

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Major, Adjutant General's Department,
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HEADQUARTERS;
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I. AWARDS OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) and Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named officer and enlisted man for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at place and on date indicated. This is in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded this officer, and is in addition to the Purple Heart awarded this enlisted man by this headquarters in previous General Orders:

SAGAKARASA ISLAND

15 SEPTEMBER 1943

✓ GEORGE W. DEVLAMING, G-375857, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kaufman, Texas.

VELLA LAVELLA ISLAND

15 AUGUST 1943

ARTHUR H. HOWLE, 20131660, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Willimantic, Connecticut.

II. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at place and on date indicated:

VELLA LAVELLA ISLAND

15 AUGUST 1943

CURTIS MURPHEE, 6373497, First Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Goodman, Mississippi.

THOMAS J. KELLY, 7071351, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New York, New York.

RUDOLPH YETT, 6710737, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

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ROBERT H. CRANKSHAW, 20203399, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Gloversville, New York.

NORMAN E. WISLER, 7024452, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

CLEO W. BELLWARD, 38064943, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Newkirk, Oklahoma.

MARSHALL I. BRAGG, 35428518, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Speedway, West Virginia.

WILLIAM R. EZELLE, 34260387, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Killen, Alabama.

ROY FERNANDEZ, 19056876, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Los Angeles, California.

ANTHONY LIMA, 11011735, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Tamerton, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE R. McCARTHY, 15010481, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Toledo, Ohio.

EMIL PACEK, 13057621, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sarver, Pennsylvania.

FRANK L. ZINKOWSKI, 12025994, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brooklyn, New York.

OWEN O. BROWN, 34260877, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Boaz, Alabama.

ERIC T. GROVES, 39252334, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Inglewood, California.

ROBERT W. LUTZ, 15107658, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Indianapolis, Indiana.

HENRY MILLER, 36236053, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM F. SEACHRIST, 13007475, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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16 AUGUST 1943

LUDRIG L. DEBEVEC, 33159779, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Kane, Pennsylvania.

18 AUGUST 1943

ANDREW C. DRAGONETTI, 39163734, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Francisco, California.

CLARENCE L. PROVOST, 31002936, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Milford, Connecticut.

FRANK O. LINDSAY, 14104909, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Port Wentworth, Georgia.

JOHN T. MAGILL, 32277769, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Paterson, New Jersey.

19 AUGUST 1943

RAYMOND C. KNEBEL, 38075374, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: El Campo, Texas.

STANLEY ROD, 37160663, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Brante Falls, Minnesota.

21 AUGUST 1943

EDWARD J. KOENIG, 6975568, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Long Island, New York.

SYLVESTER L. HEAD, 37144853, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Highland, Kansas.

EDGAR B. CARTER, 6956674, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Durant, Oklahoma.

24 AUGUST 1943

ROBERT C. HUFFMAN, 13034506, Corporal, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Glasgow, Virginia.

PHILLIP J. MCCARTHY, 39099923, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: San Francisco, California.

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PERK L. AIKEN, 38099342, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Sherman, Texas.

MONGO CARTER, 39025266, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Parkfield, California.

REGIS V. SANDERS, 13048962, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Assandora, Pennsylvania.

25 AUGUST 1943

SOILO FUENTES, 38100541, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Florence, Arizona.

GALE E. SPRINGER, 35712900, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Crestline, Ohio.

26 AUGUST 1943

LAWRENCE E. PIERCE, 7070243, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Niagara Falls, New York.

4 SEPTEMBER 1943

JULIO G. GORIO, 11012305, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bridgeport, Connecticut.

CHARLES M. VOREIS, 39385648, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Woodburn, Oregon.

10 SEPTEMBER 1943

JORDEN E. HOWELL, 7082810, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Stantonsbury, North Carolina.

THUMAN L. RUDPLE, 6956254, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Berger, Texas.

JOHN E. SMILLER, 12027199, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Long Island New York.

CHARLES P. STOLP, 37277414, Corporal, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Chaseley, North Dakota.

JOHN H. BICE, 18060895, Private First Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bedias, Texas.

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✓ CHARLES H. MILLER, 33407763, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

RALPH E. THOMSON, 39200577, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Aberdeen, Washington.

SABAVELE ISLAND

8 AUGUST 1943

STEVE R. NUJAN, 33159580, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Erie, Pennsylvania.

ARUNDELI ISLAND

18 SEPTEMBER 1943

✓ JOHN L. LARSON, 20910992, Private, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: El Monte, California.

19 SEPTEMBER 1943

✓ ROY L. WILHELMUTH, JR., 0-469867, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Columbus, Ohio.

NEW GEORGIA ISLAND

27 JULY 1943

✓ JAMES O. BECKETT, 35252847, Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

29 JULY 1943

✓ GAVIN L. MUIRHEAD, 0-321383, Major, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Lincoln, Nebraska.

✓ FLETCHER A. PRICE, 34213046, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Inkedale, North Carolina.

WILLIAM H. STOCKTON, 18010166, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Houston, Texas.

✓ FRED L. STROHLIN, 30100827, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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GEORGE E. COURTRIGHT, 6995866, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Bradford, Pennsylvania.

WAYNE G. DAVIES, 7025862, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. ISENHOUR, 34212339, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Conover, North Carolina.

ELUM E. POSEY, 6239388, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Grigsby, Texas.

CLARENCE A. BROWN, 34261472, Private, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Summerville Georgia.

GEORGE J. VINES, 6947614, Private, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Millens, West Virginia.

4 AUGUST 1943

ORVILLE R. BAUMBERGER, 37250023, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: McIntosh, South Dakota.

7 AUGUST 1943

WILLIAM A. MULHERIN, JR., 14020638, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Augusta, Georgia.

8 AUGUST 1943

BURTON A. SWARTZ, JR., 1905294, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Clarksburg, California.

10 AUGUST 1943

HILMAR L. PFULLMANN, 38091531, Private first Class, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Henly, Texas.

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12 AUGUST 1943

JONATHAN R. BLOSE, 33171408, Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Perryville, Pennsylvania.

14 AUGUST 1943

WILLIAM J. CHESB, 35211892, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Huntington, West Virginia.

GUADALCANAL ISLAND

13 AUGUST 1943

JOSEPH KENT, 12020790, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: New York, New York.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. --By direction of the President, under provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFESPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Charles B. Smith
Award of Bronze Star

CHARLES B. SMITH, (0-22113), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service as Division G-3 during the New Georgia campaign, 26 July 1943 to 20 September 1943, and the subsequent move of the Division from New Georgia to Guadalcanal; Guadalcanal to New Zealand; and from New Zealand to New Caledonia. During the New Georgia campaign Lieutenant Colonel Smith performed his duties as Division G-3 in a highly meritorious manner. In spite of great difficulties of communications and terrain, working with a greatly understrength staff section, he maintained close liaison with all units, contributing materially to the excellent control of operations. In the move of the Division from scattered positions in New Georgia, Arundel and Vella LaVella Islands through Guadalcanal to New Zealand and later from there to New Caledonia, Lieutenant Colonel Smith as G-3, and subsequently a member of the advance party, prepared embarkation plans, selected bivouac areas, and supervised debarkation, greatly expediting the transfer of the Division. These moves were rendered especially difficult by very short notice, uncertain and frequently changed shipping schedules and a general shortage of service units in the theater. That they were accomplished in an efficient manner was due in a considerable measure to Lieutenant Colonel Smith's energy and foresight. Entered the United States Military Academy from New Jersey.

CHARLIE FOGLE, (6894678), Master Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service as a field artillery battalion Motor Sergeant during the period 6 January 1943 to 27 January 1943. During this period Master Sergeant Fogle organized a centralized system of motor maintenance for the battalion and devised means of repairing heavy vehicles when few spare parts and tools were available. Through the efforts of Master Sergeant Fogle every vehicle assigned to the battalion was running at a time when the loss of a single truck would have seriously hampered the transporting of vital combat supplies. Home Address: Front Royal, Virginia.

JESSE M. FERGUSON, (639228?), Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for the performance of meritorious services at New Georgia, Solomons Islands on 29 July 1943. Sergeant Ferguson led a squad that closed in on two enemy machine gun positions that had been set up in a dense patch of jungle along the Munda Trail, New Georgia Island. This attack was made for the purpose of aiding

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in the evacuation of trapped and wounded comrades. After an attempt to reduce the two Japanese machine gun nests by rifle fire had failed, Sergeant Ferguson advanced under intense enemy fire to throw hand grenades into the machine gun emplacements. As a result of the diversion caused by Sergeant Ferguson the wounded and trapped men were successfully evacuated. Home Address: Quincy, Florida.

JOHN S. PROVENZANO, (6981189), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for the performance of meritorious services at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during the period 8 January 1943 to 3 February 1943. During this period Sergeant Provenzano derived from his battery signal section coordinated effort which greatly aided the successful action of the field artillery battery of which he was a member. Sergeant Provenzano led his men in their duties of establishing and maintaining necessary communication over exceptionally difficult terrain in the face of enemy fire with such skill and resourcefulness that his section was able to accomplish its difficult task. Home Address: Glisco, New York.

MANUEL P. VIVEIROS, (6131804), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, for the performance of meritorious services at Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, on 21 August 1943. Staff Sergeant Viveiros was in charge of a detail unloading an LST at night when a continuous dive bombing attack started. Aware that if his men should leave the ship they would become lost in the darkness and it would be virtually impossible to reassemble them, Staff Sergeant Viveiros by his leadership kept his detail aboard the vessel and continued unloading the ship during the attack until the order was given to vacate the ship so that it could put out to sea. Home Address: East Providence, Rhode Island.

RAYMOND B. MOORE, (14097879), Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for the performance of meritorious services at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during the period 8 January 1943 to 26 January 1943. During this period Sergeant Moore delivered rations daily to troops of his battery in forward areas without regard for his own safety or the many difficulties involved. The men relying upon him received their food on schedule at all times. Through his foresight and ingenuity deliveries of food were made over hazardous and muddy trails, often during the hours of darkness. Home Address: Atlanta, Georgia.

LEO G. MILLER, (20934394), Corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army, for the performance of meritorious services at Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, on 15 August 1943. While Corporal Miller was manning a .50 caliber machine gun on the beach between two unloading LSTs a flight of six enemy torpedo bombers skimming the water and skirting the shoreline attacked the beach and the beached vessels. One of the enemy torpedo bombers in this flight came in from sea, strafing the beach and the ships, and passed between the two LSTs. The naval gunners on the vessels could not open fire for fear of hitting each other. Although under machine gun fire, Corporal Miller calmly and courageously opened fire on the enemy bomber and it was seen to fall into the sea. Home Address: Woodbury, Oregon.

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JOHN D. EDMUNDSON, (39231408), Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, United States Army, for the performance of meritorious services at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 31 July 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Edmundson was battalion switchboard operator at the time the enemy launched a strong attack against the defense positions of his battalion. His switchboard was in an uncovered hole about 50 yards inside the perimeter defense. During the attack Japanese fire grazed the top of the switchboard hole and Japanese assaults reached within seventy yards of the position, but Technician Fifth Grade Edmundson remained calmly at his post and performed his duties efficiently throughout four hours of the attack. His able service under fire enabled the battalion commander to retain control at all times over the sectors of the perimeter defense and to remain in communication with higher headquarters. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

✓ II. AWARDS OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGES:--Pursuant to authority contained in War Department Circular No. 269, dated 27 October 1943, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

JAMES L. DALTON, II, (O-19100), Colonel, Infantry, for exemplary conduct against the enemy during the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns.

DAVID H. PUCHAYAN, (O-17745), Colonel, Infantry, for exemplary conduct against the enemy during the New Georgia campaign.

CLAUDE E. JENNEY, (O-18214), Colonel, Infantry, for exemplary conduct against the enemy during the Guadalcanal campaign.

✓ III. RESCISSIONS OF GENERAL ORDERS:--So much of Section II, General Orders No. 6, this Headquarters, cs., pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to ERIC T. GROVES, 39252334, Private, Infantry, was erroneously made and is revoked.

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 6, this Headquarters, cs., pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to EMIL PACEK, 13057621, Private First Class, Infantry, was erroneously made and is revoked.

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 6, this Headquarters, cs., pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to CHARLES H. MILLER, 33407763, Private, Infantry, was erroneously made and is revoked.

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 6, this Headquarters, cs., pertaining to award of the Purple Heart to WILLIAM A. MULHERIN, JR., 14020638, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, was erroneously made and is revoked.

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 6, this Headquarters, cs., pertaining to award of the Purple Heart to HENRY MILLER, 36236053, Private, Infantry, was erroneously made and is revoked.

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So much of Section II, General Orders No. 5, this Headquarters, as pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to JOHN T. WOODARD, 34190219, Private, Infantry, was erroneously made and is revoked.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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Lt. Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIVISION STAFF OFFICER I
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIVISION STAFF OFFICER.--Major ARTHUR BARRATT, O-288862, Ordnance Department, 725th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, is announced as Division Ordnance Officer vice Major GILBERT G. ACKROYD, O-319539, 725th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, relieved.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named enlisted man is awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, on 28 March 1943:

LAWRENCE L. GEORGE, 39152634, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Army of the United States. Residence upon entry into military service: Santa Paula, California.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR I

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR. --By direction of the President, under provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 3 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen) subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ GEORGE F. DIXON, JR., (O-22897), Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious conduct as Executive Officer of an engineer battalion from 17 December 1942 to 9 February 1943, and as Division Engineer from 10 February 1943 to 14 April 1944. Working under severe weather conditions and faced with a shortage of equipment and critical materials, Lieutenant Colonel Dixon was able, through his leadership, energy and determination, to complete all assigned missions in a superior manner. Faced with the necessity of providing roads for the proper transportation of troops and supplies, although often in close proximity to the enemy and subject to enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Dixon, by his energetic action, overcame all obstacles, and the construction of essential roads was successfully completed. Entered the United States Military Academy from New Jersey.

✓ REX E. FLYNN, (O-412294), Captain, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from 17 December 1942 to 10 February 1943, and at Vella LaVella, Solomon Islands, from 16 August 1943 to 19 October 1943. During these campaigns Captain Flynn performed his duties in a highly meritorious manner. Working with a minimum of equipment and overcoming the obstacles of weather and jungle terrain, Captain Flynn supervised the construction and maintenance of vital supply routes for the combat team with which he served. His leadership, initiative and sound judgment contributed greatly to the successful operations of the combat team. Home Address: Lamar, Colorado.

✓ THOMAS S. SALIBA, (20436358), First Sergeant, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on 24 January 1943. On 24 January 1943, First Sergeant Saliba volunteered to perform the duties of driver of an M-3 light tank in an operation against Japanese forces in the mountainous jungle area of Mount Austen, Guadalcanal. He skillfully maneuvered the tank at the direction of his Tank Commander, while under enemy fire and hostile observation, despite his lack of knowledge of the mountainous jungle, and the shelltorn and boggy area. This action was directly responsible for the tank completing its mission. Home Address: Ozark, Alabama.

✓ HUBERT E. WILDS, (6363190), First Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal and Vella LaVella Islands, British Solomon Islands. During many changes in battery positions, First Sergeant Wilds, through his experience and skill, kept the organization running smoothly. He acted as battery executive many times during firing, and handled the firing battery with confidence and skill. During the Vella LaVella campaign, Sergeant Wilds rapidly organized the battery bivouac areas and by doing so relieved the battery officers of considerable detail, permitting them to devote more time to the tactical situation.

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In addition to his many other duties, during the absence of the battery supply sergeant, First Sergeant Wilds took charge of the battery supply. Home Address: Calhoun, Florida.

GEORGE W. McMILLAN, (20949173), Staff Sergeant, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during the period 10 January 1943 to 22 January 1943. During this period Staff Sergeant McMillan contributed to the success of his organization by organizing and leading carrying parties for the purpose of supplying food, water and ammunition to front line units. Despite difficulties of weather and terrain, as well as sniper fire by the enemy at close range, Staff Sergeant McMillan continued to supply the front line troops. Home Address: Riverton, Wyoming.

FRANK VACA, (6261194), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from 1 January 1943 to 10 February 1943. During this period, due to heavy traffic on the existing roads and the constant scraping and repairing of the roads, wire lines were continually being put out of operation. Sergeant Vaca's prompt repair work and constant surveillance enabled his battery to maintain continuous communication with higher echelons and forward observation posts. Home Address: San Antonio, Texas.

GUSTAV I. FREEBORN, (12018327), Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from 17 December 1942 to 28 February 1943. During this period, Sergeant Freeborn was the motor sergeant for his battery, and despite the many difficult maintenance problems the vehicles in his charge were in operation at all times. Due to a shortage of spare parts it was frequently necessary to improvise parts. Sergeant Freeborn's mechanical skill and ingenuity was such that parts made out of scrap functioned perfectly until the proper parts could be obtained. Sergeant Freeborn was responsible to a great extent for the solving of his organization's difficult transportation problem. Home Address: Elmont, New York.

CHARLES L. SCHWARZ, (6978870), Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service on Vella LaVella, Solomon Islands, during the period 15 August 1943 to 20 August 1943. During this period, Sergeant Schwarz had under his charge four .50 caliber machine gun crews employed in light anti-aircraft defense on the island of Vella LaVella. His machine gun crews were subjected to numerous air attacks, and on the morning of 15 August 1943, when his landing craft was approaching the beach, Sergeant Schwarz personally operated a machine gun and assisted in driving away strafing planes. His section covered the unloading area with light anti-aircraft fire against numerous enemy air attacks until 20 August 1943, when his section was withdrawn. During this period, Sergeant Schwarz's section fired many thousands of rounds of .50 caliber ammunition, damaging several planes and providing defense against low flying attacks until heavy anti-aircraft was ready to operate. Home Address: Newark, New Jersey.

GUY LEAVITT, (13010562), Corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, during the period 15 August 1943 to 20 August 1943. On 15 August 1943 while approaching the beach at Vella LaVella, Corporal Leavitt fired a .50 caliber machine gun and assisted in driving away attacking enemy fighter planes. During the succeeding days

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Corporal Leavitt operated his gun on the beach in the vicinity of unloading ships, firing during numerous attacks of enemy planes at treetop level, and although often exposed to machine gun fire, contributed effectively to keeping the enemy at an ineffectual distance. On one occasion, he assisted other arms in bringing down one Zero. Home Address: Wheeling, West Virginia.

✓ JOHN N. SHELLITO, (13019624), Corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army, during the period 14 August 1943 to 20 August 1943. On the morning of 15 August, the LST on which Corporal Shellito was approaching Vella LaVella was attacked by Japanese fighters and dive bombers, and Corporal Shellito assisted in dispersing the attackers with machine gun fire. After the craft was landed he remained on board the ship and helped to defend it against two enemy dive bombing attacks. During these attacks he received credit for bringing down one enemy plane. During the succeeding days he delivered machine gun fire daily against enemy planes attacking unloading ships near his beach position. Corporal Shellito's fire assisted materially in keeping enemy planes at an ineffectual altitude, and on one occasion he assisted other arms in the destruction of an enemy plane. Home Address: Sprague, Pennsylvania.

✓ ARTHUR L. STREETER, (6578765), Corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service at Guadalcanal and Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands. On 25 January 1943, while on watch at a battery observation post on Guadalcanal, Corporal Streeter detected a Japanese attempting to infiltrate our lines. Holding his fire until the Japanese was positively identified as enemy, Corporal Streeter killed him and obtained valuable papers from his person. On 15 September 1943, while on duty at an observation post on Vella LaVella, Corporal Streeter detected a Japanese approaching his position. Holding his fire until the Japanese was within five yards of him, Corporal Streeter halted him. The Japanese attempted to flee, but was first wounded and then captured alive by Corporal Streeter. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

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HEADQUARTERS,
25th Infantry Division,
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1. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR.--by direction of the President, under provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

VICTOR B. SHEM WELL, (O-383558), Major, General Staff Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services as Assistant G-4 of this Division in action against the Japanese on New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 10 August to 5 October 1943. During this period, Major Shemwell, as beachmaster at Lambetti Beach, New Georgia Island, materially assisted in the supply of the Division. Although faced with a shortage of small boats to transport food and ammunition from supply dumps on adjacent islands, Major Shemwell made such effective use of those boats which were allotted to him that at no time after he became beachmaster at Lambetti Beach was the Division short of necessary supplies. Under Major Shemwell's direction, boats were unloaded so promptly that the time spent on the beach by the boats was decreased greatly, thus making them available for many more trips each day. During this period, the many wounded personnel who were cleared through Lambetti Beach received prompt attention day or night and were rapidly moved to hospitals that had been set up on nearby islands. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER W. EGBERT, (O-2042953), 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 19 July to 24 July 1943. As acting regimental ammunition officer and assistant to the Acting S-4, he was responsible to a great extent for the efficient unloading and transshipment of vital fighting equipment and supplies from Kokorona Island to New Georgia Island. From 19 to 24 July 1943, Lieutenant Egbert worked flawlessly and tirelessly in getting essential equipment and supplies forward for the initial attack of his regiment. During this period he had very little rest or sleep. His gallant efforts in getting supplies and equipment to his organization contributed greatly to the successful completion of his regiment's operations against the Japanese on New Georgia Island. Home address: Seattle, Washington.

ALEX P. DOMOKOS, (W-2129627), Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service from 7 December 1941 to 20 October 1943. At the commencement of hostilities with Japan, Mr. Domokos (then Master Sergeant) was a Field Artillery battalion motor sergeant. Although the battalion had been organized only two months, at the outbreak of war the battalion had sufficient drivers and excellent motor sections, due mainly to the efficient performance of duty of Mr. Domokos. During an extended period of greatly increased traffic and blackout driving, his organization did not have a vehicle permanently deadlined. During the Guadalcanal campaign, the job of keeping vehicles running day and night although repair parts were lacking and the roads were practically impassable required planning, ingenuity and a great deal of effort. Greatly reduced transportation required almost constant use of every vehicle, and those

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under Mr. Domokos' charge were always in running order. During the campaign on Vella LaVella Mr. Domokos was Assistant Supply Officer of his organization. His calm, cool, and reasoned leadership in solving the many difficulties of supply was a constant source of inspiration to those under him. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

NICK J. BURGER, (19055087), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism in action at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 4 August 1943. Staff Sergeant Burger, acting as scout in his company's advance on Twin Hills, New Georgia Island, located enemy positions which he immediately attacked. His aggressive action accounted for three of the Japanese and forced the enemy to open fire with their automatic weapons, thus disclosing what otherwise would have become a well prepared ambush. Staff Sergeant Burger continued to fire on Japanese positions although under heavy machine gun fire. His platoon was forced to withdraw because of the volume of the enemy fire, leaving Staff Sergeant Burger cut off within the enemy lines where he remained for over an hour making notes on the location of Japanese emplacements. He then succeeded in making his way back to friendly territory with an accurate description of the enemy dispositions and strength which proved to be of value for the attack of his company the next day. Home address: Dickinson, North Dakota.

JOHN K. DUNLAP, (6557016), Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese on Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August 1943 to 20 August 1943. As chief of a machine gun section, Sergeant Dunlap was entrusted with the mission of providing anti-aircraft fire against enemy planes which were daily attacking ships unloading on the beach near his position. On 15 August 1943, while Sergeant Dunlap was personally manning one of the machine guns in his section a flight of six enemy torpedo bombers attacked the beach and the beached vessels during a dive bombing attack. One of the enemy torpedo bombers in this flight came in from sea, strafing the beach and the ships, and passed between two LSTs. Although under machine gun fire, Sergeant Dunlap calmly ordered his gunner when to open fire and when to cease fire, and the enemy bomber on which his section had fired was seen to fall into the sea. Home address: Manhattan Beach, California.

CHARLEY P. HUTTON, (37180712), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army, for heroism at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, on 8 September 1943. At about 2000, 8 September 1943, three bombs were dropped on defensive positions occupied by an Infantry company on Vella LaVella Island. Technician Fourth Grade Hutton, who was attached to the company as an aid man, immediately went to the aid of a soldier who had been wounded about five hundred yards distant. Although it was dark, a torrential rain was falling, and it was necessary for him to move along a trail which ran through dense undergrowth immediately to the rear of friendly troops, endangering himself not only from possible enemy bombing, but also to fire from friendly troops, since Japanese forces were in the area and friendly troops had been instructed not to move from their positions during hours of darkness, Technician Fourth Grade Hutton made his way to the side of the wounded man. He efficiently administered first aid to the wounded man in complete

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darkness, due to the danger of lights being detected by the enemy planes that were still overhead, but before he could complete first aid more bombs dropped in the area. Although anti-aircraft guns were firing a heavy barrage and shells were bursting overhead, showering fragments throughout the area, Technician Fourth Grade Hutton worked quickly and efficiently to complete first aid for the wounded man, and then moved him to the safety of a covered position, where he continued to administer to him throughout the night. Home address: Richland, Missouri.

HAROLD H. STOKER, (34199298), Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, during the period 15 August to 1 September 1943. During this period, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal) Stoker set up a kitchen despite limited equipment and few supplies, and cooking in a sea of mud, produced hot meals daily for personnel of his unit and also for personnel of several attached units. The kitchen personnel and equipment available to him were only half that allotted for a unit of 100 men, but the number of men fed at a single meal often totaled 400. His kitchen was located on the Barokoma River, within a few hundred yards of one of the enemy's principal target areas and was subjected several times daily to bombing and strafing attacks, but at no time did the men depending on him fail to receive meals in time. Technician Fourth Grade Stoker's meritorious service contributed a great deal to maintaining the health and morale of his unit. Home address: St. Stephens, Alabama.

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HEADQUARTERS,
25th Infantry Division,
APO #25, 6 May 1944.

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFIEPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

FRANK F. BOYLE, O-25326, Captain, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 23 January 1943. Captain (then 1st Lieutenant) Boyle volunteered to perform the duties of a machine gunner on a light tank in an operation against the Japanese forces in the mountainous jungle area of Mount Austen, performed under enemy fire and observation. Captain Boyle performed the duties of a machine gunner in a superior manner, delivering fire from his weapon on the enemy, and greatly aiding in the completion of the mission. Home Address: St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE W. SHIELDS, O-40762, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 22 January 1943. Captain (then 1st Lieutenant) Shields accompanied a small patrol to gain better knowledge of the terrain and disposition of the enemy. Finding that the patrol had been surrounded by the enemy, Captain Shields called for artillery fire on the enemy positions, although the patrol was exceedingly close to the enemy lines. Because of Captain Shields' decision to call for artillery fire, and his accurate direction of the fire, the patrol was able to filter through the surrounding enemy and to return safely without loss of personnel. Home Address: Dallas, Texas.

JOHN H. MANES, W-2101059, Chief Warrant Officer, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January 1943 to 25 January 1943. In spite of the rough terrain, adverse weather and bad road conditions, Chief Warrant Officer Manes, through personal supervision, kept his regiment's twenty four jeeps in constant repair, thus assuring the supply of front line units. On many occasions Warrant Officer Manes went forward, exposing himself to enemy fire, to gain information on road conditions and the best routes for transportation of supplies. Through his diligent and efficient supervision in the maintenance of vehicles, he assured the uninterrupted use of all available transportation for delivery of supplies upon which the success of his regiment depended. Home Address: San Antonio, Texas.

THEODORE P. OLSON, W-2123413, Chief Warrant Officer, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January 1943 to 25 January 1943. Warrant Officer (then Sergeant) Olson was Regimental Ammunitions Sergeant during this operation, and performed the duties of Assistant Ammunitions Officer with the greatest efficiency. He procured and distributed munitions to front line units despite poor roads, rough terrain consisting of steep hills, jungles, and extreme lowland, and insufficient transportation. Working day and night, without regard for fatigue or loss of sleep, Sergeant Olson overcame many obstacles and contributed in a considerable degree to the success of his organization in combat. Home Address: South Glastonbury, Connecticut.

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✓ **CLAUDE F. BUNCE**, 6580860, 1st Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January 1943 to 13 January 1943. While charged with the responsibility of maintaining the direction of an advance party of his organization, 1st Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Bunce led an advance party through hostile, trackless terrain to its objective. On several occasions he reconnoitered well to the front of the leading scouts, determining whether the proper directions were being maintained. Throughout the ensuing action against the enemy his calm judgment under fire, his continual concern for the welfare of his men, and his sound tactical maneuvers in advancing squads, were an inspiration to his men and an important factor in the success of his unit. Home Address: Escondido, California.

ALBERT P. LAFFERTY, 5747743, 1st Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at New Georgia and Arundel Islands, British Solomon Islands, from 1 August 1943 to 21 September 1943. During this period, due to the acute shortage of commissioned officers, First Sergeant Lafferty acted in the capacity of an officer in addition to his normal duties. His thorough knowledge of combat principles assured the company commander in the effective controlling of the company throughout the entire campaign. In the advance from Hill "W" to Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, he led a distance of about 23 miles through dense jungle and over extremely muddy terrain. First Sergeant Lafferty was continuously in close contact with all members of the company, instilling in them the will to complete this gruelling march. On 17 September 1943, when heavy enemy fire was encountered upon contact with Japanese forces on northern Arundel Island, First Sergeant Lafferty moved frequently along the line, often exposing himself to heavy rifle and machine gun fire, in order to reassure his troops and inform them of the current situation. First Sergeant Lafferty's meritorious actions contributed greatly to the success of his company's operations. Home Address: Oil City, Pennsylvania.

✓ **GEORGE URDA**, 20270497, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 10 August 1943. When his organization met with heavy enemy resistance on the trail south of Zieta Village, the strength and accurate location of the Japanese could not be determined. Sergeant (then Corporal) Urda, as a member of a two man team, volunteered to patrol behind enemy lines to secure information of the enemy's strength, and to reconnoiter a route for a flanking attack. Sergeant Urda succeeded in penetrating far into the enemy positions despite the rugged jungle terrain and the possibility of discovery by the enemy. The information obtained by this patrol was complete and accurate, and proved to be of vital importance in the course of action subsequently taken. Home Address: Windsor, New York.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

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HEADQUARTERS,
25th Infantry Division,
APO #25, 12 May 1944.

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR. --By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

WILLIAM J. MULLEN, JR., O-19586, Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services during operations against the Japanese forces on Vella LaVella Island, British Solomon Islands. As a regimental executive officer, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) Mullen rendered services of exceptional value in coordinating the tactical operations of regimental units against the Japanese forces on the northern end of Vella LaVella Island. His calm judgment, leadership ability, and personal observation of front-line operations were of material assistance in the conduct of the landing on the island and his regiment's subsequent operations. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY R. LARSEN, O-22094, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces on Vella LaVella Island, British Solomon Islands. As a battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Larsen displayed superior force, initiative, and tactical judgment by the way in which he deployed the elements of his battalion over an extended beach area. He directed his patrols inland toward the enemy in such fashion as to constantly press their withdrawal, while shifting and consolidating his own position in the jungle so as to maintain his advantage. Despite terrain and climatic difficulties which militated against his troops, Lt. Colonel Larsen insured adequate supplies and equipment being delivered when they were needed. Home Address: Talladega, Alabama.

GEORGE P. GRIEVE, O-317263, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands from 1 January 1943 to 31 January 1943, and at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August 1943 to 15 September 1943. During the campaign on Guadalcanal, Captain Grieve, as S-2 of a field artillery battalion, completed a survey which enabled his organization to deliver accurate fire upon the enemy. In the campaign on Vella LaVella Island, Captain Grieve served as a battery commander, and was part of the initial echelon of Field Artillery to go ashore. Due to his strenuous efforts, his battery was in position and ready to fire shortly after the landing had been accomplished. Later in the campaign Captain Grieve's battery was chosen for a mission which necessitated moving across swamps and jungle covered terrain. Despite the many difficulties encountered, positions were soon established and the battery was registered and prepared to support the Infantry the night before the attack was to be made. Home Address: Wilmette, Illinois.

THOMAS H. McDOWELL, O-295009, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces on Vella LaVella Island, British Solomon Islands, during the period 15 August 1943 to 15 September 1943. As supply officer of a field artillery battalion, Captain McDowell was largely responsible for the efficient loading and moving of the battalion to Vella LaVella Island. After arrival of the battalion on the island Captain McDowell was charged

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with the task of building roads through swampy and jungle-covered terrain, a task made almost impossible by the incessant rain. Under Captain McDowell's active leadership the roads were completed with a minimum of delay. During this period Captain McDowell's ability at improvising spare parts kept the battalion's vehicles in running order at all times and enabled the widely separated batteries to be supplied. Home Address: Bonham, Texas.

EMIL E. MATULA, 6275460, First Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, and at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands. During both campaigns First Sergeant Matula kept his company efficiently organized and supplied. He went through the entire battalion area daily, often under fire, to see that his men were supplied. Sergeant Matula often carried ammunition forward under fire to keep machine guns supplied. While on Vella LaVella Island First Sergeant Matula voluntarily accompanied an attacking company on a flanking mission. When the patrol was halted by heavy enemy fire First Sergeant Matula aided the machine gun section leader in preventing encirclement by an enemy force. Home Address: Granger, Texas.

GOTTFRIED F. BERGER, 39010751, Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 22 July 1943 to 25 August 1943. When his organization went into combat on New Georgia Island Sergeant Berger assumed the responsibilities of operations sergeant. Due to the inadequacy of existing aerial photographs, Sergeant Berger, on his own initiative, went forward to the front lines in order to sketch the terrain and enemy fortifications and positions. Despite illness, fatigue and inadequate facilities, Sergeant Berger set a superior standard in the coordination of information and combat orders and performed the duties of regimental operations sergeant in a highly efficient manner. Home Address: San Francisco, California.

ALBERT F. RATHGEBER, 20942311, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism in action against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 26 July 1943. On the morning of 26 July 1943 one of the soldiers who had assisted Sergeant Rathgeber in installing a telephone in a forward command post was seriously wounded by enemy rifle fire. Sergeant Rathgeber immediately picked up the wounded man and was carrying him to safety when he was hit in the shoulder by rifle fire. Despite the wound Sergeant Rathgeber continued to carry the wounded man to the rear, but after a distance of thirty yards he was struck by rifle fire in the leg. As he dropped to the ground he was hit again by rifle fire. Sergeant Rathgeber, realizing that it was impossible for him to remove the wounded man by himself, made his way to his company commander and informed him of the place where the wounded man could be found, and also gave valuable information of danger points on the trail. Home Address: Spokane, Washington.

JAMES C. ANGELL, 13016801, Corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, on 15 August 1943. On the night of 15 August 1943, Corporal Angell was on duty at an observation post on the beach beyond the newly established perimeter defense. During the night Corporal Angell heard noises in the jungle to his front and immediately fired a shot in the general direction of the noise. Then, without waiting for the remainder of the observation post detail to accompany him, Corporal Angell dashed forward to investigate the noise, and found an enemy soldier trying to conceal himself in the dense undergrowth. At bayonet point Corporal Angell charged and captured this enemy soldier and guarded him during

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the remainder of the night until he could be turned in to the proper authorities the next morning. Home Address: Danville, Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS,
25th Infantry Division,
APO #25, 18 May 1944.

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

JOSEPH F. DOYLE, O-376050, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 1 January to 10 January 1943, and at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 15 September 1943. During the campaign on Guadalcanal, Captain Doyle performed outstanding work as a liaison officer. During the campaign on Vella LaVella, Captain Doyle was liaison officer of a field artillery unit employed in conjunction with an infantry unit, and made many extensive and difficult reconnaissances in order that the artillery might be accurately registered. His accurate registration of fire contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Home Address: Denver, Colorado.

WILLIAM L. HUTCHINSON, O-2942835, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 15 September 1943. During this period, First Lieutenant Hutchinson was assistant communications officer of a field artillery unit and was responsible for the laying of wire lines cross-country through jungle and swamps, and over mountainous terrain. The reconnaissance to determine routes for these lines often took First Lieutenant Hutchinson and his party outside the perimeter defense and through territory in which the strength of the enemy was unknown. All wire was laid by hand, the 85 pound reels of wire being carried over almost impassable terrain. Due to the expert leadership of First Lieutenant Hutchinson, the laying of the wire was completed in a short time. Home Address: Monaca, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM T. OLSON, O-2042839, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Arundel Island, British Solomon Islands. On 14 September 1943, First Lieutenant Olson was given the mission of locating and establishing communication with a surrounded battalion. First Lieutenant Olson led a patrol on a circuitous route through dense jungle, made contact with the battalion, and immediately set up communication with regimental headquarters. Due to a shortage of ammunition and food, the battalion withdrew successfully over the route First Lieutenant Olson's patrol had discovered and joined the main unit. Home Address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ATWOOD B. DAVENPORT, JR., 6948429, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands. On 17 August 1943, during an enemy air raid, a bomb dropped approximately fifty yards from the beach position occupied by Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Davenport, killing one man and wounding another. Technical Sergeant Davenport, although enemy planes were still overhead, immediately left his shelter and went to the aid of the wounded men. Technical Sergeant Davenport also extinguished two fires caused by the bomb. Home Address: Roper, North Carolina.

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CLAUDE E. SIMS, 6289866, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, Arundel and Kolombangara Islands, British Solomon Islands, from 2 August to 1 October 1943. On 11 August 1943, while his unit was opposing the Japanese on the Zieta Trail, New Georgia Island, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Sims, provided covering fire with an automatic rifle for an officer endeavoring to destroy well-prepared Japanese positions with hand grenades. Due to Technical Sergeant Sims' covering fire, delivered from a kneeling position without regard for his own safety, the positions were successfully destroyed and the advance against the enemy was continued. On 12 September 1943, Technical Sergeant Sims volunteered to lead a patrol of four men for the purpose of investigating unrecornered islands. Swimming ashore, the patrol reached the islands and made a thorough reconnaissance. Technical Sergeant Sims' efficient handling of these missions enabled these islands to be used as observation posts to observe enemy activity on Kolombangara Island. Home Address: Houston, Texas.

JORDEN E. HOWELL, 7082810, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella La Vella, British Solomon Islands, on 10 September 1943. Staff Sergeant Howell was a platoon sergeant of a company endeavoring to outflank enemy positions. While the company was proceeding cautiously through a Japanese bivouac area the enemy opened fire at extremely close range. During the subsequent attack against the enemy positions the platoon was under heavy fire from enemy knee mortars, machine guns, hand grenades and rifles, but with utter disregard for his life, Staff Sergeant Howell led the left flank of the platoon forward to the top of the hill, maneuvering and deploying his squads so as to utilize every member and to gain the maximum fire on the enemy positions. When orders came to withdraw due to approaching darkness, Staff Sergeant Howell remained behind with a small force to cover the withdrawal. When word was received that a member of the platoon was wounded, Staff Sergeant Howell, with another member of the platoon, moved forward to locate the wounded man, but before they could reach him a mortar shell landed in front of them, blinding Staff Sergeant Howell and wounding his companion. Despite their wounds, the two men managed to work their way back to the remainder of the platoon. Staff Sergeant Howell's courage and brilliant leadership were largely responsible for the successful action of the platoon in this engagement. Home Address: Stantonsbury, North Carolina.

CHARLES L. MCGAHA, 6925943, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 8 January to 25 January 1943. During this period, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) McGaha, as reconnaissance and communication sergeant of his unit, maintained constant communication with the company under the most difficult and hazardous circumstances. Because of the nature of the terrain and the condition of the wire, communication was constantly being broken, and it was through Staff Sergeant McGaha's tireless efforts that communication was kept intact. Later in the action, Staff Sergeant McGaha led a number of patrols into enemy territory and obtained valuable information. Home Address: Cosby, Tennessee.

WALTER J. SABALUSKI, 36034325, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 20 January 1943. Advancing without weapons in an effort to remove a wounded man from a Japanese fire lane, Staff Sergeant Sabalauski and a companion reached the wounded man and were in the process of placing him on a stretcher when the Japanese opened fire, riddling the wounded man. In spite of the heavy enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Sabalauski and his companion carried the wounded

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man to friendly lines. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

CECIL A. MOSS, 39376325, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 8 August to 1 October 1943. During this period, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Moss, through his aggressive scouting, enabled his company to advance along the Zieta Trail. On one occasion, Sergeant Moss located an enemy machine gun position and, with several well-placed shots, put it out of action before it could fire on friendly troops. On 26 September 1943, Sergeant Moss volunteered to accompany a reconnaissance patrol to previously reconnoitered Kolombangara Island. Much of the patrol's success was due to Sergeant Moss' fearlessness and willingness to reconnoiter areas that were difficult to penetrate. Home Address: Tacoma, Washington.

EMERSON J. SHAWVER, 35425503, Corporal, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. As an aid man for a unit in Combat Corporal Shawver efficiently performed his duties. On 10 January 1943, Corporal Shawver administered aid to a wounded man while exposed to the same fire which had inflicted the casualty. On 13 January 1943, when an officer was wounded during a raid on a Japanese bivouac area, Corporal Shawver went to his aid immediately, and, despite enemy rifle fire, carried the officer to a place of safety, dressed his wounds and arranged for him to be carried to an aid station. Home Address: Charcoal, West Virginia.

JOE J. AGUILAR, 39227716, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 26 and 27 July, 1943. On these dates Technician Fifth Grade Aguilar, serving as a stretcher bearer, willingly carried his stretcher into an area under aimed fire, crawling and dodging behind trees to reach a fox-hole where a wounded man lay. Technician Fifth Grade Aguilar rolled the wounded man on the stretcher, and, as soon as help arrived, carried him to safety. Later, he assisted in carrying out other casualties. By his example Technician Fifth Grade Aguilar inspired others to assist in carrying the wounded to safety. Home Address: Shafter, California.

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HEADQUARTERS,
25th Infantry Division,
APO #25, 22 May 1944.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

CLAUDE E. JURNEY, O-13214 Colonel, United States Army, for meritorious services as Division G-4 during the move of the Division from scattered positions in New Georgia, Vella LaVella and Arundel Islands through Guadalcanal to New Zealand, and later to New Caledonia. Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) Journey, as G-4, planned and directed debarkation, greatly expediting the transfer of the Division. These moves were rendered especially difficult by a shortage of transportation and uncertain and frequently changed shipping schedules. Upon arrival in New Caledonia, Colonel Journey, through his superior knowledge of supplies and equipment, immediately equipped the Division for combat operations. The excellent manner in which he handled the difficult transportation and supply problems was an outstanding contribution to the movement of the Division. Entered the United States Military Academy from Texas.

GEORGE R. HARRISON, JR., O-22152, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands from 15 August to 21 October 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Harrison, with his battalion then stationed in the Russell Islands, was responsible for the preparation, loading and coordination of the movement of his command, and its coordination with the remainder of the combat team in the landing on Vella LaVella and the occupation of an assigned sector in the beachhead defense. Later, as enemy resistance developed on the north side of the island, Lieutenant Colonel Harrison withdrew his battalion from perimeter defense and moved it some 20 miles to the north to assist another battalion in the elimination of the enemy from his organized positions, later establishing a perimeter defense in that part of the island covering important installations. Throughout all these operations Lieutenant Colonel Harrison displayed initiative, good judgment and leadership of high order which contributed materially to the successful execution of all combat team missions. Home Address: Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

DELBERT E. MUNSON, O-23156, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 21 September 1943. As an Infantry battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Munson led his battalion in its landing in the first wave on the island and proceeded promptly and in orderly manner to the assigned objective in the beachhead defense. Upon reported occupation by enemy combat elements of an area on the north side of the island, Lieutenant Colonel Munson led his battalion by forced marches over difficult jungle terrain for a distance of

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more than 20 miles, located the enemy's dispositions and spearheaded the combat team attack which quickly routed the Japanese force from a well-organized position. Throughout these operations Lieutenant Colonel Hanson displayed conspicuous leadership, calm judgment and sound tactical decisions, thus contributing very materially to the swift and effective accomplishment of the combat team's mission. Home Address: San Francisco, California.

ROBERT L. STEVENSON, O-343589, General Staff Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service on Kolombangara Island, British Solomon Islands, from 6 October to 11 October 1943. During this period Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson volunteered to lead a patrol to determine the location, composition and intentions of the Japanese forces on Kolombangara Island. The enemy was known to be withdrawing from the Vila Airport area north along the East and West coasts, but his intentions otherwise were unknown. An extensive and thorough reconnaissance of the entire island except Vila was required before the future course of the New Georgia campaign could be determined. Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson's patrol, moving by small boat and marches, reconnoitered the known Japanese garrison stations at Hunda Cove, Hamberi Cove, Veru Point, Tombulu Village and Rei Cove, and determined by signs of recent evacuation and by maps and documents found in these areas that the Japanese forces had withdrawn to the northern islands of the Solomon Group, leaving a few stragglers. On 8 October 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson, in order to gain information of the enemy, led two men in an attempt to capture an enemy soldier discovered at Hamberi Cove. Although every effort was made to take him alive, due to his resistance the patrol was forced to kill him. It was largely due to the aggressive leadership displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson that the enemy withdrawal was promptly and definitely established. Home address: Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

LORNE S. WARD, O-319267, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 1 August to 20 October 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Ward, as a regimental supply officer during this period, handled all details connected with the special equipment, logistical movements and supply of his organization in connection with the operations on Vella Lavella. Following the landing, Lieutenant Colonel Ward was responsible for organizing and operating a system of supply for troops scattered over a wide front extending some 25 miles to either flank of the beachhead. The delivery of essential supplies and equipment to the forward elements involved the use of barges and other landing craft, the blazing of trails, and operation of motor and carrying parties over difficult terrain together with the maintenance of close liaison with the higher echelons of supply. By his initiative, sound judgment and intensive devotion to duty he established and maintained a supply system which contributed very materially to the successful accomplishment of the combat team's mission. Home address: Appleton, Minnesota.

WILLIAM N. CORWIN, O-378056, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 16 September 1943. During this period First Lieutenant Corwin was battalion supply officer, and, in the initial phases of the landing, was in charge of unloading supplies on the beach and establishing

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a supply point several hundred yards inland. First Lieutenant Corwin led his men so efficiently that the work was accomplished despite frequent enemy bombing and strafing attacks. Later, when the battalion was operating in northern Vella LaVella, First Lieutenant Corwin was faced with the problem of supplying a battalion separated from its base by 20 miles of difficult jungle-covered terrain. Through foresight and careful planning, he succeeded in keeping the battalion supplied by using barges and carrying parties. Home Address: Portland, Oregon.

WILLIAM J. MUNYER, O-2042864, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands. On 5 August 1943, First Lieutenant Munyer's organization had been held up for two days by an enemy strong point. First Lieutenant Munyer, platoon leader of a machine gun platoon, was ordered by his company commander to bring his platoon to a position from which fire could be brought on the enemy strong point. First Lieutenant Munyer led his platoon to positions on the forward slope of a small hill and emplaced his guns so that maximum fire could be brought to bear on the Japanese pill-boxes. He stayed in the front lines during the entire day without thought for his own safety, directing his platoon's fire by crawling from position to position. When a section leader was wounded, First Lieutenant Munyer crawled to him, called for a stretcher and assisted in bringing the section leader out of the line of fire. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

CLARENCE E. FULTZ, 20943439, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 22 July to 31 July 1943. During this period Staff Sergeant Fultz commanded a light machine gun section which was attached to a unit assaulting a hill on which Japanese were entrenched. While moving up, the unit came across pill-boxes which slowed down the advance. When Staff Sergeant Fultz moved to the place of the delay the company was suddenly subjected to concentrated enemy machine gun fire and grenades. Staff Sergeant Fultz helped to reduce two pill-boxes and was wounded by an enemy grenade after he had killed a Japanese soldier while assaulting a third pill-box. Home Address: Albion, Washington.

JOSEPH KENT, 12020790, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 15 October 1943. During an enemy air raid Staff Sergeant Kent, communications sergeant of a combat unit, was wounded in the head by shrapnel. In spite of the painful wound, Staff Sergeant Kent insisted on accompanying his organization when it left for Vella LaVella on the following day. While on Vella LaVella Staff Sergeant Kent was a member of numerous patrols, one of which led a group of Fijian and New Zealand troops deep into the jungle to split the Japanese forces which were operating on the other side of the island. In addition to these patrols Staff Sergeant Kent maintained his communication lines which were frequently put out of operation. Staff Sergeant Kent's prompt repair work enabled his company to maintain continuous communication with higher echelons and forward positions. Home Address: New York City, New York.

ARGIL F. COPPMAN, 35426918, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia,

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British Solomon Islands. On 5 August 1943, when the platoon to which Technician Fifth Grade Coffman was attached moved forward along the Bairoko trail it came under a hail of machine gun, rifle and grenade fire from enemy positions some thirty yards away, and sustained nine casualties. Unhesitatingly, and disregarding the enemy fire and his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Coffman went about the task of caring for these wounded men. The platoon was ordered to withdraw, but when a final check was made it was discovered that one member of the platoon was missing. Informed of the general direction in which the man had last been seen, Technician Fifth Grade Coffman immediately set forth in search of him despite the continuing Japanese fire. Finding the wounded man in an unconscious condition, he dragged him through the brush until he reached the company, and immediately resumed his duties of caring for the wounded. Home Address: Parkersburg, West Virginia.

SIM D. BROWN, 38079123, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Island, from 10 January to 9 February 1943. Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Brown performed his duties as a company aid man in an exceptionally outstanding manner. His courage in volunteering for all combat patrol work, and his superior efficiency in the execution of his duties while on these voluntary missions, resulted in lowering materially the casualty rate of his company. At all times his period in combat was marked by a zealous attention to duty far greater than that which could have been expected of him. Medical officers stated that the life of a wounded man was saved only through his high degree of efficiency and constant devotion to duty. Home Address: Camp Wood, Texas.

CARL BURNS, 35426980, Private First Class, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 20 January 1943. Displaying outstanding courage and efficiency, Private First Class (then Private) Burns volunteered several times for dangerous patrol duty, and repeatedly led litter squads in evacuation of wounded men over extremely difficult terrain. Despite exhaustion he insisted on continuing with litter hauls because he was familiar with the terrain and wanted to guide other litter bearers. His actions served as an inspiration to other litter bearers. Home Address: Brushart, Kentucky.

II. AWARDS OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGES: Pursuant to authority contained in War Department Circular No. 269, dated 27 October 1943, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers:

ROBERT B. McCLURE, O-10356, Major General (then Colonel), Infantry, for exemplary conduct against the enemy during the Guadalcanal campaign.

WILLIAM A. McCULLOCH, O-3598, Brigadier General (then Colonel), Infantry, for exemplary conduct against the enemy during the Guadalcanal campaign.

DOUGLAS SUGG, O-11172, Colonel, Infantry, for exemplary conduct against the enemy during the Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaigns.

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By command of Major General MULLINS:

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, posthumously to the following named enlisted man:

WILLIAM A. DUPREE, JR., 6399637, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, on 10 September 1943. When his organization contacted the enemy, Private First Class Dupree moved forward aggressively through heavy enemy fire from rifles, machine guns and mortars, and laid down heavy automatic rifle fire upon the enemy. When orders were received to withdraw because of approaching darkness, Private First Class Dupree and a companion remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Upon being informed that a wounded man was up front, they moved forward to find him. A Japanese mortar shell exploded directly in front of the two men, blinding his companion and wounding Private First Class Dupree. They managed to withdraw, but Private First Class Dupree was wounded again by machine gun fire. Although he was rescued by other members of his platoon and was immediately given first aid, he died soon afterwards. Private First Class Dupree's aggressiveness and courage during this action was an inspiration to the other members of his organization. Home Address: Forest, Louisiana.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

WILLIS B. JOHNSON, O-357026, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 20 July to 28 August 1943. During this period, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was in command of a medical battalion which moved from Guadalcanal into close support positions on New Georgia under enemy air and ground attacks. The effective evacuation and field treatment of casualties under the most trying conditions of terrain and weather during this operation was largely due to the high professional and military knowledge as well as determination on the part of Lieutenant Colonel Johnson. Home Address: Everett, Washington.

RADFORD D. HYDE, O-1283438, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 16 August to 15 September 1943. First Lieutenant

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Hyde, as S-2 of an Infantry Battalion, led patrols on many occasions over difficult jungle terrain deep into enemy territory and brought back information that was of great value in the planning of further advances. On one patrol, First Lieutenant Hyde and his men established an ambush well behind enemy lines and succeeded in killing several Japanese. Despite fatigue from constant patrolling, First Lieutenant Hyde repeatedly volunteered to lead reconnaissance patrols. Home Address: Washington, D.C.

LLOYD L. NELSON, O-2042848, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Nelson, as supply officer for an Infantry battalion, displayed conspicuous energy, courage, and resourcefulness in supplying all elements of his battalion during rapidly changing situations and over a frontage which included a jungle perimeter and beach line strong points of nearly twenty (20) miles in extent. Despite frequent changes in the disposition of units, frequent enemy air attacks, and the difficulty of transporting supplies by carrying parties, motors, and small boats, First Lieutenant Nelson maintained constant contact with the regimental S-4 and all elements of his battalion. His supply system was so well organized that all elements of his battalion were never short of available supplies. Home Address: Osseo, Minnesota.

ALBERT B. LARIMORE, 6482699, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. On 15 January 1943, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Larimore, as a platoon sergeant, advanced with his platoon against Japanese positions in the Gifu strong point. The platoon became disorganized upon encountering highly concentrated fire of ten Japanese machine gun and rifle emplacements, but Technical Sergeant Larimore, disregarding the danger of the enemy fire, organized his men and placed them in a defensive position. He maintained these positions until ordered to withdraw, and then acted as a litter bearer to remove five wounded men to an aid station. Home Address: New Albany, Indiana.

RAY A. WELLS, 6298729, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 8 January to 25 January 1943. During this period, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Wells, as mess sergeant of a combat organization, performed his duties in a superior manner. He led numerous ration and ammunition carrying parties into his company's lines, and, when time permitted, maintained a company kitchen from which hot meals were served to front line positions. On three separate occasions Technical Sergeant Wells, while delivering rations to his company and learning the company was to advance into enemy held territory, voluntarily joined a platoon and killed several Japanese. During mop-up operations in the Gifu strong point, Technical Sergeant Wells armed himself with an automatic weapon and voluntarily joined patrols. On these patrols Technical Sergeant Wells killed several of the enemy and destroyed a number of pillboxes. Home Address: Salmon, Texas.

KENNETH H. SEAMAN, 6954335, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, Home Address: Loveta, Colorado.

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RICHARD SPON, 13013281, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sharon, Pennsylvania.

MONROE DRAUGHN, 34038901, Private First Class, United States Army. Home Address: Mocksville, North Carolina.

The citation for each of the three above-named individuals is as follows:

For the performance of meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Ganongga, British Solomon Islands, on 11 September 1943. He volunteered to accompany a patrol to Ganongga Island for the purpose of destroying a Japanese radio station and other installations and material. The patrol reached the island in canoes at night, accompanied by natives, and landed early next morning. After finding the Japanese position they waited in the jungle nearby until sunset when the Japanese returned. The patrol then advanced boldly and destroyed a building and a large supply dump containing sufficient rations, ammunition and clothing to supply a battalion.

FIBER SHIRK, JR., 15010480, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Arundel Island, British Solomon Islands. On 17 September 1943, when Staff Sergeant Shirk's organization was consolidating newly won positions, an enemy machine gun opened fire less than 30 yards away. Staff Sergeant Shirk immediately led a squad around the enemy's left flank and delivered fire upon the position and forced the enemy to withdraw, despite fire by enemy snipers. While crawling forward over fallen logs and rough coral, Staff Sergeant Shirk reopened the wound in his side caused by a recent appendectomy. After reporting to the aid station and having his abdomen tightly taped, he returned immediately to the fight and succeeded in destroying an enemy machine gun with an automatic rifle. During the counter attack that followed he moved from position to position encouraging his men. Staff Sergeant Shirk's efforts contributed greatly to the success of his company on that day. Home Address: Columbus, Ohio.

WILLIAM J. HARVEY, 13003827, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 8 January to 25 January 1943. During this period Technician Fourth Grade Harvey, a cook in a combat unit, volunteered as a rifleman and was with the leading assault troops when the unit attacked a large and well defended Japanese bivouac area. Technician Fourth Grade Harvey aggressively and courageously moved directly into the Japanese position, killing several members of an enemy machine gun squad at close range. Having destroyed this enemy position, he continued, without regard to enemy rifle fire, directly into the area, assisting in the final destruction of the entire enemy position. Home Address: Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

JAMES C. DAUGHERTY, 6990767, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism against the Japanese forces on Sagekarasa, British Solomon Islands. On 19 September 1943, when the advance of his company was halted by heavy and accurate enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Daugherty volunteered to operate a flame thrower against the enemy emplacements, despite the

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fact that he had had no previous instruction in this weapon. After a few minutes of instruction, and under heavy machine gun and sniper fire directed at him from a range of about twenty yards, Private First Class Daugherty worked his way forward ten yards from one log to the next, impeded by the bulk and unhandiness of the weapon, until within view of an enemy pill box only ten yards away. He attempted several times to manipulate the flame thrower without success, all of time drawing a hail of enemy fire. He worked relentlessly until the correct adjustment was made, and then silenced the pillbox with one burst. Unable to definitely distinguish other pill boxes Private First Class Daugherty sprayed the area to his front until the fluid was exhausted. Home Address: Bedford, Indiana.

WILLIAM H. DOWNING, 19057335, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 12 January 1943. During this period Private First Class Downing displays unusual calmness and bravery under fire while performing his duties as scout for a rifle squad. While acting as the scout for the point of an advance guard approaching the crest of a hill, he was fired on by a small force of Japanese. With disregard for his own safety, he advanced and by his accurate automatic rifle fire enabled the advance party to proceed without delay or casualties. Home Address: Hutchinson, Kansas.

LAVON D. MARLER, 39307907, Private, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 8 January to 25 January 1943. During this period Private Marler's unit was engaging the enemy forces in the Gifu strong point. Private Marler, with a companion, was occupying a fox hole when several Japanese tried to infiltrate through the lines. Private Marler's companion, attempting to throw a hand grenade, dropped the grenade inside the fox hole, resulting in an explosion which blew off his companion's hand and badly shook up Private Marler. Private Marler gave first aid to the wounded man and continued to repulse the enemy with hand grenades during the remainder of the night. Due to Private Marler's prompt action and calm efficiency in first aid treatment the wounded man's life was saved. Home Address: Brogan, Oregon.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 4, 4 September 1942, the following named enlisted man is awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 16 January 1943:

GEORGE R. CRITCHLOW, 6936794, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. Residence upon entry into military service: Wichita, Kansas.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

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HEADQUARTERS,
25th Infantry Division,
APO #25, 29 May, 1944.

MEMORIAL DAY

On May 30th we as Americans praise in war, as in peace, to honor those soldiers of our nation who have paid with their lives on those far flung battlefields to insure that our country might live and continue along the path of freedom and democracy intended by the founding fathers.

We of the 25th Division join the nation and all its military services in honoring those brave men gone before, from all wars and all American military organizations but especially do we bow our heads toward the graves of those fallen comrades of our own division. They have already paid in full measure and those of us who experienced and survived those battles, know with what courage and devotion they paid.

Let us on this day firmly resolve that, through our determination to annihilate the Jap wherever found, those men shall not have paid the highest price in vain. Let us further resolve that, through no negligence of ours, thoughtless though it may be; through no failure of our own in accomplishing whatever assigned task, will that list of brave men be augmented when again, one year from now, we pay tribute to heroic soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice.

C. L. Mullins, Jr.
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HEADQUARTERS,
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APO #25, 30 May 1944.

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR.-- By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

CONWAY J. CHRISTIANSON, O-377257, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Christianson, as a battalion executive officer, displayed untiring devotion to duty while continually at or near the front lines doing invaluable work in coordinating the various staff functions of supply, communication and intelligence personnel. On 13 January 1943, by use of good judgment and sound decision, Lieutenant Colonel Christianson directed artillery fire upon an enemy patrol, thereby saving a friendly patrol from suffering casualties. This action, together with his unselfish and untiring devotion to duty, materially contributed to the success of his organization during this campaign. Home Address: Enderlin, North Dakota.

GILBERT BECK, O-369978, Captain, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Captain (then First Lieutenant) Beck, as leader of a carrying party composed of members of his platoon, led his party repeatedly over extremely precipitous and jungle-covered terrain carrying water, ammunition and food to front line units. On one occasion Captain Beck and his platoon, unarmed and carrying ammunition and water, accompanied an assault company when it attacked, reaching the objective simultaneously with the assault company. These services were performed under adverse weather conditions of extreme heat and heavy rainfall. Captain Beck's superior leadership and the splendid example set by him contributed in a considerable degree to his organization's success. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN T. FINKLE, JR., O-1307612, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands. On 10 September 1943, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Finkle, while bringing up the rear of a platoon, was informed that a man had been seriously wounded up forward when the enemy had opened fire on the advancing platoon. Lieutenant Finkle immediately moved forward through intense Japanese machine gun, rifle and mortar fire searching for the wounded man. He found the wounded man together with several companions who were administering first aid. Lieutenant Finkle took charge, administered first aid and prepared to remove the wounded man to the rear. After the party had gone about 75 yards it arrived at a large fallen tree where First Lieutenant Finkle decided to spend the night. During the night enemy patrols passed by a few yards away without detecting the group. Next morning it being apparent that the wounded man could not be moved,

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First Lieutenant Finkle placed a man in charge and started back to the company to secure aid over a route which led over open ground subject to enemy observation. Home Address: West Haven, Connecticut.

JOHN L. FLAHERTY, O-2043002, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services at Oahu, Territory of Hawaii and against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 7 December 1941 to 25 January 1943. From the beginning of the war on 7 December 1941, First Lieutenant (then Master Sergeant) Flaherty, functioning as head of the Operations Section of a Field Artillery battalion, performed his assigned tasks with an outstanding performance of duty, during long hours under difficult and adverse conditions. First Lieutenant Flaherty performed double duty in the intelligence and operations section of the battalion during the campaign on Guadalcanal and performed all duties in an exemplary manner. Home Address: South Bend, Indiana.

ROBERT J. REED, O-1167170, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 9 January to 13 January 1943. During this period First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Reed performed the duties of a Field Artillery forward observer. On 10 January 1943, when bombs laid down by friendly planes fell short of their objective First Lieutenant Reed led his men to a position of safety where artillery fire might be directed and observed. For five days he rigorously carried on his duties as forward observer. First Lieutenant Reed's enthusiasm, ability and faithful service during this period set an example of unselfish devotion to duty to all who came in contact with him. Home Address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CARL L. GUNTNUM, 13010622, Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 9 January to 26 January 1943. Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Guntrum, as a wire chief, displayed exceptional skill, ingenuity and perseverance and was largely responsible for the excellent installation and maintenance of wire communication to all liaison sections and forward observers. Communication was maintained during weather conditions of heavy rains and extreme heat and over very rough and steep hills. Inadequate equipment and limited transportation added to the difficulties of laying and servicing lines. The excellent communications maintained under Technical Sergeant Guntrum's supervision contributed greatly to the delivering of artillery support. Home Address: Rimersburg, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY D. ADAMS, 6581283, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. On 12 January 1943, Staff Sergeant Adams led a rifle squad in two successive attacks against a strongly entrenched Japanese trail block which had been established across a battalion supply line. The initial assault, made down almost vertical terrain, was stopped by heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Displaying courage and excellent combat leadership, Staff Sergeant Adams reorganized his men and succeeded in reaching a flanking position on the trail from which he launched a second attack which cleared the enemy from the trail. His aggressive

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spirit and courageous leadership were directly responsible for the accomplishment of this difficult combat mission. Home Address: Vernal, Utah.

THOMAS A. HAGERTY, 6982594, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 10 and 11 January 1943. Throughout the operations of his battalion against the Japanese, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) Hagerty distinguished himself by his perseverance and meritorious services as driver of a one-quarter ton truck. In his efforts to supply forward units with much needed supplies, he drove his truck over terrain mostly devoid of roads, full of hazardous cliffs, holes and bogs, and was constantly under enemy observation and fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, he never left his vehicle when under enemy sniper fire or accepted relief until forced to do so due to extreme fatigue. The spirit and fortitude he displayed was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Home Address: Ranney, New Jersey.

CHESTER P. LAVIER, 20934388, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. Shortly before his unit moved into combat, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Lavier lost the use of his left arm through arthritis, but, by his own request, accompanied his organization to Vella LaVella and efficiently performed the duties of a squad leader. Armed with only a caliber .45 pistol, he led patrols which killed a number of Japanese on several different occasions. Staff Sergeant Lavier's outstanding devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his company. Home Address: Woodburn, Oregon.

ELLSWORTH L. WILKINSON, 6976256, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. On 11 January 1943, when a battalion Intelligence Sergeant was wounded while advancing up a ridge and fell over the ridge into a deep ravine covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Staff Sergeant Wilkinson, disregarding his own safety, immediately began working his way down the precipitous cliff to render first aid to his wounded comrade. Despite fire by enemy machine guns and snipers, Staff Sergeant Wilkinson made his way slowly towards the wounded man. Upon reaching the wounded man, Staff Sergeant Wilkinson found him dead. He covered the body, carefully marking the location, and started back up the cliff. When enemy sniper fire forced him to take cover, he eliminated one of the snipers from his position. By this action of bravery and loyalty to his comrade, Staff Sergeant Wilkinson enabled an enemy machine gun position to be located and eliminated, personally accounted for an enemy sniper, and assured the location and recovery of his friend's body. Home Address: Highland Falls, New York.

MAURICE HAIN, 19017144, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Arundel, British Solomon Islands. On 13 September 1943, the Japanese, at this time fighting a fierce delaying action, dug in and established machine gun, rifle, and mortar positions in order to delay and hold the battalion of which Sergeant Hain was a member. Sergeant Hain, while moving along the lines under enemy fire, was wounded one

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finger being completely shot off. Despite the wound and without regard for his own safety, he moved along the line from man to man, under intense enemy automatic fire, directing fire upon the enemy. He remained with his squad directing its fire until ordered to to to the rear for medical treatment. On his trip to the aid station Sergeant Hain stopped by the company command post and reported the location of the enemy positions to the Company Commander. Home Address: Tacoma, Washington.

FREDRICK J. MACSATA, 20128393, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands. On 29 July 1943, Sergeant Macsata volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol to obtain information about enemy positions and the surrounding terrain. Halfway up a hill the patrol was fired upon by enemy snipers, but Sergeant Macsata maintained the progress of the patrol by taking the lead, and, with disregard for his safety, pressing up the hill, he led the patrol so as to draw enemy fire without needlessly exposing his men, and in this way gained information about the enemy positions which was valuable in the operations against Munda airfield. Home Address: Torrington, Connecticut.

ROBERT C. SHEERAN, 38071226, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands. On 10 September 1943, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Sheeran was a member of a platoon employed against the Japanese. When the platoon was withdrawn, Sergeant Sheeran remained behind to cover the movement. While covering the withdrawal he came across a severely wounded man. Four companions joined him, and they started to administer first aid. Being unable to reach our lines before dark, the party took refuge under a fallen tree for the night. Next morning it being apparent that the wounded man could not be moved, word was sent to the company, but by the time help had arrived the wounded man had died. Sergeant Sheeran then led the group back safely to the company over terrain subject to enemy observation. Home Address: Falfurrias, Texas.

KENNETH K. KELLER, 38023292, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 16 January 1943. During this period, Technician Fourth Grade Keller maintained telephone lines and radio communication between an observation post and a Field Artillery battery under adverse conditions which included enemy fire. In the absence of the chief of section, Technician Fourth Grade Keller displayed outstanding leadership in maintaining control of the signal section. As a direct result of Technician Fourth Grade Keller's initiative, energy, and fearlessness, the battery was at no time without some means of communication. Home Address: Beaver, Oklahoma.

ORAN V. HOLBROOK, 39316313, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands. On 5 September 1943, Private First Class Holbrook's company was occupying a defensive position along a line which ran through dense underbrush and swamp when the enemy, making their way to within fifteen yards of the position, set up a light machine gun directly in front of Private First Class Holbrook's foxhole.

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Private First Class Holbrook crawled from his foxhole and quickly destroyed the enemy machine gun. The elimination of the enemy machine gun enabled his companions to open fire and kill several Japanese. Home Address: Riverton, Oregon.

✓ STANLEY C. OLIVE, 14036303, Private First Class, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. On 10 January 1943, Private First Class Olive, without regard for his personal safety, volunteered to lay a telephone line from one hill to another. His route was over extremely rough and open terrain, which was under heavy hostile fire. The completion of this line made the badly needed artillery support more effective. Home Address: Florence, Alabama.

BENJAMIN J. SCHWALM, 32234895, Private First Class, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. On 27 January 1943, Private First Class Schwalm, working with other members of a Field Artillery battalion wire team, assisted in installing and maintaining telephone communication between an observation post and a fire direction center. It was necessary to establish communication routes over terrain which was almost impassable to troops. Although constantly harassed by enemy sniper fire, Private First Class Schwalm completed the mission with all disregard for his own safety. Home Address: Rochester, New York.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, posthumously to the following named enlisted man:

BEVERLY A. GILMORE, 39162665, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January 1943 to 9 February 1943. During this period Technician Fourth Grade Gilmore performed outstanding services in his assigned duties as a mechanic in an antitank company. During the operation, due to shortage of transportation, Technician Fourth Grade Gilmore reclaimed and put into running order two abandoned vehicles. One vehicle, a 1 ton International Truck, was repaired through Technician Fourth Grade Gilmore's mechanical abilities and used until the cessation of combat. Another vehicle, a 2½ ton GMC army truck, which had been captured and disabled by the Japanese, was found and repaired immediately by Technician Fourth Grade Gilmore. In addition to his assigned duties during this period Technician Fourth Grade Gilmore organized and led patrols on reconnaissance and combat missions. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

WILLIAM P. BLEDSOE, O-8184, Brigadier General, United States Army, for meritorious services as Division Artillery Commander at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 20 April 1943 to 31 July 1943; at New Georgia and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, and New Zealand from 29 September 1943 to 13 February 1944. His outstanding leadership in developing high morale, efficiency and teamwork in the Division Artillery was largely responsible for its success in combat at New Georgia and Vella Lavella, and the high standard of discipline maintained in New Zealand. Home Address: Salt Lake City, Utah.

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR., O-18384, Colonel, General Staff Corps, United States Army, for outstanding performance of duty as Chief of Staff of an Infantry Division from 22 April 1943 to date. During this period Colonel Dick has served as Chief of Staff to two Division Commanders. During combat operations on New Georgia it was to a considerable degree due to his energy, judgment and keen knowledge of the varied problems involved that the operations proceeded smoothly in both the battle phase and the administrative and logistical phase. During three moves by water executed by the division the planning and execution of the plans were carried out in such a manner that the division established an enviable record for smooth overseas movement.

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Credit is due in large part to his clear thinking and (in the absence of the Division Commander) his ability to make quick and correct decisions. Home Address: San Rafael, California.

JAMES L. DALTON II, O-19100, Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, during the period 19 July to 6 August 1943. Colonel Dalton, as Regimental Commander of an Infantry Regiment during this period displayed superior qualities of leadership and technical skill. In spite of the lack of accurate maps and the rugged and difficult terrain, Colonel Dalton personally made reconnaissances of enemy territory, obtaining valuable information enabling him to effect his attacks. His untiring efforts, determined leadership, and good judgment were an outstanding contribution to the success of the New Georgia campaign. Home Address: ~~Washington,~~ Vermont.

NORMAN J. ECKERT, O-11591, Colonel, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces on New Georgia, British Solomon Islands during the period 5 August to 3 October 1943. Colonel Eckert as Acting Division Artillery Commander of an Infantry Division during this period, in spite of serious obstacles and rugged and difficult terrain, conducted the fire of his unit in a sound and intelligent manner. The accuracy, timing, and volume of this fire was such as to render his supported Infantry the maximum of assistance and to reduce to a minimum the amount of enemy resistance it encountered. In all operations Colonel Eckert displayed superior qualities of leadership and technical skill. Home Address: Washington, D.C.

WILMOT T. BAUGHN, O-379096, Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army, for meritorious services as Staff Judge Advocate of an Infantry Division during the period 6 October 1942 to date. During this period Lieutenant Colonel Baughn has provided invaluable assistance to two Division Commanders. His tireless efforts, attention to duty, keen perception of legal matters and meticulous loyalty to the interests of the division have resulted in the division establishing an enviable record in the handling of its multifarious legal problems. Home Address: Harlingen, Texas.

TERENCE F. FINNEGAN, O-23618, Lieutenant Colonel, Chaplains' Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 17 December 1942 to 9 February 1943. Just prior to and during active engagement of the enemy by his division, Chaplain Finnegan performed outstanding work as Division Chaplain. Extensive personal ministry to troops under fire and co-ordination and planning which resulted in the use of all attached chaplains to the best advantage contributed greatly to the organization's morale and to the success of the operation. Home Address: Bristol, Connecticut.

JOHN H. SMITH, O-298701, Major, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services as Provost Marshal of an Infantry Division on Guadalcanal, New Georgia, and Abundel, British Solomon Islands, from 25 January to 10 October 1943. During this period Major Smith was responsible for organizing and operating

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a rigid traffic control system in order to maintain the constant flow of supplies and equipment to the front line units. During the campaign on Guadalcanal, many captured Japanese soldiers were severely wounded and unable to walk under guard to the rear area. Major Smith personally directed the return of these prisoners by litters over rugged and mountainous terrain and by slow-moving river barges. Throughout all operations of the Division, Major Smith displayed initiative, forcefulness and outstanding qualities of leadership which contributed materially to the successful operation of the Division in combat. Home Address: Corinth, Mississippi.

AUBREY R. MITCHELL, 6807704, Master Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 19 December 1942 to 9 February 1943. During this period Master Sergeant Mitchell performed the duties of construction sergeant of an Engineer battalion and participated in many long and arduous reconnaissances to determine advance routes for road construction. Usually this reconnaissance was in territory in which the strength of the enemy was unknown. Master Sergeant Mitchell's unselfish devotion to duty, his able professional skill and cool judgment under trying circumstances contributed considerably to the advance and extension of divisional supply roads. Home Address: Lynchburg, Virginia.

ALVA B. MEADOR, 6971129, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August 1943 to 20 October 1943. As chief of section in the ammunition train of a field artillery battalion, Staff Sergeant Meador, under the supervision of the ammunition train commander, was responsible for the transportation of 12,000 rounds of 105mm ammunition, some of which had to be moved several times. The accomplishing of this operation required much determination, initiative, and leadership. The only access to the ammunition dumps and battery positions was over hills and through mud, swamps and jungles, and often the ammunition had to be moved from dumps to cargo trucks by jeep, and at times carried by hand. In order to accomplish this mission successfully, continuous day and night work was necessary and, although his men were overworked, they were inspired by Staff Sergeant Meador's example to extend their efforts further. Home Address: Toxey, Alabama.

EVERETT M. MOEN, 692015, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. On 22 January 1943, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Moen advanced with his squad to take up a new position in the vicinity of Mt. Austen. There were three Japanese emplacements in this area which were supposed to have been destroyed by a tank an hour before. One of these positions was immediately reoccupied by the Japanese when the tank moved back. The Japanese opened fire on Staff Sergeant Moen's squad and wounded one man. Staff Sergeant Moen, disregarding the danger of enemy fire, established part of his squad where they could deliver fire at the Japanese position, and, together with another man, worked his way around the left flank of the enemy position to a place where it could be destroyed with hand grenades and rifle fire. Home Address: Montevideo, Minnesota.

CHARLES L. JENKINS, 13023597, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 15 September 1943. Technician

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Fourth Grade Jenkins was the non-commissioned officer in charge of a Field Artillery battalion wire section during this period. All wire lines were exceptionally long and over almost impassable jungle terrain of swamps, steep hills and sharp ravines, and in addition were laid in many instances outside the perimeter defense, subjecting the section to the added danger of enemy sniper fire. As there were no roads and all wire lines were laid along jungle trails it was necessary to carry the 25 pound reels of W-110 wire, a strenuous task in this type of terrain. Despite all of these obstacles Technician Fourth Grade Jenkins established and maintained in a highly commendable manner the vital communications required by front line artillery liaison officers and forward observers for the proper artillery support of the attacking Infantry. Home Address: Edinburg, Virginia.

EDWIN M. WAYNE, 13003702, Corporal, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Volla LaVella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. During this period Corporal Wayne demonstrated in an outstanding manner his abilities as a combat soldier. As a member of the Supply section of a Field Artillery battalion, his duties normally kept him in a rear area, but he volunteered as a member of a forward observation party moving out with an infantry assault company in an attack against Japanese positions. Due to the dense jungle which limited visibility Corporal Wayne constructed a ladder of vines and telephone wire to the top of the highest tree in the area and then constructed a platform from which observers were able to direct accurate fire upon the enemy. On one occasion, Corporal Wayne refused to leave his post although the area was being attacked by Japanese planes, in order to observe the effects of a scheduled fire. Home Address: Cardiff, Maryland.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlist men, effective 13 June 1944:

STUART F. CRAWFORD, O-18078, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 19 January to 25 January 1943. Entered United States Military Academy from Ohio.

CHARLES H. MILES, JR., O-19151, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, United States Army, for meritorious services in the South Pacific Area from 17 December 1942 to date. Entered United States Military Academy from New Jersey.

BEVERLY A. ARMISTEAD, O-230440, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 19 December to 22 December 1942. Home Address: Norfolk, Virginia.

JOHN A. BURDEN, O-344796, Major, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia and Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 21 July to 18 September 1943. Home Address: Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

JOHN F. PARKER, O-271347, Major, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services in the South Pacific Area from 17 December 1942 to date. Home Address: North Plainfield, New Jersey.

SION F. SHERRILL, O-299583, Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 19 January 1943. Home Address: Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

ALVIN C. HAYDEN, O-279209, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 26 January 1943, and Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. Home Address: Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

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HARRISON R. HINES, O-464325, Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 30 December 1942 to 26 January 1943, and New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 23 July to 15 September 1943. Home Address: Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM O. FINKLEBURG, O-419722, Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 31 July 1943. Home Address: Winona, Minnesota.

EDWIN A. FIDDIS, O-301577, Captain, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Arundel and New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 9 September to 23 September 1943. Home Address: Walla Walla, Washington.

WALLACE A. STARK, O-425820, Captain, Chaplain Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 16 September 1943. Home Address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RALPH E. LIPSCOMB, O-1167090, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, on 15 August 1943. Home Address: Mount Vernon, Ohio.

FRED C. GILLETT, W-2129643, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 19 July to 25 September 1943. Home Address: Park City, Utah.

JOHNSON L. PEARCE, W-2134293, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 1 August to 15 September 1943. Home Address: Colerain, North Carolina.

HARRY E. WEBB, R-2141044, Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Home Address: Buffalo, North Dakota.

SYLVESTER JENNINGS, 39227695, Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 15 September 1943. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

EVERETT F. STROPLE, 39307591, Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 26 January 1943, and Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. Home Address: Pendleton, Oregon.

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JOSEPH TAFF, 11018576, First Sergeant, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. Home Address: Swansea, Massachusetts.

FRANK A. BELLOUGH, 6717280, Technical Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 6 August to 18 October 1943. Home Address: Fairview, New Jersey.

EDMOND F. LYNAGH, 7021251, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Home Address: Port Carbon, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND E. PRICE, 7024075, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 4 August to 24 August 1943. Home Address: Richmond, Virginia.

CLARENCE T. GARNER, 6954911, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 13 August 1943. Home Address: Kemp, Texas.

MYRON E. HUFDELRINK, 16014313, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Home Address: Manist, Michigan.

GARIAND J. C. KIRBALL, 6957662, Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 26 January 1943. Home Address: Luling, Texas.

RAYMOND E. ETIENNE, 6578238, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Home Address: San Francisco, California.

WALTER C. GIBSON, 37112409, Corporal, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 16 January 1943. Home Address: Garden Grove, Iowa.

HOWELL F. COTTON, 38037464, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 20 January 1943. Home Address: Paris, Texas.

GLEN W. LOUDERBACK, 15062305, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 14 January 1943. Home Address: Lafayette, Indiana.

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HAROLD HANNUM, 12014083, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Arundel, British Solomon Islands, on 12 September 1943. Home Address: Dover, Delaware.

MICHAEL VELIGDEN, 35429655, Private First Class, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 8 January to 21 January 1943. Home Address: Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH C. VALERIE, 20130283, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 14 January 1943. Home Address: Meriden, Connecticut.

EARNIE C. WILCOXSON, 38062120, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Home Address: Wilson, Oklahoma.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 14, 4 September 1942, the following named officer is awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 14 January 1943:

JULIAN F. HAMNER, C-2042868, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, Residence upon entry into military service: Atchison, Kansas.

III. RESCISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS: So much of Section II, General Orders No. 20, this Headquarters, etc., as pertains to award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following named officers is revoked:

Major General ROBERT B. McCIURE
Brigadier General WILLIAM A. McCULLOCH

By command of Major General MULLINS:

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR.,
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR I
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR II

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, posthumously to the following named officer:

GAYLORD E. TREAT, O-232122, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services at Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, from May to September 1942, and against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 9 February 1943. Home Address: Yakima, Washington.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals," a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

JOHN W. SCANNEIL, O-386942, Captain, Chaplain Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 22 July to 6 August 1943. Home Address: Denver, Colorado.

DANIEL P. KITCHURA, 6997542, First Sergeant, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 28 July to 30 July 1943. Home Address: Jersey, Pennsylvania.

JAMES V. NOEL, 37134977, Technical Sergeant, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 21 July to 5 October 1943. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

CLAYTON A. RAKE, 6939833, Staff Sergeant, Medical Corps, United States Army for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at ~~Guadalcanal and New Georgia~~ British Solomon Islands, from 1 January to 15 October 1943. Home Address: Minneapolis Minnesota.

RAPHAEL G. SNYDER, 6939802, Staff Sergeant, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia and ~~Guadalcanal~~ British Solomon Islands, from 4 August to 21 September 1943. Home Address: ~~Minneapolis~~ Minnesota.

JAMES W. TARRISH, 38096598, Sergeant, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 27 July 1943. Home Address: Dallas, Texas.

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AUSTIN McGEARY, 37164040, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 27 July 1943. Home Address: Danvers, Minnesota.

JAMES W. HACKNEY, 38077232, Private First Class, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 28 July to 30 July 1943. Home Address: Midland, Texas.

THOMAS FORD, 32004429, Private First Class, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 27 July 1943. Home Address: New York, New York.

CALVIN G. BUTTERFIELD, 20912535, Private Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 27 July 1943. Home Address: Fresno, California.

HARRY E. FETTERS, 35266384, Private, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 28 July to 30 July 1943. Home Address: South Bend, Indiana.

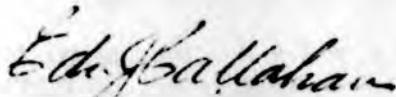
CARLOS E. DILLENBECK, 20914382, Private, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 27 July 1943. Home Address: Long Beach, California.

PETER NESCI, 20219521, Private, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 26 July to 27 July 1943. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

By command of Major General MULLEN:

WILLIAM W. DICK, JR.,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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25th Infantry Division,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals", a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

FRANCIS P. CARRERY, O-384210, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 2 and 3 August 1943. Home Address: New Haven, Connecticut.

JAROSLAV FOLDA, JR., O-21193, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), General Staff Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 1 January to 31 January 1943. Home Address: Havre De Grace, Maryland.

PHILIP A. GRIMES, O-390129, Major, General Staff Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 15 August to 20 October 1943. Home Address: Centralia, Missouri.

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WILLIAM H. MOODY, O-285986, Captain, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 21 July to 16 September 1943. Home Address: Big Sand, Tennessee.

EDMETT M. CARPENTER, O-430158, Captain, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 30 and 31 July 1943. Home Address: Starkville, Missouri.

GEORGE W. GRAY, O-419393, First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 28 July to 13 August 1943. Home Address: Olympia, Washington.

RICHARD C. GRIFFITH, 33171517, Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 14 August to 23 August 1943. Home Address: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

GAYLAND M. SHELINE, 13012762, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 20 May 1943. Home Address: Bellovue, Pennsylvania.

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CHARLES A. HATLEY, 6239999, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands, from 10 September to 14 September 1943. Home Address: Bristol, Connecticut.

FLOYD E. PROFFIT, 6924393, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 10 January to 25 January 1943. Home Address: Dayton, Tennessee.

By command of Major General MULLINS:

WILLIAM F. ALLEN, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR:--By direction of the President, under provision contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals", a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

ROBERT R. MERRILL, 38003633, Technician Third Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from 1 January 1943 to 28 February 1943. Home address: Globe, Arizona.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL):--By direction of the President, under the provisions contained in letter, Headquarters USAFISPA, 9 March 1944, file AG 200.6 (Gen), subject "Award of Bronze Star Medals", a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Bronze Star Medal, is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

KENNETH C. ROBERTSON, 0-341453, Major (then Captain), Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious services against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, from 6 August 1943 to 23 August 1943. Home address: Boise, Idaho.

III. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART:--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended by Changes No. 14, 4 September 1942, the following named enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 15 August 1943:

JOHN J. DOREN, 6148109, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. Residence upon entry into military service: Ponset, Massachusetts.

ANTHONY R. CAPELLERO, 6907592, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. Residence upon entry into military service: Woodbridge, New Jersey.

HARRY W. WALTERS, 13022842, Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. Residence upon entry into military service: Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE WILCZESKI, 11019156, Private, Infantry, United States Army. Residence upon entry into military service: Norwich, Connecticut.

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O.K. IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS: So much of General Orders No. 31, this Headquarters dated 13 July 1944, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star to Major Philip A. Grimes, as reads "New Georgia, British Solomon Islands", is amended to read "Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands".

By command of Major General MULLINS:

WILLIAM H. ALLEN, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps
Acting Chief of Staff.

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I. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Pub. L. 43, 40, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following--naval enlisted men:

Sergeant JAMES R. ALLEN, 35102433, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Sergeant Allen's machine gun section, of which he was acting section leader, was pinned down by enemy fire near the crest of a ridge. He observed an enemy field piece at a range of about 1000 yards, being drawn along a road defiladed from the fire of his section's guns. To bring direct fire on this new target necessitated moving the section across a fire swept area about 75 yards in width and into position on the crest of a bald hill which afforded no cover or concealment of any kind at the risk of possible annihilation of the section and the loss of both guns. Realizing the danger to his entire unit if this enemy gun was permitted to go into position, Sergeant Allen, on his own initiative seized one of the section's machine guns and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward alone dragging the machine gun through a hail of enemy fire to the crest of the bald hill from which he delivered heavy and accurate fire upon the enemy field piece, neutralizing it. Sergeant Allen's brave and unhesitating conduct in this critical situation, and his high regard for the welfare of his unit above his personal safety, were an inspiration to all members of his unit and worthy of the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Allen (mother), Route #1, Central City, Kentucky.

Private First Class DONALD L. ANDERSON, 38271382, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 10 November 1944. The platoon of which Private Anderson is a member was attacking a ridge to gain control of the Ormoc Road and in doing so they met a large enemy force making it necessary for them to withdraw down the ridge. Private

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Anderson, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and exposed himself to enemy fire in order to throw his two remaining hand grenades at the enemy. After throwing the grenades he fired his rifle at point blank range, killing one and wounding three of the enemy. His rapid and accurate fire so disorganized the enemy that his platoon was able to reorganize, counter-attack, and recapture the ground previously given to the enemy. Private Anderson's outstanding courage is worthy of the highest of military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Anderson (mother), Route #3, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK W. BOBNAR, 13058272, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinampohan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 5 November 1944. Upon learning that medical transportation was not available to evacuate wounded men of an infantry unit that had been ambushed, Technician Bobnar, assistant driver for an artillery liaison party, on his own initiative, went forward with the driver through enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the scene of the action. He continued making trips evacuating the wounded until he himself was wounded. Technician Bobnar's courage and willingness to perform hazardous missions above and beyond the call of duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank Bobnar (father), Box 60, Madison, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GILBERT L. DAVIDSON, 38470571, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. The platoon to which Private Davidson was attached was ordered to reduce a Japanese position on Hill 1525. Upon coming into contact with the enemy it was discovered that they were superior in force and in fire power and the platoon leader gave orders to withdraw. While doing so one member of the platoon was wounded and Private Davidson, with complete disregard for his own safety, returned under heavy machine gun fire and carried the wounded man to cover. Private Davidson's outstanding courage is worthy of the highest of military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Davidson (mother), General Delivery, Pegg's, Oklahoma.

Private CECIL W. HIBBARD, 35665522, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 5 November 1944. Upon learning that medical transportation was not available to evacuate wounded men of an infantry unit that had been ambushed, Private Hibbard, driver for an artillery liaison party, with an assistant driver, on his own initiative, drove his jeep through enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the scene of the action. With utter disregard for his personal safety he made five trips evacuating a total of nine wounded. On each trip he was subjected to enemy fire

...ended the assistant driver on the third trip. Private ...'s courageous action above and beyond the call of duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Hibbard (mother), Manchester, Kentucky.

Sergeant ANDREW KOASSECHONY, 38270984, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tagkip, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 October 1944. Sergeant Koassechony was a member of a patrol making an assault on an enemy position from which machine gun and rifle fire was being received. One man was wounded and lay in an open area approximately twenty yards to the front of the enemy position. Sergeant Koassechony, together with another soldier, volunteered to go out under enemy fire in order to evacuate the wounded man to safety. Upon reaching the wounded man they found him dead. They then removed his personal effects and weapon and brought them back to cover. Sergeant Koassechony's fearless courage in the face of enemy fire reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Koassechony (mother), Route 3, Apache, Oklahoma.

Private HARVEY F. MERRITT, 38227296, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. Private Merritt was attached to a platoon that had set up a defensive position overlooking the Ormoc Road. Enemy small arms fire and intermittent mortar fire started falling in the sector. A call came from the left flank for an aid man. Private Merritt, upon hearing the call, immediately started forward to render first aid. Although he was twice warned of the heavy enemy fire he disregarded the warnings and moved to the wounded man's fox hole twenty yards away. He moved forward with complete disregard for his own personal safety and fully exposed himself to the enemy fire, demonstrating the highest type of courage. Private Merritt's gallant action is an inspiration to all troops and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Geneva Merritt (wife), Route #1, Box 131, Lake Village, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD C. MILLS, 32518113, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tagkip, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 October 1944. Sergeant Mills was a member of a patrol making an assault on an enemy position from which machine gun and rifle fire was being directed. One man was wounded in an open area approximately twenty yards to the front of the enemy position. Sergeant Mills, together with another soldier, volunteered to go out under heavy enemy fire in order to evacuate the wounded soldier to safety. Upon reaching the man they found that he was dead. They then removed

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his personal effects and weapon and brought them back to cover. Sergeant Mills' outstanding courage with utter disregard for his personal safety is worthy of the highest of military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Edna Anargyros (sister), 1921 Avenue K, Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant JESSE J. UNDERWOOD, 35496984, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 16 November 1944. Sergeant Underwood was leading a patrol protecting a ration carrying party. As the patrol reached the Ormoc Road it was brought under heavy enemy rifle and knee mortar fire and one man was wounded. Sergeant Underwood immediately built up a firing line and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, fully exposed himself to the enemy fire and rushed forward to drag the wounded man back to cover. Sergeant Underwood's gallant action in risking his life to save a fellow soldier is worthy of the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Underwood (mother), Camp Taylor, Kentucky.

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II. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, W.O., 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Major WILLIAM G. ALLEN, 0413245, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the planning and execution of the Leyte, Philippine Islands campaign from 15 September to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mr. George W. Allen, Sr. (father), Dixon Springs, Tennessee.

Private PURNEY A. ARGER, 38089825, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lula Jiles A. Phelps (mother), General Delivery, Short, Oklahoma.

Captain JACK L. BAUGHMAN, 0444018, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alangalang, Leyte Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Clara A. Baughman (wife), 1603 South Federal Street, Denver 10, Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade OTTO BERNHARD, 37569277, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colasian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. Technician Bernhard helped in collecting, giving first aid,

and evacuating wounded personnel of his battalion, during heavy enemy artillery fire. Technician Bernhard volunteered for this work and through his calmness, initiative, and utter disregard for his own safety, he helped materially in saving the lives of badly wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Louise Bernhard (mother), 3710 Thomas Avenue, North Minneapolis, Minnesota.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade MARCUS R. BINNING, 18052470, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna B. Binning (mother), Box 55, Le Grand, California.

✓ Private JOHN T. BROOM, 34823008, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kilby Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 19 November 1944. As assistant radio operator in a field artillery liaison section, during an enemy counter-attack against an infantry company, Private Broom accompanied the forward observer to establish an artillery observation post at the front lines, which was under enemy machine gun and sniper fire. While the adjustment was in progress, enemy mortar shells began falling in and around the observation post. Private Broom was told it was not required for him to remain, as movement was in progress to another observation post about one hundred yards to the rear. He, of his own initiative, remained and helped carry the equipment and stayed on guard against enemy infiltration. During the course of the artillery adjustment, when an enemy 70mm field piece opened fire, he remained cool and on the alert, helping the liaison officer to spot our artillery shells. When the adjustment was completed, the enemy was taken under artillery fire and his attack broken, forcing him to retire. Private Broom showed no concern for anything but the success of the mission and the safety of the equipment, and his courage and devotion to duty contributed to the bringing of crushing fire on the enemy and permitted our infantry to retire from their advanced positions without loss. Home address: Mrs. Alice Long Broom (wife), Route #1, Villa Rica, Georgia.

✓ Staff Sergeant ELMER E. BRUMM, 37432083, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 5 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Brumm (mother), Rural Free Delivery, Curlew, Iowa.

✓ Private HOWARD F. CARLSON, 12010548, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 29 October to 4 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen Carlson (mother), 5305 Arctic Avenue, Wildwood, New Jersey.

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✓ Chaplain (Captain) LAMAR S. CLARK, 0449628, Chaplains' Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 26 October to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lamar S. Clark (wife), 1208 8th Street, Huntsville, Texas.

✓ Staff Sergeant FINLEY H. DAHL, 37142136, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 5 August to 25 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Falle H. Dahl (father), Denmark, Kansas.

✓ Private ANSON F. DRAKE, 12023495, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colomon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. At about 0600, when enemy artillery began shelling his battery position, Private Drake, acting gunner corporal, displayed great leadership, courage, and initiative in remaining at his post and continuing to lay his piece despite the fact that shells were falling within twenty-five yards of him. Private Drake's heroic conduct inspired the other members of his section to remain at their posts, enabling the section to continue its fire mission and aiding materially in permitting continuous support to our attack. Home address: Mrs. Viola Drake (mother), 258 Partridge Street, Elmira, New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant VERNON W. DRAKE, 7085475, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mr. J. K. Drake (father), Route #1, Fletcher, North Carolina.

✓ Master Sergeant RALPH FLORO, 11048552, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 8 October to 10 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Floro (mother), 47 Pine Street, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

✓ Private DEAN G. FOLSOM, 20937059, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 19 November 1944. As assistant radio operator in a field artillery liaison section, during an enemy counter-attack against an infantry company, Private Folsom accompanied the forward observer to establish an artillery observation post at the front lines, which was under enemy machine gun and sniper fire. While the adjustment was in progress, enemy mortar shells began falling in and around the observation post. Private Folsom

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Sergeant **BOYD GANN, JR.**, 37069550, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Boyd Gann, Sr. (father), Greenwood, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade **FRANK A. GENOVESE**, 32730745, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Angelo Genovese (father), 119 Carolina Street, Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade **THOMAS R. GIBBS**, 33132776, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Julie Gibbs (mother), Route #3, Bassett, Virginia.

First Lieutenant **VERNON H. GROSSHUESCH**, 04211447, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lavina B. Grosshuesch (wife), Bonesteel, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant **JAMES H. HANKS**, 19038989, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Virgil Hanks (father), 3368 Utah Street, Canyon Crest Heights, Riverside, California.

Sergeant **ROBERT B. HANSEN**, 39829551, Infantry, United States Army.

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Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Linon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. Sergeant Hanseen's duty was company clerk and message router, but he willingly occupied a fox hole position on the perimeter. At 0900 the Japanese launched a savage "Banzai" attack. Sergeant Hanseen with a marked display of coolness, exposed himself to the enemy fire, and by masterly use of his rifle, and accuracy in throwing fifteen grenades, was instrumental in stopping the assault. Later that day, as the battalion was preparing to move, one of the men on outpost duty below the hill was machine gunned and it was impossible to determine if the man was dead. Sergeant Hanseen volunteered to go alone down into the draw where the body was located to get this information. Although the enemy had an excellent view of the entire draw and had been firing into the position, Sergeant Hanseen, with great courage and bravery, carried out this mission and returned with the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun with which the man had been armed and the information that the man was dead. Sergeant Hanseen's bravery and valor served as an admirable example and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Vincent A. Hanseen (father), General Delivery, Scipio, Utah.

Second Lieutenant (then staff sergeant) LLOYD A. HESS, 01686448, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Hess acted as a platoon leader. He demonstrated a high caliber of leadership and inspired his men to such a degree that their assigned missions were always accomplished, no matter how difficult or hazardous the mission. On 20 October Lieutenant Hess led his platoon in a difficult attack against a well organized Japanese defensive position. Lieutenant Hess pushed his men to within thirty-five yards of the position and immediately upon completion of a mortar barrage, the platoon assaulted the position. The mortar barrage however had accounted for only a portion of the defenders, and when the platoon had almost reached its objective it seemed to slow down. Upon observing that the assault was slowing down Lieutenant Hess shouted encouragement to his men and then charged the position firing his rifle as he advanced. This inspired his entire platoon pushed forward whole-heartedly and killed twelve Japs and routed the others. Lieutenant Hess' courage, initiative, determination, and devotion to duty was outstanding, and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida Pearl Hess (mother), Box 43, Salina, Oklahoma.

Captain JAMES W. LATANE, 0431216, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with

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✓ Captain ANDREW S. ALBRITTON, O368 7, Medical Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth T. Albritton (wife), 770 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

✓ Private First Class JAMES BAYNE, 33704706, Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Bayne (mother), Route #2, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

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I. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. S, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

✓ Staff Sergeant EINHART W. BOCK, 37112950, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. While leading his squad against the onrushing Sergeant Bock and his squad were pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. During this action, a soldier from another nearby infantry platoon was wounded. Sergeant Bock seeing that this soldier had been wounded, immediately exposed himself to enemy fire to assist in evacuating this wounded soldier to safety. During the evacuation of the wounded soldier, Sergeant Bock was instantly killed by enemy fire. Sergeant Bock's total disregard for his own personal safety, was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Bock (mother), Route #1, Tripoli, Iowa.

✓ First Lieutenant ALBERT J. WRIGHT, 01305690, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 13 November 1944. The advance of Lieutenant Wright's platoon was being held up by fire from machine guns, set up in enemy fortifications. Lieutenant Wright seeing the necessity for destroying these fortifications led his rifle platoon which was then reinforced by tanks, in an attack upon the enemy fortifications, in order that the advance of his company could continue. In this attack on the enemy fortifications, he went ahead of the tanks and his rifle platoon so that he could control the movement and fire of the tanks, and to maintain control and properly employ his rifle platoon in case the situation demanded it. Lieutenant Wright in leading the attack on the fortification

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was at all times exposed to enemy machine gun fire. Due almost entirely to his efforts, the fortifications were destroyed, and his company resumed the advance. During the attack on the enemy fortifications, Lieutenant Wright received wounds which later resulted in his death. Lieutenant Wright's aggressiveness and total disregard for his personal safety was a source of inspiration to all members of his platoon, and all others who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty B. Wright (wife), 707 Scott Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Publ. 43, WD, 1916), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant EDWARD S. FARMER, OLB4309, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pinnacxan Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 6 November 1944. He, with a patrol of approximately twenty-five men, was given the mission to locate an officer and an enlisted man who had been wounded earlier in the day. The officer and the enlisted man were believed to be about seventy-five yards from the edge of a dense jungle area on the reverse slope of a hill completely surrounded by the enemy. The patrol after going twenty yards into the jungle area received sniper fire on its left flank. When the patrol reached the location of the wounded officer and enlisted man, they received heavy enemy fire from their front. Lieutenant Farmer discovering an enemy machine gun destroyed it with a hand grenade. In this action, he and two other members of the patrol were wounded. His patrol succeeded in evacuating all wounded to safety. Lieutenant Farmer's total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all members of the patrol, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Edward W. Thrall (Loco Parentis), 610 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Staff Sergeant WALTER G. GARCHOW, 36127445, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. On this day a battalion of infantry was leading the regimental advance along the Jaro-Carigara Road through enemy territory when suddenly, the enemy from well entrenched positions on ridges flanking the highway, opened fire with artillery, mortars, automatic weapons, and small arms. The intensity of the hostile fire inflicted many casualties upon our troops and temporarily halted the advance. Sergeant Garchow, squad leader, seeing one of his men lying seriously wounded in open terrain covered with heavy hostile fire, immediately left his position of cover and proceeded through the intense enemy fire to the side of his comrade. There, though still under the

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aimed fire of the enemy, he rendered much-needed medical aid to the wounded man and later assisted in his evacuation. Sergeant Gershow's gallant voluntary action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was an inspiration to all and worthy of the highest honor and tribute. Home address: Mrs. August Gershow (mother), 30702 Seven Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan.

✓ Sergeant EDWARD L. GRIMES, 35286619, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 7 November 1944. A party consisting of four officers and thirteen enlisted men were on a reconnaissance approximately 1000 yards in advance of our front lines. The party was surrounded and attacked by a superior number of Japanese troops, and were subjected to small arms fire and hand grenades for approximately forty-five minutes before being reinforced by friendly troops. During this time two "Banzai" charges were repulsed, and a total of two Japanese officers and fourteen other Japanese troops were killed. Sergeant Grimes occupied and held his position of defense on the flank facing the bulk of the enemy forces, and repeatedly exposed himself in order to bring rifle fire upon the enemy. The coolness and determination with which Sergeant Grimes occupied and held his position, and the utter disregard for his own safety when attacked by a superior number of enemy troops, reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Grimes (wife), 929 Stadolan Avenue, Akron 2, Ohio.

✓ First Lieutenant LEROY W. BOYTS, 0407995, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 7 November 1944. A party consisting of four officers and thirteen enlisted men were on a reconnaissance approximately 1000 yards in advance of our front lines. The party was surrounded and attacked by a superior number of Japanese troops, and were subjected to small arms fire and hand grenades for approximately forty-five minutes before being reinforced by friendly troops. Lieutenant Boyts selected a position on the front facing the enemy and quickly and efficiently organized a defense group on his flank. Two "Banzai" charges were repulsed and a total of 2 Japanese officers and 14 other Japanese troops were killed, and, although slightly wounded, Lieutenant Boyts continued to hold his position and repeatedly exposed himself in order to bring fire upon the enemy troops. The coolness and determination with which Lieutenant Boyts occupied and held his position, and his utter disregard for his own safety when attacked by a superior number of enemy troops reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Harry J. Boyts (father), 3616 - 6th Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa.

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First Lieutenant JOHN B. CLARK, 01308102, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Caloten, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 October 1944. Lieutenant Clark's platoon was leading the battalion advance through the village of Caloten. They were suddenly subjected to heavy hostile automatic and small arms fire from a numerically superior force. Although wounded in the initial action, Lieutenant Clark refused evacuation and continued to lead his men in an assault against the enemy positions. He constantly exposed himself to the aimed fire of the enemy to direct the attack more effectively. Lieutenant Clark's valour, devotion to duty, and brilliant leadership were vital factors in the decisive rout of the enemy, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hazel C. Clark (wife), 109 West Mission Street, Santa Barbara, California.

Private First Class SAM DODDS, 38292163, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 2 November 1944. On this day a platoon of infantry counter-attacked an enemy force which had maneuvered into position on the left flank of the company. The enemy permitted the platoon to advance within 20 yards of their position and then opened fire with rifles and machine guns, pinning down one squad of the platoon. The hostile fire was accurate and intense. The squad was in great danger of annihilation. Seeing the squad's predicament, Private Dodds, a BAR man belonging to another squad, at once, and on his own initiative, went to its aid. Without regard for his own safety, he fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy to draw their fire. By this means he located enemy automatic weapons which he skillfully neutralized with his own automatic rifle. He courageously continued these tactics for some ten minutes although exposed to murderous enemy fire and, by his skillful and heroic actions, so demoralized the enemy that the trapped squad was able to maneuver and continue its mission. Private Dodds' heroic actions, born of long training and devotion to duty, undoubtedly saved the lives of a number of his comrades, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Susan Dodds (mother) Bonanza, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade COY T. JONES, 32152055, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Red Beach #1, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Technician Jones was at this time pinned down by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Approximately 15 to 20 yards away an infantryman lay wounded and in an area clearly visible to the enemy. Technician Jones, voluntarily, with utter disregard for his own life and safety, ran to the wounded man in the face of enemy fire and, with an effort by the wounded man, managed to

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get him to a place of safety where he administered first aid. Technician Jones' devotion to duty and heroic conduct reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Janie Jones (mother), Route #3, Galax, Virginia.

✓ First Lieutenant MILNER D. MLODY, 03B1555, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 26 November 1944. During this period Lieutenant Mology made flights in a liaison plane over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes were active and enemy ground troops fired on our planes when they were over enemy lines. Despite his awareness that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights, he did not hesitate when the mission appeared necessary. Such courage and devotion to duty as displayed by Lieutenant Mology reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carol Mology (mother), 15 Holland Street, Lexington, Massachusetts.

✓ Sergeant JOHN H. MILLER, 35108138, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near the Mainit River Bridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 October 1944. On this day a battalion of infantry advanced in attack against a strongly entrenched enemy force holding the Mainit River bridge. The enemy quickly pinned down Sergeant Miller's company by intense fire, causing it to lose contact with the company on its left. Sergeant Miller, locating the hostile machine gun which had them pinned down, and realizing that the company on the left was running low on ammunition, voluntarily maneuvered his squad forward through the heavy enemy fire to a point from which it brought fire on the enemy position and destroyed it. Sergeant Miller's quick perception of the inherent dangers of the tactical situation, his skillful leadership of his squad, and his courageous conduct while exposed to heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to his men and won for him the admiration of both officers and men. Sergeant Miller's aggressiveness in pressing the attack made possible the advance of his company and was a material factor in capturing the Mainit River bridge which was an objective of great importance to the further advance of our forces. Home address: Mrs. Lena Miller (mother), Route #2, Hodgenville, Kentucky.

✓ Corporal JOHN M. SEXTON, 1901B224, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pimasposan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 5 November 1944. Corporal Sexton, a member of a field artillery forward observer team, was ambushed and pinned down by heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety he picked up the radio normally carried by a member

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of the team who was wounded and, carrying a load of over eighty pounds of equipment, in the face of heavy sniper fire, assisted his wounded comrade across four hundred yards of exposed terrain to the safety of our front lines. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Sexton are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle Sexton (mother), 323 North Main Street, Livingston, Montana.

Private RICHARD R. SMITH, 34828503, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Hill 1525, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. Private Smith was a medical aid man attached to a party evacuating litter cases and walking wounded through enemy held territory. The enemy, employing heavy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, succeeded in splitting the column and isolating ten walking wounded and six medical aid men including Private Smith. This group, out of contact with both forward and rear elements of the column, was subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy fire, killing two and wounding three with mortar shells. Private Smith, with complete disregard for his personal safety, administered first aid to the wounded under aimed enemy fire and evacuated them to points where cover was available. When help finally arrived, Private Smith was highly instrumental in locating the wounded and assisting in their evacuation while still under intense hostile fire. Throughout the entire action, Private Smith displayed inspiring heroism and self-sacrificing devotion to duty which are worthy of the best traditions of the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Mary Smith Gann (sister), 1604 Spokes Avenue Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, (Bull. 8; WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class ROMAN M. PAVLAK, 16086220, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. Private Pavlak, with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted in saving the life of a fellow soldier who could not swim when a UKW, in which they were riding, sank approximately four hundred yards offshore. Except for the prompt and courageous effort of Private Pavlak, the soldier would almost certainly have drowned. Home address: Mr. John Pavlak (father), 616 Sixth Street, Muskegan Heights, Michigan.

First Lieutenant PHILIP C. WISEMAN, 01167286, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. Lieutenant

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Wisoman, with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted in saving the life of a fellow soldier who could not swim when a DUKW, in which they were riding, sank approximately four hundred yards offshore. Except for the prompt and courageous effort of Lieutenant Wisoman, the soldier almost certainly would have drowned. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Wisoman (mother), Regent, North Dakota.

Medal - Awarded by 67-24 Jan 45
IV. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant PETER O. BABICH, 0446964, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinakopoen Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 6 November 1944. While advancing with his platoon along a winding mountainous road Lieutenant Babich observed that the leading elements of his company were withdrawing. There was enemy rifle and machine gun fire to his front and on both flanks. Sensing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Babich organized the company, and then went forward under heavy enemy fire with a few men to make a reconnaissance so that he could place mortar fire on the enemy positions. While on this reconnaissance, he evacuated a wounded soldier to safety, and found many dead, including the company commander. His reconnaissance resulted in mortar fire being effectively placed on the enemy. Lieutenant Babich's courage and initiative were a source of inspiration to all members of his company, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Babich (father), Route #2, Box #48, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM A. BRADLEY, 01182781, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Pansy V. Bradley (wife), Rural Route #5, Rosedale Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. KEATING, 17044659, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinakopoen Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph E. Keating (father), 4013 Antons Road, Kansas City, Kansas.

Private HAROLD O. MOTTET, 39340322, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New

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Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 25 September to 4 December 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty S. Mottet (wife), Route 5, Orchard Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

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V. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Corporal WILLIAM V. ABBOTT, 35473033, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 10 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Abbott (mother), 204 Montgomery Avenue, Frankfort, Kentucky.

✓ Staff Sergeant WILLIAM E. BAKER, 12028051, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 14 November 1944. Home address: Mr. John Baker (father), 149 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, New York.

✓ Sergeant CHARLES I. BONTON, 31042416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. An infantry rifle company attacked and seized a hill which was needed for an observation post. After the rifle company had seized the hill, it was counter-attacked by the enemy with machine guns and rifles. The rifle company then requested mortar fire to be placed on the enemy. The mortar which was laying fire into the counter-attacking enemy exhausted its ammunition supply. It then became necessary to bring up ammunition so that the mortar could continue to break up the enemy counter-attack. Sergeant Bonton, and four other soldiers volunteered to bring up the badly needed ammunition. They carried this ammunition across a draw which was covered by enemy sniper fire and afforded good observation for the enemy snipers. While carrying the ammunition across the draw, Sergeant Bonton was fired upon by the enemy snipers several times. In spite of the dangers encountered, he successfully helped supply the mortar with the needed ammunition. Sergeant Bonton's total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Irving S. Bonton (father), Chestnut Street, Moroton Height, Connecticut.

✓ Corporal ODAS L. BRADY, 38233705, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine

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Islands, from 22 October to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Missouri E. Brady (mother), Route #1, Box #27, Vilonia, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOHN T. BRESNAHAN, 3587441, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. Private Bresnahan was a member of the squad of a heavy machine gun. The machine gun was set up in a position to aid in repulsing a counter-attack by the enemy. During the enemy counter-attack, all members of the squad who were at the gun were killed by enemy fire. Private Bresnahan and two other soldiers, being in a covered position in the rear of the gun, escaped being killed. He, together with the two other soldiers, crawled up to the gun position and dragged the gun, under enemy fire, to an alternate position, from which they resumed fire on the enemy, and continued the fire until the enemy counter-attack was repulsed. Private Bresnahan's courage was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara Bresnahan (mother), 2721 Norman, Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant ANGELO CAPUCCINI, 33151740, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 1 October to 7 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Capuccini (mother), Rural Delivery, #2 Kersay, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade OPIL L. CHILDRESS, 3234090, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 7 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ora L. H. Childress (mother), Rural Free Delivery 1, Sardis, Mississippi.

Captain JOHN A. CHILDS, 0341806, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinamopan Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 15 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Addie Lee Childs (wife), Adel, Georgia.

Corporal FRANK J. CIVILIKAS, 31068800, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mr. George Civilikas (father), 22 Folsom Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts.

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✓ Private R. D. CLARK, 34212036, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 30 November 1944. Private Clark, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy machine gun and sniper fire to enable wire communication to be established between the artillery forward observers and the supporting battalion. Private Clark's courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gertie P. Clark (mother), Route #2, Canton, North Carolina.

✓ Captain ROLLA E. CLAY, 0264514, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bertha C. Clay (mother), 918 Mahoning Road, Canton, Ohio.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade WALTER H. CLEMENTS, 33154072, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 21 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy P. Clements (wife), 21 T Street, North East, Washington, D. C.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade BENJAMIN P. COUGHLIN, 36853265, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 24 November to 25 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elnora Coughlin (wife), 6543 University Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.

✓ First Lieutenant CHARLES R. COUNTS, 01313341, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 9 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Carroll H. Counts (brother), Rural Free Delivery #2, Newberry, South Carolina.

✓ Staff Sergeant KENNETH E. COX, 39078737, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. An infantry rifle company attacked and seized a hill which was needed for an observation post. After the rifle company had seized the hill, it was counter-attacked by the enemy with machine guns and rifles. The rifle company then requested mortar fire to be placed on the enemy. The mortar which was laying fire into the counter-attacking enemy exhausted its ammunition supply. It then became necessary to bring up ammunition so that the

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mortar could continue to break up the enemy attack. Sergeant Cox and four other soldiers volunteered to bring up the badly needed ammunition. They carried this ammunition across a draw which was covered by enemy sniper fire and afforded good observation for the enemy snipers. While carrying the ammunition across the draw, Sergeant Cox was fired upon by the enemy snipers several times. In spite of the dangers encountered, he successfully helped supply the mortar with needed ammunition. Sergeant Cox's total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James E. Cox (father), 224 East 8th Street, Tracy, California.

✓ Technical Sergeant HOWARD E. CROSS, 39384740, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 7 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Ronald E. Cross (brother), Bloomville, Ohio.

✓ Second Lieutenant ROBERT H. CROSS, 02035930, Armored Force, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Glagean, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 1 November 1944. In late afternoon on 1 November, after two tanks had been knocked out and a tank commander killed in a series of three attacks against a strong enemy position, Lieutenant Cross volunteered to put in his platoon which had just reached the front lines. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he quickly led his platoon into action, deploying his tanks in the semi-jungle terrain off the highway (the first time that tanks had left the road in the entire operation) and fought them so aggressively, in conjunction with the self-propelled mounts and the infantry, that the enemy's position was reduced and the remnants forced to retire. Lieutenant Cross' original thinking and aggressive tactics materially assisted the advance across Leyte Valley. Home address: Mrs. Anna H. Cross (mother), Box 355, Glasgow, Montana.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade DEL DAVIS, 39384124, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 10 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eva L. Davis (mother), 537 Smithers Street, Benton, Washington.

✓ Sergeant RUDOLPH C. FOX, 33132986, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine

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Islands, from 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Levie V. Fox (mother), Hamilton, Virginia.

✓ First Lieutenant ROBERT M. FRANCIS, 01169523, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Francis (mother), Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

✓ Private First Class RALPH FRANTZ, 33624083, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 16 November 1944. A Japanese soldier who was hidden in a foxhole, fired upon and threw a grenade at an officer of Private Frantz's company, thereby wounding the officer. Private Frantz, seeing that this officer had been wounded, immediately attempted to fire upon the Japanese soldier, but his rifle failed to fire. Private Frantz promptly jumped into the foxhole and destroyed the Japanese soldier. The aggressiveness of Private Frantz was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Frantz (mother), 228 North Balliet Street, Frackville, Pennsylvania.

✓ Sergeant JOHN P. GAGLIARDI, 11048771, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Leonard Gagliardi (father), 127 Main Street, Millbury, Massachusetts.

✓ Corporal LEO E. GORDON, 37151965, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Luth M. Lavender (sister), 137 North Madison Street, Wichita, Kansas.

✓ Staff Sergeant FRANK T. GUERRERO, 18056799, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 7 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Juanita Guerrero (mother), Box 462, Floresville, Texas.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade STANLEY HILINSKI, JR., 36533157, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy

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at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 25 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lottie Hilinski (mother), 9150 Marcus Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant ARTHUR L. HOSKIN, 3714379, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pimasooan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 9 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Howary (mother), 194 West 4th Street, Junction City, Kansas.

✓ Private First Class JAMES HUGGINS, 35568737, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pimasooan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. An infantry rifle company attacked and seized a hill which was needed for an observation post. After the rifle company had seized the hill, it was counter-attacked by the enemy with machine guns and rifles. The rifle company then requested mortar fire to be placed on the enemy. The mortar which was laying fire into the counter-attacking enemy exhausted its ammunition supply. It then became necessary to bring up ammunition so that the mortar could continue to break up the enemy counter-attack. Private Huggins and four other soldiers volunteered to bring up the badly needed ammunition. They carried this ammunition across a draw which was covered by enemy fire and afforded good observation for the enemy snipers. While carrying the ammunition across the draw, Private Huggins was fired upon by the enemy snipers several times. In spite of the dangers encountered he successfully helped supply the mortar with the needed ammunition. Private Huggins' total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rachel Huggins (mother), Rural Route #2, Million, South Carolina.

✓ Corporal WALTER F. HURLEY, 12088325, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 7 December 1944. Corporal Hurley, with complete disregard for his own safety, several times exposed himself to enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire in order to maintain communications and to enable continuous artillery fire to be delivered upon the enemy forces. At these times, all other troops in the immediate vicinity remained in fox holes as a protection against the enemy fire. Such courage and devotion to duty as displayed by Corporal Hurley reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry Pechtig (uncle), 151-27 14th Avenue, Whitestone, Long Island, New York.

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Private First Class CHESTER G. JANKOWSKI, 2519024, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Plassopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. An Infantry rifle company attacked and seized a hill which was needed for an observation post. After the rifle company had seized the hill, it was counter-attacked by the enemy with machine guns and rifles. The rifle company then requested mortar fire to be placed on the enemy. The mortar which was laying fire into the counter-attacking enemy exhausted its ammunition supply. It then became necessary to bring up ammunition so that the mortar could continue to break up the enemy counter-attack. Private Jankowski and four other soldiers volunteered to bring up the badly needed ammunition. They carried this ammunition across a draw which was covered by enemy sniper fire and afforded good observation for the enemy snipers. While carrying the ammunition across the draw, Private Jankowski was fired upon by the enemy snipers several times. In spite of the dangers encountered, he successfully helped supply the mortar with the needed ammunition. Private Jankowski's total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jankowski (mother), 2433 4th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sergeant MICHAEL KAMPINEK, 6690191, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 7 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Wildermath (sister), 130 South Front Street, Mt Clair, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE A. KELLER, 7072682, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Boba Bittle (mother), 7307 Zimmerman Avenue, Delair, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant PAUL H. LUBBOCK, 01176114, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Charlotte A. Lubbock (mother), 914 B Avenue, North West Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Private First Class JOHN W. McDONALD, 38277722, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at

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Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Addie M. Adler (aunt), Route #1, Geary, Oklahoma.

✓ Sergeant JAMES C. McJENKINS, 34198696, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Johnson McJenkins (mother), Route #1, Carrollton, Alaska.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE J. KRAZ, 12027389, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 10 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Mrs. (mother), 5203 43rd Street, Long Island, New York.

✓ Sergeant WILFRED V. RUELLER, 15020002, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Edward Sudbrook (friend), Route #9, Box 35, Indianapolis, Indiana.

✓ Corporal WARREN M. NICKERSON, 11013853, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pal, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. After having withdrawn his position from a machine gun post because of an exploding ammunition dump, Corporal Nickerson, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, led his men back to the post, thus re-establishing a perimeter of defence, vitally contributing to the safety of personnel and protection of critical equipment. The devotion to duty demonstrated by Corporal Nickerson was an inspiration to all the men of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Florence Nickerson (mother), Route #1, Mercer, Maine.

✓ Private DEWAYNE A. NIXON, 34483564, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. Private Nixon was a member of a heavy machine gun squad. The machine gun was set up in a position to aid in repulsing a counter-attack by the enemy. During the enemy counter-attack, all members of the squad who were at the gun were killed by enemy fire. Private Nixon and two other soldiers, being in a covered position in the rear of the gun, escaped being killed. He, together with the two other soldiers, crawled up to the gun position and dragged the gun, under enemy fire, to an alternate position. After the gun was set up in

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the alternate position, he and the other soldiers resumed fire on the enemy, and continued the fire until the enemy counter-attack was repulsed. Private Nixon's courage was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Nixon (mother), Box #321, Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

✓ Corporal RHOEA W. DOM, 34199597, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 27 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Folsom E. O. Marshall (mother), 1567 Orange Street, Mobile, Alabama.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade ELVA F. PAYNE, 3072138, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mr. David Payne (father), Route #4, Cisco, Texas.

✓ Sergeant EDWARD J. PETRYKOWSKI, 13024363, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 7 December 1944. Sergeant Petrykowski, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself on one occasion to enemy machine gun and sniper fire, while bringing a radio forward in order to provide communications for the adjustment of artillery fire, which was necessary before our troops could advance. On another occasion he assisted a wounded man under fire, at the risk of his own safety. Sergeant Petrykowski's initiative, courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clementine DeBald (mother), 3 North Potomac Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE C. PHILLIPS, 12028371, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Phillips (mother), 57 Wadsworth Terrace, New York, New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant ROGER G. PRINGELS, 15062048, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 October to 21 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Maurice D. Pringels (father), 121 East 9th Street, Mishawaka, Indiana.

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Private NOLEN E. ROGERS, 34880217, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. Private Rogers' platoon attacked a heavily held Japanese position. The platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire and was ordered to withdraw and take up the attack from another direction. During the withdrawal of the platoon, Private Rogers, armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle, together with another soldier, who was armed with a Thompson Sub-machine Gun, covered the withdrawal of their platoon, and then withdrew themselves thereby permitting the platoon to successfully attack the enemy position. The courage displayed by Private Rogers, was a source of inspiration to all members of his platoon, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Irvin Rogers (father), Route 1, Teft, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant THADDEUS Z. SAUER, 13028013, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 7 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen Spiegel (mother), 2728 East Clearfield Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Major CARL W. SCHAAD, 025087, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 15 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucy M. Schaad (mother), Newberg, Oregon.

Private CARL P. SCHNEEWEIS, 39715061, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. Private Schneeweis' platoon attacked a heavily held Japanese position. The platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire and was ordered to withdraw and take up the attack from another direction. During this withdrawal of the platoon, Private Schneeweis, who was armed with a Thompson Sub-machine Gun, together with another soldier who was armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle, covered the withdrawal of their platoon, and then withdrew themselves. The successful withdrawal permitted the platoon to successfully attack the enemy position. The courage displayed by Private Schneeweis was a source of inspiration to all members of his platoon, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Cicero (mother), 1639 North San Geronimo Avenue, Banning, California.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN D. SCHRITZ, 35269164, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in

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connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 September to 28 November 1944. Home address: Miss Maria Schritz (sister), Clunstead Falls, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant VERNON E. SHIPLEY, 39308506, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Adelia Boune (mother), Route 1, Box 4, Moro, Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade ORVILLE W. SMITH, 35440994, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 3 November to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Maud Smith (mother), Route 1, New Haven, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant VINSON S. SMITH, 02035982, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 12 November to 15 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Smith (mother), 210 East South Street, Elair, Nebraska.

Corporal DORSIE C. STIVERS, 35665536, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. After having to withdraw with his section from a machine gun post because of an exploding ammunition dump, Corporal Stivers, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, led his men back to the post, thus re-establishing a perimeter of defense, contributing vitally to the safety of personnel and protection of critical equipment. The devotion to duty demonstrated by Corporal Stivers was an inspiration to all the men of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Louis Stivers (mother), Manchester, Kentucky.

Technician Third Grade MARION D. STURTEVANT, 3730335, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 14 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mr. William H. Sturtevant (father), 732 Harrison Street, Canon City, Colorado.

Corporal LINDELL U. SUTTON, 3632891, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Susie A. Sutton (mother), 6321 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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✓ Technical Sergeant WILLIAM J. THOMAS, 6282002, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. G. W. McFarlin (mother), Route #1, Saltillo, Texas.

✓ Sergeant GEORGE C. THOMPSON, 33446896, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rose L. Thompson (wife), 1242 Pleasant Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C.

✓ Private First Class RAYMOND J. TONELLI, 31038735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Limon, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. An infantry company had attacked and seized a hill which was needed for observation purposes. After the company had set up defensive positions, the enemy began a counter-attack and a request was made for mortar fire to be placed on the enemy to break up the attack. Mortar fire was placed on the enemy until the mortar ammunition was exhausted. In order that ammunition could be supplied to the mortar a draw, which was subject to enemy sniper fire, had to be crossed. This draw was clear to observation. Private Tonelli, realizing that the enemy counter-attack would be difficult to break up without the fire of the mortar, volunteered, together with four other soldiers, to cross the draw to bring up the badly needed ammunition. He, along with the other soldiers, crossed the draw under enemy sniper fire, and succeeded in returning to the mortars with the badly needed ammunition. Private Tonelli's courage was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Tonelli (mother), 172 School Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

✓ Captain PETER A. WEBERS, 01172717, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 11 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mae Dennis Moore (wife), Rural Free Delivery #3, Newberry, South Carolina.

✓ Private First Class WILLIAM G. WILKINSON, 35705906, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 21 October to 8 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Joseph T. Wilkinson (father), Liberty, Kentucky.

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Private First Class JOHN C. WINGERTSMAN, 20131707, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pinamopoan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. Private Wingertsmen was a member of a heavy machine gun squad. The machine gun was set up in a position to aid in repulsing a counter-attack by the enemy. During the enemy counter-attack, all members of the squad who were at the gun were killed by enemy fire. Private Wingertsmen and two other soldiers, being in a covered position in the rear of the gun escaped being killed. He, together with the two other soldiers, crawled up to the gun position and dragged the gun, under enemy fire, to an alternate position. After the gun was set up in the alternate position, he and the other soldiers resumed fire on the enemy, and continued to fire until the enemy counter-attack was repulsed. Private Wingertsmen's courage was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Wingertsmen (wife), 1182 Main Street, Williamantic, Connecticut.

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VI. BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Captain Wilbert G. Hoffer by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (S.O. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain WILBERT G. HOFFER, 0340008, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 November to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mr. G. N. Hoffer (father), 1127 North Grant Street, West Lafayette, Indiana.

OK VII. SILVER STAR.—So much of Section II, General Orders No. 32, this headquarters, 22 December 1944, as pertains to Captain JOHN A. BRADY, JR., 01175056, Field Artillery, is rescinded.

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OK VIII. BRONZE STAR.—So much of Section V, General Orders No. 33, this headquarters, 25 December 1944, as pertains to First Lieutenant CLAUDE A. REESE, 01288619, Infantry, is rescinded.

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

O F F I C I A L :

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AMENDMENT	VI

I. SILVER STAR.—By action of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

✓ Private First Class CHRIST P. FRANGOS, 37047996, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 November 1944. Private Frangos was a member of a radio party which was ordered to report to an observation post north of Limon, to furnish field artillery observation for the advance of a battalion of infantry. Due to heavy enemy fire it was impossible to bring a radio to the forward slope of the hill where observation could be obtained. Though the fire continued unabated, Private Frangos laid and maintained for 45 minutes a wire line from the radio to the forward slope, making communication possible and the mission a success. The high courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Frangos are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen Frangos (mother), 816 Grand Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

✓ Sergeant STEPHEN F. KUPCZYK, 36046257, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Capocan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 14 November 1944. Sergeant Kupczyk was leading a combat patrol through enemy territory when suddenly heavy hostile machine gun and rifle fire pinned down the patrol. Seeing one of his scouts badly wounded, Sergeant Kupczyk crawled forward under a hail of enemy fire in an effort to evacuate his comrade. Immediately upon reaching the fallen man, Sergeant Kupczyk was killed by a sniper. This heroic attempt, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was an inspiration to all and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Victoria Kupczyk (mother), 2400 South Troy Street, Chicago, Illinois.

II. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Staff Sergeant HENRY J. BIEDERMANN, 32061875, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31

October 1944. At a point approximately one mile south of Tunga, a company of infantry suddenly came under heavy rifle, mortar, and artillery fire from strong, well-concealed enemy positions located on high ground commanding the company's route of advance. The company was ordered to withdraw to allow artillery and mortar fire to be placed on the hostile positions. Sergeant Biedermann, section leader, safely withdrew and emplaced his mortar section. He then voluntarily returned to the front lines to aid and protect the wounded and to direct the litter bearers. Although in full view of the enemy who were concentrating heavy automatic and rifle fire in the area, he remained at his task until the last man was evacuated. In the performance of this heroic deed, he was in a large measure responsible for the safe evacuation of twenty or more wounded men. Sergeant Biedermann's voluntary action, with no thought of his personal safety, reflects the highest credit to himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Johanna Biedermann (mother), 442 Post Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

✓ First Lieutenant DAVID M. COOK, 0391429, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. On this day the enemy was engaged in frontal and flank attacks against our positions in and near Pawing. All our troops were pinned down by intense enemy crossfire. About twenty yards away from Lieutenant Cook, an artillery forward observer, a man who had been seriously wounded while in his fox hole was calling for an aid man. Perceiving that no aid men were present, Lieutenant Cook crawled to his equipment and procured his first aid pouch which contained several morphine syrettes. He then crawled to the wounded man, and in so doing exposed himself to enemy crossfire which was in progress. He gave the wounded man an injection of one-half grain of morphine, then applied first aid to a gun shot wound in the soldier's thigh. He remained with the soldier continuing the adjustment of the tourniquet about the soldier's thigh until the firing subsided and a medical officer arrived on the scene to administer blood plasma. Lieutenant Cook exhibited the highest courage, and his gallant action in risking his life to save a comrade reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jean Cook (wife), 217 West 10th Street, Newoka, Oklahoma.

✓ Captain EDWARD L. CROXDAL, 1, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 November 1944. During the thirty-four days of the campaign in which his battalion was in almost continuous contact with the enemy, Captain Croxdale was the only medical officer present. During this time the battalion suffered heavy casualties and it was only through the untiring efforts of Captain Croxdale that many of the wounded were finally evacuated in such a condition that their lives could be saved. He worked tirelessly day and night with complete disregard for his own health, and always without complaint. During a seventeen day operation behind the enemy lines in the Ormoc Corridor he administered medical treatment to the wounded under the most adverse conditions. At all times food was short, and some times non-existent. Medical supplies could be obtained only through air drops. It was necessary for some of the wounded to be treated for ten days inside the battalion perimeter before they could be evacuated, and then only by a hazardous four day march over difficult terrain. Due to the skill and tireless efforts of Captain Croxdale, a maximum number of lives were saved.

On one occasion when the battalion suffered heavy casualties from artillery fire, he continued to treat them throughout the night, even though it required being in an exposed position on the edge of the perimeter. Captain Crowde's outstanding devotion to duty with disregard for his own physical limitations and danger involved is worthy of the highest of military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Eva K. Crowde (wife), Villisca, Iowa.

✓ Private JAMES J. ENZ, 35268587, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 November 1944. While a member of a forward observer's party, Private Enz was in the vicinity of an enlisted man who had been wounded and was lying in a foxhole calling for help. The medical aid men present being busy with other wounded, Private Enz procured a morphine syrette and with utter disregard for his personal safety made his way through enemy machine gun and rifle fire to administer first aid and comfort to his wounded comrade. His quick thinking and utter disregard for his own safety constituted an act above and beyond the call of duty and contributed materially in the saving of this man's life. Private Enz's heroism reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alma Enz (mother), 822 Garfield Avenue, Troy, Ohio.

✓ First Lieutenant PHILIP S. IRONS, III, 0492098, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinamopon Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 13 November 1944. An infantry company was given the mission of attacking and occupying two hills, two hundred yards to the left of a mountain road. This ground controlled the road for four hundred yards. The company succeeded in occupying the extreme left hill which secured the left flank, but the platoon on the right flank was forced to withdraw. During this operation the company commander was seriously wounded. At approximately 1400, Lieutenant Irons, belonging to another organization, was sent forward to assume command of the company with the mission of seizing the second hill and holding it at all costs. The enemy was well entrenched and was in possession of commanding ground with good observation. Lieutenant Irons reorganized a greatly depleted unit of very tired men and seized the second hill after much hard fighting. Later in the evening, after the second hill was seized, he organized the defense of the hill with hardly sufficient personnel for adequate security. During the night his company was fiercely attacked by the enemy with grenades and bayonets. This enemy attack was repulsed. The number of enemy dead during this operation was two hundred. Lieutenant Irons' leadership and courage were a source of inspiration to all members of his company, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Philip S. Irons, Jr. (father), 100 Ridgeway Street, Mount Holly, New Jersey.

✓ Technical Sergeant STANLEY A. LEWANDOWSKI, 32062401, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Lewandowski, platoon sergeant, learning that a soldier badly wounded and unable to move lay in front of his platoon, voluntarily went forward, alone and unaided through a hail of enemy fire, to the wounded soldier's assistance. Although exposed to heavy and accurate hostile machine gun fire, he dressed the soldier's wounds, made an improvised stretcher out of a poncho, and dragged him to safety.

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Sergeant Lewandowski's brave and self-sacrificing conduct was worthy of the best traditions of the service and won for him the respect and admiration of all. Home address: Mrs. Adole Lewandowski (mother), 75 Sussex Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class EDWARD C. NICKERSON, JR., 31369877, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Private Nickerson's company was on the offensive, moving toward well concealed enemy positions which had already repelled two attacks from our forces. The company was advancing against accurate rifle, mortar, and artillery fire when the order was given to halt the advance and dig in. At this time the enemy placed heavy artillery fire on tanks that were advancing with the company, inflicting casualties on a score or more men in the company. On seeing this, Private Nickerson returned to the rear area and brought litters and medical men forward to the aid of the wounded. He then helped dress the wounds of the casualties and assisted in evacuating them to the aid station. During this time his company had been withdrawn to a new position, leaving Private Nickerson in full view of the enemy who was concentrating heavy automatic and sniper fire in the area. Without regard for his personal safety he continued to aid the wounded until the last man had been evacuated. In the performance of this heroic deed Private Nickerson was indirectly responsible for the evacuation of twenty or more wounded men from the battlefield. Home address: Mr. Edward C. Nickerson, Sr. (father), Hingham, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant JAMES RUSSELL, 01319122, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. While making an amphibious landing the LCV in which Lieutenant Russell was riding was hit three times by enemy mortar fire and several men were seriously wounded. The boat started sinking immediately and one of the men yelled that he was hit and could not swim. Lieutenant Russell, who had been thrown from the boat by the blast and badly shaken up, swam to the boat and pulled the wounded soldier out. Neither of the men had life jackets because they had been deflated by shrapnel. He then swam with the wounded man to a boat which was picking up survivors. They were washed under by the surf created by shore-bound boats, but Lieutenant Russell managed to hold on to the soldier. As the rescue boat came alongside, it washed them away from the boat. Although the wounded soldier by this time was unconscious, Lieutenant Russell continued to hold him above the water until rescued. Lieutenant Russell's undaunted courage in risking his life to save a fellow soldier is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ann Russell (mother), 40 Cottage Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Private ORONZO N. SCARCELLA, JR., 33608939, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 November 1944. On this day the company to which Private Scarcella was attached was attacked by a strong enemy force. Mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire poured into the perimeter and caused several casualties. Private Scarcella, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went from foxhole to foxhole and administered first aid to four wounded comrades and supervised and assisted in their safe evacuation. Then hearing that there was a casualty at an outpost outside the perimeter,

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he made his way out and pulled the casualty back to safety. His heroic action enabled the casualties to be safely evacuated to the battalion aid station, undoubtedly saving the life of at least one of them. Private Scarcella's courageous devotion to duty and to his comrades is worthy of the highest commendation and a tribute to the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Oronzo N. Scarcella, Sr. (father), 602 Cannon Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant CARL E. STROM, 37046152, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cavite, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. On this day an attack was made by a battalion of infantry against an enemy force strongly entrenched on the opposite bank of the Mainit River. The intensity of the hostile machine gun and mortar fire pinned down our troops, and a self-propelled mount commanded by Sergeant Strom was brought forward to shell the enemy emplacements. Under the concentrated fire of the enemy, the self-propelled mount shelled machine gun emplacements until its ammunition was half expended, at which time its howitzer jammed, forcing the crew to cease firing and attempt to extract the shell case which had caused the malfunction. Seeing the vehicle temporarily helpless, the enemy redoubled their fire. Snipers located in trees concentrated their fire upon the open turret with such accuracy that the crew could not work on the gun. Realizing that if the sniper fire was not stopped the machine might be lost, Sergeant Strom, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, stood up in the gun turret with the entire upper part of his body exposed to the enemy and manned the machine gun. From this position, although exposed to a hail of enemy fire, he sprayed the trees and the enemy gun positions, courageously maintaining a heavy and accurate fire until seriously wounded. His courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty was worthy of the highest traditions of the military service and won for him the respect and admiration of all. Home address: Mr. Gustal H. Strom (father), 1412 South 22nd Street, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

First Lieutenant JAMES A. WAECHTER, JR., 01165214, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 30 November 1944. Lieutenant Waechter, an artillery forward observer, with outstanding ability, initiative, and resourcefulness, and with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy machine gun and rifle fire on several occasions in order to deliver prompt and accurate artillery fire upon the enemy. While operating with an infantry battalion behind enemy lines on 25 November, he left the cover of his foxhole during a savage enemy attack in order to adjust artillery fire. Although badly shaken by the explosion of an enemy shell nearby which killed a member of his party he stayed at his post providing artillery support until the attack was repulsed. Such courage and devotion to duty as displayed by Lieutenant Waechter are worthy of the highest military traditions. Home address: Mr. James A. Waechter, Sr. (father), 727 North Union Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class LLOYD K. WALTON, 37432276, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinamopoan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. On this day a rifle company was pinned down by heavy fire from enemy machine gun emplacements located on a high ridge over-

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looking their positions. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Private Walton quickly picked up his .30 caliber machine gun and voluntarily proceeded alone for 100 yards through a heavy mortar barrage and under the aimed fire of the enemy to place his gun into action. He opened fire with great accuracy at the hostile positions, silencing their guns and enabling the pinned-down riflemen to maneuver and reduce the strong-point. Private Walton's gallant action and daring initiative with no regard for his personal safety were an inspiration to his comrades and worthy of the highest tribute. Home address: Mr. Lee Walton (father), MFD Route #1, Independence, Iowa.

III. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted man:

✓ Staff Sergeant ANTHONY CIESLAK, 36073765, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 25 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen Cieslak (mother), 4053 Rose Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois.

IV. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Corporal RADE ALLEN, 38414260, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Corporal Allen and two comrades were on a supply mission to a forward area in their LVT when approached by an infantry officer who inquired as to the vehicle's ability to pick up casualties exposed to enemy fire and who were unable to be reached by infantry troops. This operation called for exceptional courage in that the infantry had been pinned down for the previous 24 hours by enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from prepared positions. The LVT's course would necessitate travelling over 1000 yards along Highway #1 which was infested with enemy troops hiding in the marshes on both sides of the road. Corporal Allen and his two comrades readily volunteered, and necessary manpower was supplied to man the vehicle's gun. After the vehicle had proceeded some 1000 yards along the road, strafing ditches, native houses, and machine gun positions parallel to the highway, killing untold numbers of the enemy and demoralizing more, an undetected land mine exploded under the vehicle's track wounding Corporal Allen. The tractor then remained in position awaiting assistance and continued to fire until rescued by another LVT. The courageous and self-sacrificing action of Corporal Allen and his two fellow soldiers enabled the leading battalion to continue its advance and was an inspiration to all officers and men who witnessed the deed. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Allen (wife), 314 North Harding Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN N. ARBONEAUX, 34271398, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military

operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dora Louise Arboneaux (mother), 8500 Birch Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant DONALD B. BARTON, 39157024, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 September to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Barton (mother), 4120 Redwood Avenue, Venice, California.

Private First Class JOHN A. BOHNLEIN, 35277599, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Private Bohnlein was the driver for an artillery observation party accompanying an assault battalion. When forward elements of the battalion were held up by heavy enemy fire, he drove his vehicle containing communication equipment into our own front lines over a road swept by enemy rifle, mortar, and antitank fire. Private Bohnlein's actions assisted in bringing prompt and effective artillery fire upon the enemy position, neutralizing it with minimum losses to our forces. Private Bohnlein's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Bohnlein (mother), 426 East 8th Street, Dolphos, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CAMILLE E. BOULAY, 6138241, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Emma Boulay (mother), 29 Follett Street, Winooski, Vermont.

Captain ALBERT H. BRADEN, O421389, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 31 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen Braden (mother), 2351 Kulving, Houston, Texas.

Second Lieutenant JAMES C. BUNTON, O2036466, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Paving, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. While the leader of a forward observer's party, with a company of infantry attacking a hill, the enemy opened fire with machine guns, first upon the infantry, then upon the forward observer's party, making their positions untenable. Upon receiving orders to withdraw, the forward observer's party set up a radio about 200 yards from the base of the hill in open terrain, while the infantry withdrew an additional 400 yards to the rear to set up a new perimeter. With fire from an enemy heavy machine gun cutting the earth about them, Lieutenant Bunton and three of his party completed adjustment of artillery, then working together, they disassembled the radio, collected all their equipment, and in a cool, orderly manner, withdrew over 400 yards through open terrain to the new company perimeter. Lieutenant Bunton's coolness under fire, outstanding devotion to duty, and complete disregard for his personal safety contributed to the bringing of effective artillery fire to bear upon the enemy during an extremely crucial phase of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Rhoda Bunton (mother),

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Box 834, Center Point, Texas.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD L. CAIN, 35416913, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 21 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Harold L. Cain (wife), 67 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

✓ Second Lieutenant ROBERT S. CAMPBELL, 01176570, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 4 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bernice S. Campbell (mother), 224 Hiawatha Avenue South, Pipestone, Minnesota.

✓ Captain JAMES CHRIETZBERG, JR., 0413250, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 10 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bertha C. Chrietzberg (wife), Coosada, Alabama.

✓ Second Lieutenant JAMES B. CONNELL, 0506670, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Lieutenant Connell, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, led three attacks through intense enemy fire upon an enemy prepared position astride a sharp ridge. As a result of these attacks the extent of the enemy position was determined enabling other elements to continue the advance around its flank. On the following morning while again leading his platoon against an entrenched enemy position he was seriously wounded. Lieutenant Connell's heroic action inspired confidence in his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Connell (wife), 410 Bartow Street, Nashville, Georgia.

✓ First Lieutenant DAVID M. COOK, 0391429, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 22 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jean Cook (wife), 217 West 10th Street, Nowata, Oklahoma.

✓ Staff Sergeant ERRET A. CRAVENS, 38338403, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 September to 25 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. E. A. Cravens (wife), 747 Perkins Avenue, Phillips, Texas.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD E. DISHMAN, 38272855, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary H. Dishman (wife), 714 North West 6th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

✓ First Lieutenant RICHARD W. DREGER, 01553435, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection

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with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Richard W. Dreger (wife), 740 East Main Street, Ionia, Michigan.

First Sergeant IDUS W. ELLIOTT, 34101048, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 18 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Albert M. Elliott (father), Route #2, Hanceville, Alabama.

First Lieutenant LOUIS W. ENGLAND, 01166972, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Lieutenant England, as artillery forward observer with our front infantry elements, performed an outstanding service to our troops by bringing urgently needed artillery fire on a strongly fortified enemy position which was holding up the advance of our entire landing force. Displaying great initiative, and with utter disregard for his own safety, he occupied an observation point ahead of our lines, despite the fact that he was under heavy small arms and machine gun fire. With great skill, he adjusted and controlled an extremely effective and timely preparation on the enemy strong point, and was largely responsible for the success of our second attack. Largely due to his skill and outstanding accomplishment of this important mission, a minimum of casualties were suffered by our troops in the attack, and our drive to our ultimate objective was aided materially. Lieutenant England's heroic conduct was an inspiration to all those who witnessed it, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Reverend L. V. England (father), 862 Carson Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Major JOHN M. FALKER, 0397857, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helena Falker (mother), 222 South Hickory Street, Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WALTER E. FERGUSON, 38094992, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations prior to and during the operation at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 May 1943 to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marnette Ferguson (wife), 107 North Jefferson, Beeville, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL L. FRITSCHS, 38242486, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Fritscho (wife), 1190 Delaware Street, Beaumont, Texas.

Private CARLEO S. GUNCOMARZO, 32010741, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from 5 October to 10 October 1944. Home address: Josephine Gruco (aunt), 208 Stone Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class BRICE H. GREEN, 35774534, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Louise Green (wife), Raysal, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant FRANK J. HADDON, JR., 0449949, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Frank J. Haddon, Sr. (father), Route #1, Greenwood, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT E. HALL, 36164897, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Edna M. Tate (mother), 387 Colfax, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Sergeant WILLIAM F. HAMMOCK, 14046435, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colaston, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. Sergeant Hammock was in charge of a howitzer section that was attacked on the road by an enemy patrol of undetermined strength at about 1930 hours. Ordering his section to continue, Sergeant Hammock, without regard for his own personal safety, returned twice to the area of attack in order to rescue and carry to safety two members of his section who had been wounded and fallen off the moving vehicle. Sergeant Hammock's prompt and decisive actions prevented further casualties and possible loss of materiel and reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Frances Hammock (mother), RFD Route #1, East Tallahassee, Alabama.

Captain (then first lieutenant) WILLIAM R. HANKS, 0445643, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 25 October to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Robert Hanks (father), Escalosa, New Mexico.

First Lieutenant HAROLD L. HENRIKSON, 0508158, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 7 December 1944. Home address: Mr. H. F. Henrikson (brother), 105 North Franklin Street, Windsor, Missouri.

Master Sergeant RICHARD C. JOHNSTON, 19185729, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 31 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Johnston (wife), 444 Wilson Avenue, Richmond, California.

Private First Class ALBERT A. KALISEK, 38114709, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21

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October 1944. On this day the enemy counter-attacked in force, charging toward our lines, with fixed bayonets, using mortar, automatic weapon, and rifle fire to cover their advance. Although exposed to heavy and accurate hostile fire, Private Kalisek, machine gunner, remained at his gun delivering accurate and deadly fire even though the enemy charged to within 10 yards of his position. His murderous fire inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and was one of the main factors in repelling the counter-attack. Private Kalisek's courage and devotion to duty in this situation were an inspiration to the men of his squad, and reflect great credit to himself and the service. Home address: Mr. Anton Kalisek (brother), RFD Route #1, Box 87, Sulzer, Texas.

Technical Sergeant BERNARD L. KIEFFER, 36383449, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Kieffer (mother), RFD Route #1, Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Private First Class HARLAN M. KNOPP, 18106765, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 29 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Phillip P. Knopp (father), Frazier Avenue, Canon City, Colorado.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM E. LEE, 15020208, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 25 September to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Cathleen Lee (wife), 18 James Street, Paddington, Brisbane, Qld, Australia.

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD E. MONICK, 33463446, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Technician Monick and two comrades were on a supply mission to a forward area in their LVT when approached by an infantry officer who inquired as to the vehicle's ability to pick up casualties exposed to enemy fire and who were unable to be reached by infantry troops. This operation called for exceptional courage in that the infantry had been pinned down for the previous 24 hours by enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from prepared positions. The LVT's course would necessitate travelling over 1000 yards along Highway #1 which was infested with enemy troops hiding in the marshes on both sides of the road. Technician Monick and his two comrades readily volunteered and necessary manpower was supplied to man the vehicle's gun. After the vehicle had proceeded some 1000 yards along the road, strafing ditches, native houses, and machine gun positions parallel to the highway, killing untold numbers of the enemy and demoralizing more, an undetected land mine exploded under the vehicle's track wounding his two comrades. The LVT then remained in position awaiting assistance and continued to fire until rescued by another LVT. The courageous and self-sacrificing action of Technician Monick and his two fellow soldiers enabled the landing battalion to continue its advance and was an inspiration to all officers and men who witnessed the deed. Home

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address: Mr. John Monick (father), 64 Hillside Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant THEODORE A. NAGEL, 32234069, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Loph J. Nagel (wife), 135 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade CARROLL C. NICHOLS, 36173151, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Olive M. Nichols (wife), 433 1/2 East Bremer Street, Cadillac, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE O'BRIEN, 11048405, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Delia O'Brien (mother), 119 Amory Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Private First Class ALFRED M. PALMER, 32072896, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry occupied a defensive position on a ridge one mile west of Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands. In order to supply the company it was necessary to hand-carry rations, water, and ammunition up a 65 degree slope 300 feet high, then laterally over an exposed route, a distance of 200 yards to the forward and flank positions. The ridge was subjected to sniper fire from three directions. Private Palmer, voluntarily, on his own initiative made three trips to the supply dump at the base of the ridge to bring up necessary supplies. Between 1400 and 1530 he carried ten gallons of water, one case of hand grenades, and two boxes of machine gun ammunition up the slope in the blazing sun, crossing and recrossing the open space with utter disregard for his own safety. His high courage and magnificent physical stamina contributed materially to the success of the defense and greatly relieved the strain on the troops. Private Palmer, by his courageous actions and untiring efforts, gained the admiration and respect of all members of his unit. Home address: Mr. Alfred S. Palmer (father), RFD Route #2, Wilmington, Delaware.

Sergeant ROBERT P. PESCH, 39033506, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Oleta M. Hayden (sister), 2592 Military Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant VOLNEY M. PHILLIPS, 31037800, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Viola Phillips (mother), Box 107, Shirley, Maine.

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Sergeant FRANK POUILLON, J^r., 35211663, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. On this day the enemy counter-attacked in force charging toward our lines with fixed bayonets, using mortar, automatic weapon, and rifle fire to cover their advance. Although exposed to heavy and accurate hostile fire, Sergeant Pouillon, squad leader of a machine gun section, remained at his gun delivering accurate and deadly fire, even though the enemy charged to within ten yards of his position. His murderous fire inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and was one of the main factors in repelling the counter-attack. Sergeant Pouillon's courage and devotion to duty in this situation were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit to himself and the service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Pouillon (mother), Cassville, West Virginia.

Captain PAUL C. PSAFI, JR., .026467, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colasian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Psaki (wife), 69-59 112th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade (then corporal) FRANCIS M. RAMOIE, 36522768, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 10 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bess Ramoie (mother), 1027 Eber Street, Mount Morris, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant CARL B. REED, 32205581, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anne Reed (wife), 720 Scott Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Captain HOWARD W. RICHARDSON, 01549585, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 August to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Z. Earle Riley (mother), 219 Elm Street, West Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIS RILEY, 37212576, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 10 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Riley (mother), Tarkio, Missouri.

Captain LESTER J. RINGENBERG, 0155532, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 7 November 1944. Home address: Mr. John G. Ringenberg (father), Jerland, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade WAYNE D. RUGH, 35421084, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine

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Islands, from 15 September to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Linnie L. Steele (mother), 1151 Pear Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW J. SAPP, 36762889, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Technician Sapp and two comrades were on a supply mission to a forward area in their LVT when approached by an infantry officer who inquired as to the vehicle's ability to pick up casualties exposed to enemy fire and who were unable to be reached by infantry troops. This operation called for exceptional courage in that the infantry had been pinned down for the previous 24 hours by enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from prepared positions. The LVT's course would necessitate travelling over 1000 yards along Highway #1 which was infested with enemy troops hiding in the marshes on both sides of the road. Technician Sapp and his two comrades readily volunteered and necessary manpower was supplied to man the vehicle's gun. After the vehicle had proceeded some 1000 yards along the road, strafing ditches, native houses, and machine gun positions parallel to the highway, killing untold numbers of the enemy and demoralizing more, an undetected land mine exploded under the vehicle's track wounding Technician Sapp. The tractor then remained in position awaiting assistance and continued to fire until rescued by another LVT. The courageous and self-sacrificing action of Technician Sapp and his two fellow soldiers enabled the leading battalion to continue its advance and was an inspiration to all officers and men who witnessed the deed. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sapp (mother), 15 North 14th Street, Belleville, Illinois.

Major JULIUS SAVANOVSKY, 0366147, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 21 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Savanovsky (mother), 5661 Maple Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant ROY F. SCHERLER, 35021367, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 August to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Scherler (wife), 19945 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

Sergeant CHARLES A. SCHOENE, 37244300, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Schoene (mother), Milan, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM E. SCHROEDER, 12061597, NMB, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. William E. Schroeder (wife), Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh 15, Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fourth Grade CARL F. SCOTT, 35269783, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 24 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Otis Scott (mother), RFD Route #3, Mineral Wells, West Virginia.

Captain NED H. SCOTT, 0417342, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Irene Scott (wife), 119 South Virginia Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. SPELLMAN, 37315082, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Spellman (mother), 1016 2nd Street, Coeur'd Alene, Idaho.

First Lieutenant JOHN W. STRASSER, 01175874, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. Lieutenant Strasser, forward observer of a field artillery battalion, accompanied a company of infantry on an amphibious operation from the vicinity of Capocoran to Pinamopan. The company landed and immediately became engaged with a numerically superior enemy force whose arms included four 40mm anti-tank guns and two 77mm field pieces, all firing at a range of about 250 yards. Lieutenant Strasser quickly and efficiently adjusted the fire of his artillery battalion on the enemy positions. He was under heavy enemy fire the entire time and unflinchingly brought the impact of 155mm batteries within 150 yards of his own position with complete disregard for his personal safety. When the company was ordered to withdraw, he successfully shifted the impact of his fire so that the withdrawal was safely conducted. Lieutenant Strasser's courageous performance of duty was an inspiration to all, and a main factor in the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Regina Strasser (wife), 204 South Matteson, Maquoketa, Iowa.

Captain MAURICE E. TILTON, 01549620, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Melvin Tilton (father), Box 398, Chowelah, Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES E. VINCENT, 39402126, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine Vincent (mother), Box 1535, RFD Route #2, Del Paso Heights, Sacramento, California.

V. BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain Donald B. Cameron, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 9 October 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944,

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(Spec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Captain DONALD B. CAMERON, O416712, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gagsam, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. The infantry battalion of which Captain Cameron was the surgeon was suffering heavy casualties from a terrific barrage of enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and rifle fire. Because of the large number of casualties, Captain Cameron, disregarding his personal safety, came forward under heavy fire to a point only fifty yards behind the front line of the assault company where he set up a temporary aid station. From this exposed position he treated and evacuated forty casualties within a half hour. This immediate professional treatment undoubtedly saved the lives of several seriously wounded men. Captain Cameron's courageous action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit to himself and the medical and military service. Home address: Mr. H. B. Cameron (father), Box #53, Calhoun, Kentucky.

VI. AMENDMENT.—So much of General Orders Number 34, this headquarters, 29 December 1944, as reads: "GENERAL ORDERS Number 34" is amended to read: "GENERAL ORDERS Number 35."

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

HUGH CORT,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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WALTER CUNNINGHAM
Major, A.G.D.,
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I. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 8, 1918), the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Private HOWARD R. CUTTS, 3669423, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mount Lao, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. During an attack on an enemy position Private Cutts, without hesitation, responded to a call for an aid man. In doing so it was necessary to crawl for approximately thirty yards under constant enemy fire from both flanks and the front. While attempting to administer aid to the wounded man, Private Cutts was hit by enemy sniper fire and died almost instantly. Private Cutts' devotion to duty with utter disregard for the danger involved is a tribute to the training and heroic traditions of the Medical Department and to the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Dora R. Cutts (mother), 7658 South Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS FARBER, 32010914, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Paving, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry attacked a steep ridge occupied by the enemy. Sergeant Farber, squad leader, led his men to the crest of the ridge and proceeded to consolidate the company's left flank. At this point the squad was subjected to deadly accurate machine gun fire from close range. Sergeant Farber immediately engaged the enemy in a fire fight at close quarters and succeeded in killing four of them. However the hostile forces, holding the commanding ground in well prepared positions, inflicted casualties on Sergeant Farber's men. Even after four of his men were wounded, he elected to remain

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in position and fight. In a close exchange of rapid fire he was killed. Sergeant Farber's gallant determination to close with enemy forces of numerically superior strength dealt the hostile troops a blow from which they failed to recover for the ridge was completely secured the following day. Sergeant Farber's brave leadership and supreme sacrifice for his country has earned the respect and admiration of all his men and officers and is worthy of the highest tribute. Next of kin: Mrs. Tillie Farber (mother), 2276 Creston Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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First Lieutenant TROY L. STONEBURNER, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinamopoa, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. Lieutenant Stoneburner led a reinforced company of infantry on a reconnaissance in force which required an amphibious landing behind the enemy lines. Shortly after landing the company became heavily engaged with an enemy force superior in numbers and armed with machine guns, rifles, anti-tank guns, mortars and cannon. In spite of the heavy fire directed against him, Lieutenant Stoneburner skillfully placed his own machine guns and mortars into positions giving maximum effectiveness against the enemy. He moved about from position to position, exposed to heavy and accurate enemy fire with utter disregard for his personal safety. As a result of his calm disregard of danger and his superb leadership, his company held the position for over two hours killing over half the enemy and silencing all but one of their cannon. When the order was given to withdraw, Lieutenant Stoneburner directed the retirement in a cool and unharried fashion frequently exposing himself to a hail of enemy fire in order to direct and control the operation and the safe evacuation of all casualties. Lieutenant Stoneburner's valor and heroism, born of steadfast devotion to duty, inspired all about him and were in accord with the highest traditions of the armed services. Next of kin: Mrs. Lee Stoneburner (mother), Mount Jackson, Virginia.

II. SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 8, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer missing in action:

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Captain JOHN A. BRADY, JR., O1175056, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action between Palo and Pinamopoa, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 3 November 1944. During this period Captain Brady voluntarily made flights in a liaison plane over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes were active, despite his awareness of the fact that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such flights. On one of these flights he was attacked by three Zero planes and shot down inside enemy lines. Captain Brady's unusual courage and willingness to meet the call of military

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necessity, even at the risk of his own life, are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clarissa C. Brady (mother), 76 Watson Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

III. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Publ. 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class LAWRENCE BARRON, 36443916, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Private Barron was one of three leading scouts in an assault on an enemy held hill. He advanced aggressively under heavy hostile machine gun fire and contacted a strong enemy force. He voluntarily remained in position and assisted in holding off a hostile counter-attack until the rest of his platoon arrived. This was accomplished against a numerically superior enemy force employing machine gun and rifle fire. Private Barron's fearless tenacity, with utter disregard for his personal safety, was a vital factor in the success of the assault and served as an inspiration to all members of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Barron (mother), 535 Congress Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

Private J. W. CAYWOOD, 38589726, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Private Caywood was one of three leading scouts in an assault on an enemy held hill. He advanced aggressively under heavy hostile machine gun fire and contacted a strong enemy force. He voluntarily remained in position and assisted in holding off a hostile counter-attack until the rest of his platoon arrived. This was accomplished against a numerically superior enemy force employing machine gun and rifle fire. Private Caywood's fearless tenacity, with utter disregard for his personal safety, was a vital factor in the success of the assault and served as an inspiration to all members of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Abbie Caywood (wife), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Box 315, Tulsa, 15, Oklahoma.

Corporal LEEMAN CHAN, 39036023, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 2 November 1944. On this day a company of infantry attacked an enemy position, but was immediately pinned down by heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Corporal Chan, seeing a seriously wounded man lying helpless in the open about 50 yards in front of the lines under heavy enemy machine gun fire, left his cover and with complete disregard

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for his personal safety, crawled forward under intense automatic fire and mortar barrage to the side of the wounded man and dragged him back to a safe position. He then covered the platoon medical aid-man while he dressed his comrade's wounds and, although the platoon was forced to withdraw, Corporal Chan remained to cover him until the situation permitted the wounded man to be littered to safety. Corporal Chan's courageous conduct won for him the admiration and respect of the officers and men of his company and was an inspiration to the entire command. Home address: Mrs. Ima S. Chan (mother), 112 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. DITTSWORTH, 13003952, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mount Minoro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. A company of infantry attacked an enemy strongpoint on a ridge north of Mount Minoro, but the advance was halted by heavy fire from an enemy pill box along the trail. This position was rushed by a rifleman, but he was hit by fire from further down the trail. When the rifleman was hit, Sergeant Dittsworth volunteered to rescue him. Accompanied by a fellow soldier, he crawled forward under intense hostile fire and slowly dragged the wounded man to safety. Sergeant Dittsworth's brave and voluntary action, performed with complete disregard for his personal safety, reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Anna Smith (mother), Colver, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRANK J. FALBO, 35421187, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. Private Falbo was a member of a machine gun squad emplaced behind a log and firing on enemy positions. An observer who was in position on a slope below the log was wounded in the hip by enemy machine gun fire and was unable to crawl back to safety. He was shouting for help until Private Falbo jumped over the log and rushed to his aid through a hail of enemy machine gun fire with utter disregard for his own personal safety. He quieted the wounded man and then dragged him to safety under aimed hostile fire. Private Falbo's heroic and self-sacrificing deed undoubtedly saved his comrade's life and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mayme C. Falbo (mother), Box 602, Yorkville, Ohio.

Private CHARLES R. GARDNER, 33576292, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. On this day an ammunition carrier was seriously wounded and lying helpless in open terrain under heavy enemy fire. Private Gardner,

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medical aid man, immediately proceeded alone across the exposed area to the side of the wounded man. While under hostile automatic fire he gave him medical attention and remained with him until such time as the situation permitted a litter squad to evacuate him. Private Gardner's gallant action, with complete disregard for his personal safety, undoubtedly saved this man's life and reflects the highest credit to himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Linnie Gardner (mother), 322 Ohio Street, Johnston, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH KLEIN, 32011188, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. On this day a self-propelled mount commanded by Sergeant Klein was sent forward to shell enemy positions, whose heavy rifle, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire had pinned down a battalion of infantry. The self-propelled mount was struck by an enemy 77mm shell and disabled. The enemy at once redoubled their fire on the mount registering artillery and mortar fire all around it, inflicting heavy casualties on the supporting riflemen and forcing them to withdraw. Realizing that the vehicle must either be withdrawn or destroyed, Sergeant Klein with three other men signaled to a nearby tank to tow it out. As the tank reached the disabled machine and before the rope could be attached an enemy artillery shell killed all members of the crew except Sergeant Klein. Nevertheless, Sergeant Klein persisted in his efforts until he saw that the machine was damaged in such a manner that it could not be steered, even if the tow rope was attached, and was obliged to abandon his gallant attempt. The extraordinary heroism, devotion to duty, and determination displayed by Sergeant Klein in an attempt to save his self-propelled mount reflect the highest credit upon himself and his training, and is worthy of the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Klein (mother), 3947 Arundson Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Technical Sergeant TAULBEE MCGUIRE, 15043743, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mount Minoro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. A company of infantry attacked an enemy strongpoint on a ridge north of Mount Minoro, but the advance was halted by heavy fire from an enemy pill box along the trail. This position was rushed by a rifleman, but he was hit by fire from further down the trail. When the rifleman was hit, Sergeant McGuire volunteered to rescue him. Accompanied by a fellow soldier, he crawled forward under intense hostile fire and slowly dragged the wounded man to safety. Sergeant McGuire's brave and voluntary action, performed with complete disregard for his personal safety, reflects the highest credit upon himself

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and the armed services. Home address: Mr. Dick McGuire (father), Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant MARIO P. MOZZONE, 02036071, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. On this day the advance of an infantry regiment was held up by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Lieutenant Mozzone located some of the enemy positions and guided a self-propelled cannon into a position where it could deliver direct fire on the enemy. Although exposed to heavy and accurate hostile fire, Lieutenant Mozzone remained with the machine directing its fire until it had knocked out an enemy machine gun. When the cannon had expended its ammunition, he ordered it to withdraw and brought forward another in its place. Although exposed to a hail of enemy machine gun fire and artillery shell bursts from a range of less than a hundred yards, he courageously remained in the open beside the self-propelled cannon, directing its fire without regard for his personal safety and did not leave the position until the weapons had been disabled and he had been wounded by enemy shell fire. Lieutenant Mozzone's intrepid conduct and self-sacrificing leadership were an inspiration to the entire command and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alice Marie Mozzone (wife), 1516-34th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Staff Sergeant LAURENCE E. PERSONENI, 39399015, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Sergeant Personeni was one of three leading scouts in an assault on an enemy-held hill. He advanced aggressively under heavy hostile machine gun fire and contacted a strong enemy force. He voluntarily remained in position and assisted in holding off a hostile counter-attack until the rest of his platoon arrived. This was accomplished against a numerically superior enemy force employing machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant Personeni's fearless tenacity, with utter disregard for his personal safety, was a vital factor in the success of the assault and served as an inspiration to all members of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Mary Personeni (mother), Box 842, Grass Valley, California.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD F. ROOF, 01109629, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Red Beach, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 19 October 1944. Lieutenant Roof, as a volunteer member of a combined Army-Navy reconnaissance and demolition party, went to the invasion shore with a party of swimmers the day prior to the landing of the main force, to determine the presence of underwater obstacles or other defensive installations.

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During the early afternoon while the swimmers were working Lieutenant Roof, in full view of the enemy less than 200 yards away, patrolled the shore line for two hours in a landing craft, manning a machine gun and drawing fire from enemy artillery, mortar and small arms with utter disregard for his personal safety, for the purpose of locating their positions and to divert their attention from the reconnoitering swimmers. His report to the landing team commander aboard the task force command ship contained valuable information as to enemy defenses and dispositions which materially contributed to the success of the landing operation. Lieutenant Roof's outstanding gallantry in action is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Albert J. Piche (uncle), 210 South 9th Street, Escanaba, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant PETER R. SLAVENSKY, 32010954, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 November 1944. A carrying party was sent with rations, ammunition, and medical supplies to a unit occupying a position considerably in advance of our front lines. After they had proceeded some 300 yards, the enemy attacked with machine gun and rifle fire. When the enemy opened fire, one of the party was shot through the back and fell across a log where he lay exposed to heavy enemy fire. Sergeant Slavinsky saw the man fall and, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled forward through a hail of enemy machine gun and rifle fire, lifted the wounded soldier across the log and dragged him a distance of about 15 yards to safety. Sergeant Slavinsky's courageous conduct was an inspiration to the entire command and won for him the highest regard and admiration of both officers and men. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Slavinsky (mother), 860 Pine Street, Kulpsent, Pennsylvania.

IV. SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant Earl B. Kelly by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (Hull, 43, 10, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant EARL B. KELLY, 01175188, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo and Pinamopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 17 November 1944. During this period, he voluntarily made flights in a liaison plane over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes were active and our liaison planes were fired on by enemy ground troops when they were over the enemy lines, despite his awareness that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable, and not ordinarily intended for such

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flights. Lieutenant Kelly's devotion to duty and outstanding courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Verna M. Kelly (wife), Hennessey, Oklahoma.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant James B. Power by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 8 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant JAMES B. POWER, 01175543, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands, between Palo and Pinanopoan, from 23 October to 17 November 1944. During this period, he voluntarily made flights in a liaison plane over enemy territory in which enemy Zero planes were active and our liaison planes were fired on by enemy ground troops when they were over the enemy lines, despite his awareness that liaison planes are slow, unarmed, unarmored, extremely vulnerable and not ordinarily intended for such flights. Lieutenant Power's devotion to duty and outstanding courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Power (mother), 3129 Charlotte, Kansas City, Missouri.

V. BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a ~~Bronze Star~~ Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT D. SMITH, 37161421, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. The company of which Sergeant Smith was a member was given the mission of clearing the enemy from the northern side of the village of Pastrana. He was leader of the squad assigned as a combat patrol. The patrol advanced for approximately three hours under heavy enemy fire and during this period Sergeant Smith was constantly urging his men forward and checking to see that the three teams of the patrol were in contact. Upon reaching sight of their objective he volunteered to return to his company with this information, which necessitated going through heavy enemy crossfire. While returning to his company he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. Sergeant Smith's bold and fearless action and outstanding leadership, with utter disregard for his own safety, will serve as a constant inspiration to his unit. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Smith (mother), Church's Ferry, North Dakota.

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First Lieutenant TROY L. STONEBURNER, 01295621, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry commanded by Lieutenant Stoneburner was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Stoneburner skillfully adjusted mortar fire on the enemy positions. He moved about under the direct aimed fire of rifles and automatic weapons, frequently exposing himself in order to obtain observation of the target. He continuously directed the actions of his men, moving them from an open coconut grove to a covered position they could defend. He supervised the evacuation of the wounded and left the area only after the last of his men had reached safety. Lieutenant Stoneburner's calm and courageous action while under intense enemy fire was an inspiration to his command and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Lee Stoneburner (mother), Mount Jackson, Virginia.

VI. BRONZE STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named missing officer:

First Lieutenant CLAUDE A. REESE, 01288619, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabron, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944, during the Hollandia-Tanauwerah Campaign. Lieutenant Reese was a member of a group of Division Headquarters personnel consisting of four officers and five enlisted men enroute to join the assault regiment of the division, a distance of fifteen miles by trail. The trail was bordered by heavy undergrowth and visibility was limited to a few yards on each side. Upon hearing the sounds of rifle fire several hundred yards ahead, the group, without hesitation, moved rapidly forward as a combat patrol to clear up the situation. Arriving at the location from which the firing apparently had come, they came upon an enemy patrol covering the trail from a position in a stream bed, and one American soldier firing at them. The patrol promptly and vigorously attacked the enemy group, who returned the fire with automatic weapons. Two of the enemy were killed and the rest dispersed. Despite the fact that the headquarters group had little combat training and no actual combat experience as riflemen, each member took part with enthusiasm and creditable skill. Lieutenant Reese's unhesitating participation in combat, with complete disregard for his personal safety, and his display of courage and individual efficiency, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. C. A. Reese (mother), 2010 Tremont Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

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VII. BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant GLENN R. BEAUCHAMP, O3299843, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 7 April to 23 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Beauchamp (mother), 101 Capistrano Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Captain JAMES A. BLODGETT, O366225, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 November 1944. Captain Blodgett, as an artillery observer attached to a front line company of infantry in attack, spotted a group of Japanese automatic weapons which were inflicting heavy casualties and holding up the advance of the company on his left. The enemy guns being too close for artillery fire, Captain Blodgett, quickly realizing the importance of silencing them, displayed great initiative and outstanding leadership in taking charge of an infantry machine gun section which he found nearby and in directing fire against the Japanese position. Under heavy small arms and mortar fire, he continued adjusting the fire with utter disregard for his own safety until the enemy fire was neutralized and thereby assisted materially in the ultimate success of the attack. Captain Blodgett's exemplary conduct and his outstanding performance of this act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Chris Holm (mother), Box 624, Toledo, Oregon.

Major CARTER T. BOGGESS, O377877, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Norman A. Boguess (father), Demopolis, Alabama.

Second Lieutenant WILLARD H. BROWN, O1170296, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pinamopoun, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. Lieutenant Brown as artillery observer attached to an infantry element that had been ordered to make an enveloping movement over dense and almost impassable terrain near Hill 1525, rendered a great service to our forces by furnishing valuable information and by adjusting urgently needed artillery fire on important enemy targets. Overcoming great obstacles imposed

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by the difficult nature of the terrain, of inadequate maps or map substitutes, and continuous enemy fire, he displayed great initiative and outstanding professional skill in keeping our headquarters informed of our own and the enemy situation. He expertly adjusted medium artillery fire on a strongly held ridge extremely close to our own lines, requiring great skill to keep from endangering the lives of our own troops. While performing this important mission Lieutenant Brown was hit by enemy machine gun fire, and although painfully wounded in the face, he remained at his post of duty until ordered back by his commanding officer. Lieutenant Brown's outstanding performance of this duty and his heroic conduct under extremely difficult conditions aided materially in the success of our attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Opal E. Brown (mother), 1924 Forest Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

Captain GUSTAVUS W. CENTER, 0390908, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Balud, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 21 November to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. G. H. Center (mother), 1106 Pennsylvania Street, Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class JOSEPH CICCIO, 32954278, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Capoccan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. In an attack against the enemy who were in well-prepared defenses, Private Cicco led the advance of his platoon, delivering deadly and accurate fire into the enemy positions with his BAR. Private Cicco's action and leadership inspired the rest of the platoon to move forward through heavy enemy fire to accomplish its mission. When the platoon received orders to withdraw for the night, Private Cicco stayed in position and covered the withdrawal until the last man was safely back. Private Cicco's courageous action was an inspiration to his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Angelino Quarino (mother), 714 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

Technician Third Grade DONALD R. COMPTON, 35206534, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamocan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lilly B. Compton (mother), 463 Barnes Street, Keyser, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant FRED W. CRAMPOND, 35129450, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine

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Islands, from 20 October to 2 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Annie L. Crawford (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, Carlisle, Kentucky.

Captain GARNETT S. DICK, JR., 0407484, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 21 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Garnett S. Dick, Sr. (father), Prospect, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS T. CUFFNEY, 01302608, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. An enemy force estimated to be two reinforced companies delivered a vigorous counter-attack upon the village of Pawing with the objective of retaking the village and piercing the beachhead defenses. Enemy machine gun and rifle fire swept the entire area while enemy riflemen under cover of darkness pushed forward to within a few yards of the village. At the most critical stage of the enemy attack, Lieutenant Cuffney was seriously wounded. Refusing to be evacuated he continued for nearly two hours to perform his duties as company executive officer directing the defense of the perimeter, relaying artillery adjustments, and reporting the situation at regular intervals to battalion headquarters. Lieutenant Cuffney's courageous and self-sacrificing conduct won for him the admiration of all men of his organization. Home address: Mr. Edward F. Cuffney (uncle), 650 West Washington Avenue, Elmira, New York.

Private First Class LOUIS R. DIAZ, 38346650, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 October 1944. Private Diaz, with two other soldiers, was occupying a fox hole which was attacked by five Japanese. In the action that followed, three of the enemy were killed while one of the two soldiers with Private Diaz was killed and the other seriously wounded. Private Diaz upon observing the fate of his comrades stood upright in the foxhole, heedless of the enemy fire, and fired on two onrushing Japanese, killing both of them. Private Diaz's actions not only saved the life of the wounded soldier but averted an enemy breakthrough into the perimeter. Private Diaz's actions reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margarita R. Diaz (mother), 1303 South Arthur Street, Amarillo, Texas.

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Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. DILLON, 32175554, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinampouan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter E. Dillon (father),

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Rural Free Delivery Route #8, White Bear, Minnesota.

First Sergeant (then staff sergeant) RUSSELL T. EDBERG, 37160576, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Shortly after landing on the beach the battalion of which Sergeant Edberg was a member was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Edberg, with complete disregard for his own safety, dashed forward in an upright position and located the enemy pillbox. He then returned and with the aid of another soldier carried up a heavy machine gun, placed it in a position in front of the pillbox and fired into the ports. This neutralized the pillbox to such an extent that the battalion was able to advance. Sergeant Edberg's fearlessness and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry Edberg (brother), 1277 Garden Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade OTTO FREDERICK, 39026614, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinnacopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Arthur C. Plath (cousin), 915-19th Street, North, Billings, Montana.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) JOSEPH GORDON, #2127563, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy as assistant regimental communications officer at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Morris Gordon (father), 7 Morton Place, Jersey City, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant ROBERT A. GOSHORN, 01306089, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Goshorn (mother), Ossian, Indiana.

Private First Class CHARLES V. HAMMACK, 3523733, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinnacopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Francis Hammack (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, North Front Street, Lancaster, Ohio.

Private First Class ORPHIE L. HOLT, 37176565, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement

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in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamocjan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Thea Holt (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, Burnsville, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant THOMAS W. KEENER, 15010315, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruby I. Keener (wife), Rachel, West Virginia.

Private BERNARD KELSEY, 35812604, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamocjan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 10 November 1944. After his section was unable to advance, due to the heavy concentration of enemy fire, Private Kelsey, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, proceeded several times up an exposed ridge, under constant enemy fire, to assist the evacuation of the seriously wounded. Private Kelsey's devotion to duty and courageous conduct won the admiration of all who witnessed his actions. Home address: Mrs. Ada M. Kelsey (mother), Eli, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant HOMER W. KIRKHAM, 0414853, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 19 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ethel W. Kirkham (mother), 1013 McClelland Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR L. KUHLEBECK, 36235119, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 5 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Samorian (sister), 1511-12th Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant CHESTER KOWALSKI, 32010083, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sagayan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 1 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Anthony Kowalski (father), New Hampton, New York.

Private CONRAD M. KREGER, 36507764, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 21 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Alfred W. Kreger (father), 403 Sunnybrook Road, Royal Oak, Michigan.

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First Lieutenant OCTAVE J. LEGENDRE, 01288912, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte Philippine Islands, on 25 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry was ordered to capture a knoll on a ridge, which had been previously occupied by friendly elements, but who had been driven off on 24 October. This second attack was preceded by an air strike. Lieutenant Legendre, seeking information for the regimental commander, pushed ahead of the advance troops. Without hesitation, he proceeded up the knoll alone, disregarding the fact that enemy troops were definitely known to have occupied the hill. His aggressiveness and disregard for personal safety inspired the troops of the rifle company to follow him up the knoll, where they discovered that the air strike was successful in driving the enemy from the objective. Lieutenant Legendre's personal leadership won for him the respect of all who witnessed this action and reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Legendre (mother), 915-25th Avenue, Covington, Louisiana.

Private JOE LOPARCO, 12023820, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colson, Leyte Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. At about 0600, when enemy artillery began shelling his battery position, Private Loparco acting gunner corporal, displayed great leadership, courage and initiative in remaining at his post and continuing to lay his piece, despite the fact that shells were falling within twenty-five yards of him. Private Loparco's heroic conduct inspired the other members of his section to remain at their posts, enabling the section to continue its fire mission and aiding materially in providing continuous support to our attack. Home address: Mrs. Egeline Loparco (mother), 29 Seaman Street, Cortland, New York.

Staff Sergeant FRANK O. C. MARCHANT, 38076979, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 28 October 1944. On 20 October Sergeant Marchant was acting platoon leader. Shortly after landing most of the battalion of which he was a member was pinned down by enemy snipers approximately 250 yards inland. Sergeant Marchant was ordered to employ his platoon in clearing out the enemy snipers. He accompanied the first squad and several men were hit by enemy fire around him, and one bullet pierced his helmet. He kept moving and coordinated the movement of the men without hesitation, clearing the snipers and enabling the advance of his company. On 21 October one platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire and two men were seriously

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wounded. Sergeant Marchant, together with five other men, was sent under fire to aid in evacuating the wounded men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he directed and aided in evacuating the casualties and then acted as rear guard while the others withdrew. On 28 October, when the company is under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Marchant accompanying the leading platoon. An order to withdraw was given and when the platoon began to withdraw a man was wounded while moving through a small clearing. Sergeant Marchant went to the assistance of the wounded man and with the help of another soldier evacuated him to safety. Sergeant Marchant's continued fearless performance of duty regardless of the personal risk involved reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josie Marchant (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Private HASSIE A. MEADE, 15044027, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 25 October 1944. Private Meade accompanied the battalion commander in a radio jeep for the purpose of reconnaissance. The men riding in the jeep were pinned down by heavy hostile automatic and small arms fire which destroyed the radio antenna. Private Meade, with utter disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily withdrew alone, driving the jeep across an area exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire to a point where cover was available, thereby keeping communications open. Private Meade's courageous action was an inspiration to all members of his organization and reflects great credit to himself and the armed service. Home address: Mr. R. H. Meade (father), Banner, Virginia.

Private First Class ARTHUR MENDENHALL, 37237376, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Private Mendenhall, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, drove his ambulance jeep three or four times to his battalion aid station through enemy machine gun and sniper fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties back to the collecting station. His fearless courage and determination to do his duty to the utmost of human ability were instrumental in saving the lives of some of the wounded men who had lost an extremity and would have surely died due to the loss of blood and shock, except for this daring evacuation. Private Mendenhall performed his services in a manner exemplifying the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Mendenhall (wife), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Galva, Kansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade PATRICK O. MOONEY, 38272800, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. While a company of infantry was attacking a hill, the enemy opened fire with machine guns, first upon the infantry, then upon the forward observer's party, making their positions untenable. Upon orders to withdraw, the forward observer's party set up a radio about 200 yards from the base of the hill in open terrain while the infantry withdrew an additional 400 yards to the rear to set up a new perimeter. With fire from an enemy heavy machine gun cutting the earth about them, Technician Mooney and two others remained with the forward observer until he had completed the adjustment of artillery, then, working together, they disassembled the radio, collected all their equipment, and in a cool, orderly manner, withdrew over 400 yards through open terrain to the new company perimeter. Technician Mooney's coolness under fire, outstanding devotion to duty, and complete disregard for his personal safety contributed to the bringing of effective artillery support to bear upon the enemy during an extremely crucial phase of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Cecelia M. Mooney (mother), General Delivery, Manco, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant GERALD J. MULRINE, 01165195, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 November 1944. Lieutenant Mulrine, as battalion communications officer, displayed great initiative and outstanding leadership in directly supervising the laying of wire lines to a forward observer at a time when positive communications were urgently needed to deliver massed artillery fire in support of an attack on an important objective. Despite the fact that it was necessary to expose himself to enemy rifle and machine gun fire almost continuously in accomplishing this task, Lieutenant Mulrine, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, vigorously led his wire section forward and quickly established the vital communications. Lieutenant Mulrine's leadership, exemplary conduct, and outstanding performance of this important mission aided materially in the success of our attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine E. Mulrine (wife), Northfield, Wisconsin.

Captain WALTER P. NAQUIN, JR. 0367925, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Virginia S. Naquin (wife), 1341 East State Street, Ithaca, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT W. PETTIJOHN, 19185897, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Posing, La. 29, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. While a company of infantry was attacking a hill, the enemy opened fire with machine guns, first upon the infantry, then upon the forward observer's party, making the position untenable. Upon orders to withdraw, the forward observer's party set up a radio about 200 yards from the base of the hill in open terrain while the infantry withdrew an additional 400 yards to the rear to set up a new perimeter. With fire from an enemy heavy machine gun cutting the earth about them, Technician Pettijohn and two others remained with the forward observer until he had completed the adjustment of artillery, then, working together, they disassembled the radio, collected all their equipment, and in a cool, orderly manner, withdrew over 400 yards through open terrain to the new company perimeter. Technician Pettijohn's coolness under fire, outstanding devotion to duty, and complete disregard for his personal safety, contributed to the bringing of effective artillery support to bear upon the enemy during an extremely crucial phase of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Nancy H. Pettijohn (mother), 6219 California Street, San Francisco, California.

First Lieutenant AARON H. RAPKING, JR., 01288618, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. A. H. Rapking (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Lost Creek, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant RAPHAEL SANCHEZ, 39402246, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Irene Sanchez (wife), 543 1st Street, Woodland, California.

Staff Sergeant CHAUNCEY M. SCHWARTZ, 37462874, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 25 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Schwartz (mother), Box 400, Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Rapid City, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant HAROLD SEGAL, 01318935, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 26 October to 23 November 1944. Home address:

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Mr. Saul S. Segal (brother), 18 Marinello Terracc, Albany, New York.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE W. SHAFER, 6989296, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Fred Shafer (father), Fairlaw Drive, Dunbar, West Virginia.

Private First Class ALFRED L. SLOAN, 37235141, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Private Sloan, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, drove his ambulance jeep three or four times to the battalion aid station, through enemy machine gun and sniper fire, to evacuate seriously wounded casualties back to the collecting station. His fearless courage and determination to do his duty to the utmost of human ability, were instrumental in saving the lives of some of the wounded men, who had lost an extremity and would have surely died due to the loss of blood and shock, except for this daring evacuation. Private Sloan performed his services in a manner exemplifying the highest traditions of the Medical Department. Home address: Mrs. Etta Jane Sloan (mother), 1317 Hill Street, Joplin, Missouri.

Major HARRY L. SNAVELY, 0341099, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ellen Snavely (wife), 508 State Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Acting Second Lieutenant (then technical sergeant) THOMAS E. TURNER, 18021340, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Carigara, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. Lieutenant Turner was leading a platoon of nineteen men defending an important hill. The platoon was spread out in a thin defensive line and Lieutenant Turner in anticipation of an enemy Banzai attack arranged for supporting mortar fire. The Japanese soldiers made three determined Banzai attacks in an attempt to overcome our forces. During these attacks, Lieutenant Turner without regard for his own personal safety stood up and directed the fire of his platoon and the fire of the supporting mortars. Lieutenant Turner's display of heroism was directly responsible for the success of the platoon and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Turner (wife), 1486 77th Avenue, Oakland, California.

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Staff Sergeant MILLARD E. VOWELS, 15042123, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Irene Vowels (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, New Haven, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade J. B. WHALEN, 18015654, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of "Breakneck Ridge", north of Linao, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 November 1944. Radio communication between the Battalion Fire Direction Center and the Battalion Forward Observer, was failing because of a faulty transmitter at the forward post. Technician Whalen showed great initiative and courage by carrying a new transmitter through heavy enemy fire, a distance of two and a half miles, through very rough terrain, thus making possible the placing of artillery fire upon the enemy. Technician Whalen's willingness and his perseverance in the face of great danger to make this mission successful, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva Fitzgerald (mother), Box No. 395, Wink, Texas.

Sergeant BEN S. WHITE, 30426555, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Carigera River, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 2 November 1944. Sergeant White was in charge of laying communications between the rear and the forward command posts. He accomplished this work under hostile machine gun and rifle fire. At times it was necessary for him to operate through territory unoccupied by friendly troops. Sergeant White's outstanding work performed under the most hazardous conditions made possible the uninterrupted flow of communications throughout this phase of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Bama White (mother), General Delivery, Alvard, Texas.

Private First Class DEWY D. YONCE, 34121170, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. While a company of infantry was attacking a hill, the enemy opened fire with machine guns, first upon the infantry, then upon the forward observer's party, making their positions untenable. Upon orders to withdraw, the forward observer's party set up a radio about 200 yards from the base of a hill in open terrain while the infantry withdrew an additional 400 yards to the rear to set up a new perimeter. With fire from an enemy heavy machine gun cutting the earth about them, Private Yonce and two others remained with the

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forward observer until he had completed the adjustment of artillery, then, working together, they disassembled the radio, collected all their equipment, and in a cool, orderly manner, withdrew over 400 yards through open terrain to the new company perimeter. Private Yonce's coolness under fire, outstanding devotion to duty, and complete disregard for his personal safety, contributed to the bringing of effective artillery support to bear upon the enemy during an extremely crucial phase of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Yonce (mother), 410 State Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

VIII. BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Captain James A. Blodgett, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division as published in Section VII, above, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain JAMES A. BLODGETT, 0366225, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 21 October to 5 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Chris Holm (mother), Box 624, Toledo, Oregon.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to First Lieutenant Albert P. Thibodeaux by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant ALBERT P. THIBODEAUX, 01284790, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Agnes L. Broussard (sister), Box 1724, Berwick, Louisiana.

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

OFFICIAL:

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I. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant IGNAZIO E. AMATO, 7071092, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. On this day while making the initial landing on Red Beach, Sergeant Amato was seriously wounded in the leg by shrapnel. He refused to go the aid station and continued to lead his squad forward in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire to destroy two strong hostile positions one hundred yards inland. Only after his men had accomplished this action would he return to the aid station to have his wound treated. From the aid station he was evacuated to a ship. Sergeant Amato's outstanding devotion to duty and his intrepid action was an inspiration to all and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Louis Amato (father), 1367 60th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class HARRY H. BARNES, 34704628, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 November 1944. On this day while the battalion was on Kilay Ridge, enemy mortar fire had broken the communications between a platoon perimeter and the company perimeter some four hundred yards distant behind enemy lines. At 2100 Private Barnes volunteered to go from the platoon to the company perimeter to get a roll of wire and re-lay it to the platoon. Well knowing the danger between the perimeters, he started out alone in the dark. He arrived safely at the company perimeter, procured a roll of wire, and started laying it back to the platoon. On the way he encountered three of the enemy, circled them, and continued on his mission, enabling communications to be resumed. Shortly after, his courageous action proved invaluable during a counter-attack by the enemy

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and contributed materially to a coordinated defense and defeat of the attackers. Private Barnes' gallant action and utter disregard for his personal safety was an inspiration to all and in accord with the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Nowman Barnes (wife), 508 Dale Road, Rufalla, Alabama.

Private First Class EDMUND O. CARLOCK, 35476819, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Private Carlock and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately two hundred yards in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. Private Carlock's fearless courage was instrumental in saving this man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. May R. Carlock (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Paris Crossing, Indiana.

Private CHELSEY R. CASH, 34815412, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Private Cash returned to the battle area, after his platoon had withdrawn, to administer first aid and to assist in evacuating his squad leader who had been seriously wounded and who could not withdraw unaided. This was done under intense small arms fire from enemy positions. Private Cash volunteered for this act with no regard for his personal safety reflecting the highest credit to himself and the armed services. Home address: Mrs. Mary W. Cash (mother), 155 Hodge Road, Princeton, New Jersey.

Private First Class ELVA R. DARBY, 34824514, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pinamporan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. Private Darby, although a cook with a collecting company, voluntarily accompanied an infantry company to act as an aid man. During this period with this infantry company, he demonstrated extreme courage and resourcefulness, repeatedly risking enemy fire to treat the wounded, without regard for his own personal safety. On 12 November 1944, when our positions were under intense enemy fire, Private Darby, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly advanced forward in a prone position under heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to the wounded and drag them back to safety. Private Darby's fearless courage in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to all and is worthy of the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Ludell S. Darby (wife), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Potomac, Illinois.

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Private First Class PEDRO L. ECHAVES, 39279322, Signal Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pastrana, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Private Echaves was a member of a wire team on duty with an infantry regiment in the Pastrana area. While stringing wire it was pinned down by direct enemy fire. One infantryman was seriously wounded, and Private Echaves, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran back to the aid station to secure medical aid. Due to the fact that the aid station was also under direct fire, this aid could not be given immediately. So Private Echaves secured morphine, ran back to the wounded man while still under direct enemy fire, administered morphine, and carried the wounded soldier back to the aid station where he was given medical attention. The courage and determination displayed by Private Echaves were an inspiration to all who witnessed this act of gallantry. Home address: Mr. Pantaleon Echaves, Sr. (father), 540 South Gregory Street, San Diego, California.

Staff Sergeant HERBERT J. EGGLESTON, 6555331, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near San Isidro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 December 1944. On this day, a combat patrol of which Sergeant Eggleston was a member was ambushed by the enemy and the patrol leader killed. The intense hostile fire pinned down the patrol on the forward slope of a hill. Sergeant Eggleston immediately assumed command and, by his careful planning and coolness under heavy fire, managed to withdraw the patrol to safety, except for two casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety and despite the aimed enemy fire, Sergeant Eggleston returned over the ridge on two different occasions to rescue his wounded men. Sergeant Eggleston's calmness under fire and his intrepid action in bringing out his wounded were an inspiration to all and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Eggleston (mother), Box 930, Rural Free Delivery Route #7, Portland, Oregon.

Sergeant CARLTON C. GRODE, 36279278, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Sergeant Grode and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately two hundred yards in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. Sergeant Grode's fearless courage was instrumental in saving this man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jane Grode (wife), 338 Nicolet Boulevard, Monasha, Wisconsin.

Private First Class FRANCIS T. HALL, 36620128, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near

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Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Private Hall and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately one hundred and fifty yards forward in the face of heavy enemy automatic and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. After applying a splint to the wounded man's right leg, he assisted his squad in evacuating the casualty to safety. This act exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit upon Private Hall and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida Hall (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #5, Centralia, Illinois.

Private JESSIE HARRIS, 39112786, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. Private Harris, an aid man attached to an infantry battalion on Kilay Ridge, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily advanced thirty yards across a clearing through heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, to administer first aid and evacuate a seriously wounded infantryman. Private Harris went out a second time, with great risk to his own person, to evacuate a wounded aid man. His fearless courage in the face of enemy fire saved the life of the infantryman and greatly contributed to the aid man's recovery. This act exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit upon Private Harris and the military service. Home address: Mrs. May Harris (mother), Box 272, Rural Free Delivery Route #3, San Jose, California.

Private NORVAL H. HILL, 35611228, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Private Hill and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately one hundred and fifty yards forward in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. After applying a splint to the wounded man's right leg, he assisted his squad in evacuating the casualty to safety. This act exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit upon Private Hill and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Brittie Hill (wife) Rural Free Delivery Route #2, Summerfield, Ohio.

Private First Class WILLIE HOBBS, 35129167, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Calubian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 14 December 1944. On the night of 14 December thirty-one men formed a perimeter around the battalion aid station at Calubian. Shortage of men made necessary the putting of men in individual fox holes about 15 yards apart. Around midnight four Japs armed with rifles with

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fixed bayonets attacked the sector defended by Private Hobbs. One Jap was killed before getting into the perimeter, but two of them succeeded in piercing the perimeter defenses and attacked Private Hobbs from the rear. He shot and killed both of them but, as he did so, the fourth Jap charged him from outside the perimeter. Private Hobbs' gun failed to fire but, instead of withdrawing, he wielded his rifle like a club and forced the Jap to flee. His action in staying in position alone without near support and in great danger to himself enabled the perimeter to stay intact and undoubtedly prevented casualties among those inside the perimeter. Private Hobbs' gallantry in action is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elva Hobbs (mother), Greenroad, Kentucky.

Sergeant VIRGIL H. LINTON, 36125989, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. On this day Sergeant Linton was a member of a squad that was patrolling the left flank of a point for the company. Suddenly the entire company was pinned down by a terrific barrage of enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and sniper fire which caused numerous casualties. Sergeant Linton held his squad in position to protect the company's left flank and then, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward into heavy enemy fire to evacuate casualties. Sergeant Linton helped carry out ten casualties and, as the tenth was being carried out, he himself received a serious wound. Sergeant Linton's gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Vertie May Linton (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, Midland, Michigan.

Private First Class ALBERT M. MACKE, 37417214, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Private Macke and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately one hundred and fifty yards forward in the face of heavy enemy automatic and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. Upon applying a splint to the wounded man's right leg, he assisted his squad in evacuating the casualty to safety. This act exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department and reflects great credit upon Private Macke and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara M. Macke (wife), 3631 Spring Street, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Major CARL E. MANN, 0453718, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 16 November to 24 November 1944. Major Mann was in command of

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a relief party sent from the vicinity of Pinaroosan to a battalion isolated near Linon. The party carried rations to the beleaguered unit and brought back twenty-six litter case casualties and forty walking wounded. The entire route was through enemy held territory. The terrain was mountainous and covered with thick vegetation. (The weather was cloudy with heavy rains throughout the entire period. In addition to these difficulties, there were only two days rations available to the party when making their way back. On two occasions the party received heavy attacks from enemy groups in ambush armed with rifles, machine guns, and mortars. On each of these occasions, Major Mann went immediately to the point of contact and skillfully maneuvered his group so that the enemy was successfully by-passed. There were seven men killed and sixteen wounded in these actions, but Major Mann was able to evacuate all the wounded while protecting the remainder of the party. His continual display of calm cheerfulness in the face of extreme adversity was a tower of strength to the men in his command. As a result of Major Mann's leadership, the mission was successfully completed and the lives of the sixty-six wounded men were saved. Home address: Mrs. Victoria Mann (wife), Box 252, Clayton, Alabama.

Private First Class JESSE W. MARTIN, 35106799, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. On this day the platoon of which Private Martin was a member was attacked three times in determined rushes by the enemy. On the last attack, Private Martin's automatic rifle jammed. He immediately seized it by the barrel and went outside the perimeter to club to death a Jap who was rushing his sector. In doing this he severely burned both hands. Private Martin's action seemed to be the turning point in the attack as his exhibition of courage so inspired his comrades that they threw out a terrific barrage of fire, forcing the enemy to flee and leaving many of their casualties. Private Martin's gallant action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Berda Martin (mother), Danbar, Kentucky.

Technician Third Grade JOHN T. McDERMOTT, 37157553, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jarb, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Technician McDermott and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately one hundred and fifty yards forward in the face of heavy enemy automatic and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. Upon applying a splint to the wounded man's right leg, he assisted his squad in evacuating the casualty to safety. This act exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department and

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reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John B. McDermott (father), 229 North 10th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Corporal WALLACE G. McLEOD, 36339547, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for the infantry to withdraw, Corporal McLeod and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately two hundred yards in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. Corporal McLeod's fearless courage was instrumental in saving this man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Grace B. McLeod (mother), Gilman, Wisconsin.

Private LEWIS L. MIKULANEC, 36834554, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. On this day an enemy road block had cut our supply and evacuation lines between Pinamopon and Capocan. Attempts to evacuate casualties by LCMs from Pinamopon were frustrated by intense hostile machine gun fire from a concealed position on a ridge commanding the beach. Private Mikulanec, amphibious truck driver, offered to attempt the evacuation of the casualties at Pinamopon. As he approached the shore, he received heavy and accurate fire from the enemy emplacement. Despite this intense fire, he brought his vehicle into the beach repeatedly, each time receiving fire from the hostile machine gun. Private Mikulanec's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was responsible for the safe evacuation of many casualties and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Mikulanec (wife), 1639 Edgewood, Racine, Wisconsin.

Private WILLIAM C. MOSTOVYK, 13007041, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. On this day an enemy road block had cut our supply and evacuation lines between Pinamopon and Capocan. Attempts to evacuate casualties by LCMs from Pinamopon were frustrated by intense hostile machine gun fire from a concealed position on a ridge commanding the beach. Private Mostovyk, amphibious truck driver, offered to attempt the evacuation of the casualties at Pinamopon. As he approached the shore, he received heavy and accurate fire from the enemy emplacement. Despite this intense fire, he brought his vehicle into the beach repeatedly, each time receiving fire from the hostile machine gun. Private Mostovyk's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was responsible for the safe evacuation of many casualties and

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reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katharyne Mostovyk (mother), Box 138, Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Federalsburg, Maryland.

Private LEWIS W. MALL, 38471798, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinanopoun, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. On this day an enemy road block had cut our supply and evacuation lines between Pinanopoun and Capocan. Attempts to evacuate casualties by LCMs from Pinanopoun were frustrated by intense hostile machine gun fire from a concealed position on a ridge commanding the beach. Private Mall, amphibious truck driver, offered to attempt the evacuation of the casualties at Pinanopoun. As he approached the shore, he received heavy and accurate fire from the enemy emplacement. Despite this intense fire, he brought his vehicle into the beach repeatedly, each time receiving fire from the hostile machine gun. Private Mall's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was responsible for the safe evacuation of many casualties and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Noretta Mae Mall (wife), General Delivery, Blue Jacket, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant MATTHEW J. OTT, 32068976, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Paving, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Sergeant Ott was a member of a company which was ordered to withdraw from a high ridge. Soon after the withdrawal had begun, the enemy counter-attacked sharply. Sergeant Ott, with utter disregard for his personal safety, completely exposed himself to the aimed fire of automatic and small arms weapons to pull two of his wounded men to safety. Upon completion of this act, he returned to the top of the ridge and covered the withdrawal of his men by throwing hand grenades from a position offering little or no cover until the last of his men had reached safety. Sergeant Ott's heroic action reflects the highest credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Violet E. Ott (mother), 2912 Congress Street, Camden, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant FRANK V. POWELL, 15041933, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near San Isidro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 December 1944. On this day, a combat patrol, of which Sergeant Powell was a member, suddenly came under enemy fire on the forward slope of a hill and suffered one severe casualty. As the rest of the patrol took cover behind the crest of the hill, Sergeant Powell, with utter disregard for his personal safety, dragged and carried the wounded man back to safety where he dressed the wound and saw to his evacuation. This heroic action on the part of Sergeant Powell undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade, and reflects the highest credit

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upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mr. Lon Powell (father), Wax, Kentucky.

Private JULE H. RHODEN, 14000117, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. On this day an enemy road block had cut our supply and evacuation lines between Pinamopon and Capocan. Attempts to evacuate casualties by LCMs from Pinamopon were frustrated by intense hostile machine gun fire from a concealed position on a ridge commanding the beach. Private Rhoden, amphibious truck driver, offered to attempt the evacuation of the casualties at Pinamopon. As he approached the shore, he received heavy and accurate fire from the enemy emplacement. Despite the intense fire, he brought his vehicle into the beach repeatedly, each time receiving fire from the hostile machine gun. Private Rhoden's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was responsible for the safe evacuation of many casualties and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Rhoden (mother), Glen Saint Mary, Florida.

Corporal FREDERICK R. THRESS, 35027203, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. On this day an enemy road block had cut our supply and evacuation lines between Pinamopon and Capocan. Attempts to evacuate casualties by LCMs from Pinamopon were frustrated by intense hostile machine gun fire from a concealed position on a ridge commanding the beach. Corporal Thress, amphibious truck driver, offered to attempt the evacuation of the casualties at Pinamopon. As he approached the shore, he received heavy and accurate fire from the enemy emplacement. Despite the intense fire, he brought his vehicle into the beach repeatedly, each time receiving fire from the hostile machine gun. Corporal Thress' heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was responsible for the safe evacuation of many casualties and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catharine Thress (mother), 422 West 40th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Captain BIAN B. WALKER, JR., 01288826, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 November 1944. On this day Captain Walker personally led a patrol to locate friendly elements that had been cut off and were without communication. The patrol had to go through enemy held territory and was twice challenged by enemy sentries, but Captain Walker's skillful maneuvering enabled the patrol to elude the enemy. The patrol discovered and recorded the location of enemy machine gun positions which were later destroyed. It cut enemy communication lines on two occasions.

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After an eight-hour march the patrol finally located the isolated battalion, oriented them, and reestablished communications. On the way back the following day, the patrol was harassed by enemy artillery fire, but Captain Walker's able leadership and skillful maneuvering again enabled the patrol to come through without casualties. Captain Walker's intrepid leadership and devotion to duty in completing this mission which several other patrols had failed to do are worthy of the highest commendation and are in accord with the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elna P. Walker (mother), 20 Fairview Avenue, Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE WALLO, 32069710, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pinanopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 November 1944. On this day an enemy road block had cut our supply and evacuation lines between Pinanopon and Capocan. Attempts to evacuate casualties by LCMs from Pinanopon were frustrated by intense hostile machine gun fire from a concealed position on a ridge commanding the beach. Technician Wallo, amphibious truck driver, offered to attempt the evacuation of the casualties at Pinanopon. As he approached the shore, he received heavy and accurate fire from the enemy emplacement. Despite the intense fire he brought his vehicle into the beach repeatedly, each time receiving fire from the hostile machine gun. Technician Wallo's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, was responsible for the safe evacuation of many casualties and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lucas (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #6, Crescent Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant CLARENCE E. WEIGEL, 0479272, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry received orders to withdraw from a hill near Palo. As the company started to withdraw the Japs attacked in large force. Lieutenant Weigel immediately grasped the seriousness of the situation and without hesitation picked up a case of hand grenades and moved up to the top of the ridge and, though completely exposed to hostile fire, commenced throwing grenades over the ridge. Lieutenant Weigel was the last member of the company to leave the hill, after assuring himself that everyone had safely withdrawn. On the following day the company returned to the hill and found fifteen enemy dead in the area in which Lieutenant Weigel had thrown the grenades. By his gallant action Lieutenant Weigel brought great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph M. Weigel (father), 101 East 14th Street, Hays, Kansas.

Private NEAL F. WYIAN, 31156670, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. After the order had been given for

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the infantry to withdraw, Private Wyman and his squad, with utter disregard for their own personal safety, advanced approximately two hundred yards in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. Private Wyman's fearless courage was instrumental in saving this man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Neal Wyman (wife), Manchester, Vermont.

Private First Class OLIVER E. YOUNG, 37107112, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 22 November 1944. At about 1930 hours on this date, a group of soldiers, carrying a seriously wounded officer, was moving under cover of darkness to a new position when an enemy machine gun opened fire, killing one litter bearer and pinning down the remainder of the men, causing the wounded officer to be left in a badly exposed position. Private Young, a member of the group, sensing the seriousness of the situation, with utter disregard for his personal safety, raised himself up to locate the hostile machine gun. He then crawled forward in the face of heavy fire, managed to get behind the tree from where the machine gun was firing, and then dropped a grenade into the position, putting the gun out of action and killing the entire crew. This heroic action undoubtedly prevented further casualties, saved the life of the wounded officer, and enabled the group to continue. Private Young's intrepidity and gallant devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lulu Young (mother), Carlisle, Arkansas.

II. SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)—By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Captain Paul Austin by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Captain PAUL AUSTIN, 01288498, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mainit River, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. On this day a company of infantry made an envelopment of the enemy's left flank, then enfiladed along the west bank of the Mainit River. The enemy covered the bridge and Highway #2 with accurate machine gun and mortar fire. Captain Austin led his company five hundred yards northeast of the highway, forded the river, and assaulted the enemy holding the bridge. The enemy opened up with small arms fire from fifty yards up the bank of the river. Captain Austin, exposing himself to this fire with utter disregard for his personal safety, directed the leading platoon into a deployed formation and

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and the advance. The enemy was discovered in spider type
tents, completely camouflaged, which necessitated a bayonet
charge covered by a volume of fire. As the advance proceeded,
the enemy used knee mortars in a vain attempt to stem the tide.
Captain Austin led his men during the entire five hundred yards
of the assault to the bridge, encouraging and directing
their maneuvers. Forty-four of the enemy were killed in this
action while our casualties were very light. Captain Austin
personally accounted for three Japanese equipped with knee
mortars. His gallant, inspiring leadership and devotion to his
men are in accord with the highest traditions of the military
service and reflect the highest credit upon himself. Home
address: Mrs. Ouida I. Austin (wife), Burleson, Texas.

III. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the
provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD,
1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry
Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private ROBERT D. ADAM, 33681931, Medical Department,
United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with
military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine
Islands, on 23 October 1944. Private Adam, with utter disregard
for his own personal safety, crept and crawled fifty yards
through enemy automatic fire to administer first aid and
evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. Private Adam's fearless
courage and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to
his platoon and reflect great credit upon himself and the military
service. Home address: Mrs. Abbie L. Adam (mother), 1607
Buffalo Road, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ROSARIO L. ANASTASIO, 32010599, Infantry,
United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection
with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine
Islands, from 20 October 1944 to 2 January 1945. Home address:
Mrs. Philomena Anastasio (mother), 1360 Grant Avenue, Bronx,
New York.

Private First Class WALTER F. ANDERLE, 38251394, Infantry,
United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with
military operations against the enemy near Capocan, Leyte,
Philippine Islands, on 5 November 1944. On this day Private
Anderle was a runner with a platoon assaulting strong enemy
positions in the vicinity of Capocan. He exhibited great
personal courage and devotion to duty, for, when other means of
communication failed, he made several trips under heavy enemy
fire to the company command post, carrying information and
receiving orders for his platoon. When one of the weapons in
the platoon failed, he surrendered his own weapon to the men in
the firing line and continued to perform his duties unarmored.

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though always in personal danger. Private Anderle's courageous performance of duty is most commendable and reflects credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary D. Anderle (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Cameron, Texas.

Captain LOUIS N. BERDAMI, 01283362, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Berdani (mother), 4701 de Montluzin Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private DONALD R. CROUSE, 35225106, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 November 1944. On this day Private Crouse, medical aid man, repeatedly left his foxhole to administer first aid to the wounded. This was accomplished in the face of intense enemy mortar, automatic weapon, and grenade fire. His brave action, with no thought of personal safety, was to a great extent responsible for the safe and speedy evacuation of the wounded. Private Crouse's intrepid performance of duty served as an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Guy L. Crouse (father), 112 Burt Avenue, Newark, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE DAVIS, 35157006, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 30 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Conella Willis (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #3, Mount Carmel, Indiana.

Private PETER DODDRIDGE, 39181565, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopcan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. While our infantry was pinned down by enemy fire and could offer only diversionary fire, Private Doddridge, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily advanced upon an exposed ridge under enemy machine gun and small arms fire from flanking ridges, to evacuate a seriously wounded infantryman. With the aid of another bearer, he placed the wounded man on a litter and carried him to safety. His fearless courage in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ada Doddridge (mother), 8529 117th Street South, Bryn Mawr, Washington.

Corporal WILLIAM B. ELLIS, 37168514, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with

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military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period from 20 October to 1 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Josephine E. Miller (mother), Ponsford, Minnesota.

Sergeant WILFRED H. FAULKNER, 32010283, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sybil Faulkner (wife), 34 West 53rd Street, New York City, New York.

Private REK C. FOSTER, 36880587, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Capocan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. On this day, Private Foster was attached as a medical aid man to the leading assault platoon in an attack upon firmly entrenched and strongly defended enemy positions. During this attack the platoon suffered heavy casualties. Private Foster exhibited high personal courage by going forward under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire and giving first aid to the wounded and then supervising and assisting in their evacuation. Private Foster's utter disregard for his own personal safety and his outstanding devotion to duty were an incentive to every man in the platoon and reflect credit to himself and the service. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Foster (mother), 22043 Rein, East Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class (then Private) LOUIS A. GRASSO, 32759864, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 22 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Grasso (wife), 60 Lindley Place, East Orange, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant FRANK W. HAYES, 1428412, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October 1944 to 2 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward Hayes (father), 7022 Ridge Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal ROY W. HEIMBUCH, 39270563, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Roy W. Heimbuch, Sr. (father), 5327 Irvington Place, Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade WILBURN L. HOWARD, 17044965, Medical

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Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Puring, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. During an enemy counter-attack, Technician Howard, medical aid man, repeatedly went forward in the face of the intense hostile fire to administer first aid and to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Technician Howard's gallant performance of duty, with utter disregard for personal safety, was to a great extent responsible for the safe and speedy evacuation of casualties and had a profound and noticeable effect in raising the morale of the men at a time when opposed by numerically superior enemy forces. Home address: Mrs. Rissie E. Howard (mother), Decaturville, Missouri.

Captain ROBERT S. HUMPHREYS, 0351911, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Providence Humphreys (wife), 290 Northeast 7th Street, Ellettsville, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant CHESTER S. JORDON, 32031915, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. On this day a battalion of infantry encountered sharp enemy action. During the course of a two hour battle, Sergeant Jordan went forward five times to direct litter squads in evacuating the wounded. In each instance he exposed himself to enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire. By his unselfish devotion to duty with complete disregard for his personal safety, he inspired the men of his litter squad, who unhesitatingly followed him under a hail of fire and successfully evacuated the casualties. Sergeant Jordan, by his courageous action, has brought credit upon himself, the Medical Department, and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph Jordan (father), 4 Maple Street, New York Mills, New York.

Private ARA KALJIAN, 39697455, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinaropoon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. During an enemy counter-attack, several soldiers were wounded. Private Kaljian, realizing that if the wounded soldiers were permitted to remain where they lay they might receive more wounds or be killed, went forward under observation of the enemy and enemy fire and evacuated several of them to safety. Private Kaljian's total disregard for his own safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Yeprohi Kaljian (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Box 315, Fowler, California.

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Technical Sergeant STANLEY J. KAY, 32062223, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October 1944 to 2 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Athena Karajano (sister), 329 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

Private First Class RICHARD W. KENNEDY, 37437495, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tanga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Raymond T. Kennedy (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Pine Island, Mo. etc.

Private First Class JAMES P. KIMBRELL, 34812465, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopuan Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. Private Kimbrell was a member of a covering force which encountered strong enemy action. During the mission some of the members of the covering force were wounded and lay in the path of enemy fire. Private Kimbrell, exposing himself to direct enemy machine gun and rifle fire from commanding ground, went forward and helped evacuate the wounded to safety. Private Kimbrell's devotion to duty and total disregard for his own personal safety were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annabelle F. Kimbrell (wife), Jasper, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant NORMAN A. KRANSON, 18082284, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Holländia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 15 September to 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ella B. Kraison (mother), Box 17, Marshall, Texas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. LUKASIK, 32010286, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dora Lukasik (mother), 906 East Sixth Street, New York City, New York.

Technical Sergeant PETE MANSKER, 6955065, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 30 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Georgia S. Mansker (mother), 304 West Commerce Street, Eastland, Texas.

Private First Class (then Private) HOWARD J. MARTIN, 36279384,

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Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Colasion Point, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 November 1944. Private Martin, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to enemy artillery fire several times for the purpose of administering first aid to wounded members of an artillery battery. Private Martin's heroic actions helped to save the lives of these men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Andrew Strachota (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Waterford, Wisconsin.

Private First Class GEORGE MARTINEZ, 38004392, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alangalang, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Martinez, as one man of a four man litter squad, advanced one hundred yards across an area heavily defended by enemy automatic fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man, and evacuate him to safety. His fearless courage contributed immeasurably to the probable recovery of the seriously wounded man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Max R. Martinez (father), Safford, Arizona.

First Sergeant JOSEPH A. McCAMISH, 7041856, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 15 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Everett McCamish (father), Route #1, Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Captain LOWELL W. McDANIEL, 01288590, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tanahmerah Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 1 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred R. McDaniel (uncle), 1543 Adair Street, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Private First Class MONROE A. MCGEE, 34139678, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. A soldier was wounded by enemy fire while his organization was in close combat with the enemy. Private McGee, realizing that the wounded soldier might be killed if left to remain exposed to enemy fire, volunteered, together with another soldier, to go forward under enemy fire to evacuate the wounded soldier to safety. Private McGee's courage and total disregard for his own personal safety were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nancy Ann McGee (mother), General Delivery, Houston, Mississippi.

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Private JOSEPH H. MINTZER, 42050367, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alangalang, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Mintzer, as one man of a four man litter squad, advanced one hundred yards across an area heavily defended by enemy automatic fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man and evacuate him to safety. Private Mintzer's fearless courage contributed immeasurably to the probable recovery of the seriously wounded man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Alex Mintzer (father), 1188 Lincoln Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class STEPHEN MIZEN, 36047661, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tungai, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. On this day a battalion of infantry was held up by heavy artillery, mortar, and automatic weapon fire from well prepared enemy positions. Private Mizen's machine gun squad was attached to a company on the battalion's right flank. In pursuance of orders, Private Mizen moved his squad up to join the company, only to find that it had maneuvered to another position. At this time the enemy suddenly launched a counter-attack. Although wounded by the heavy hostile fire, Private Mizen, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained in position, quickly grasped the gravity of the situation, and immediately placed deadly and accurate fire on the enemy, finally repelling the counter-attack. Private Mizen's extreme devotion to duty and high courage in holding his position against numerically superior forces were an inspiration to all and a credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Victoria Mizen (mother), 2449 Hawthorn Street, River Grove, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant DAVID F. MUMPER, 37143395, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopoun, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Stella E. Mumper (mother), 2301 Tyler, Joplin, Missouri.

Private First Class ALFRED W. NAUS, 36803976, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopoun, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 November 1944. While our infantry was pinned down by enemy fire and could offer only diversionary fire, Private Naus, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily advanced upon an exposed ridge, under enemy machine gun and small arms fire from flanking ridges, to evacuate a seriously wounded infantryman. With the aid of another litter bearer, he placed the wounded man on a litter and carried the man to safety. His fearless courage in the face of enemy fire

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was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Celia Naus (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #4, Cadott, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant GEORGE L. NEBECK, 01317812, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 27 October to 27 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Kathilda Nebek (mother), 2331 Oak Park Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY J. NETZEL, 36256435, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinaropon Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. Sergeant Netzel was a member of a covering force which encountered strong enemy action. During the mission some of the members of the covering force were wounded and lay in the path of the enemy fire. Sergeant Netzel, exposing himself to direct enemy machine gun and rifle fire from commanding ground, went forward and helped evacuate the wounded to safety. Sergeant Netzel's devotion to duty and total disregard for his own personal safety were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph Netzel (father), 3063 South 8th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private RICHARD L. NIELSEN, 37579892, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 1 December to 10 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Naomi A. Nielsen (mother), 4708 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class JOHN C. PRAUL, 37382906, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Henry T. Praul (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Louisiana, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WALTER RANDALL, 13013875, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 October to 1 December 1944. Home address: Miss Alda L. Randall (sister), 125 Main Street, Burgettstown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class SANFORD S. RHODES, 37135213, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinaropon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. Two enemy machine guns and a knee mortar began firing into the positions of a company.

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which was holding a ridge. Several soldiers were wounded and lay exposed to further enemy fire. Private Rhoads crawled under enemy fire to where one of the wounded men lay and helped lift him to the slope of the hill where he could be in safety and receive medical attention. Private Rhoads' total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his action and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Bert F. Rhoads (father), 202 Ash Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Private First Class BEN T. SATHER, 37175420, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alangalang, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Sather, as one man of a four man litter squad, advanced one hundred yards across an area heavily defended by enemy automatic fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man and evacuate him to safety. Private Sather's fearless courage contributed immeasurably to the probable recovery of the seriously wounded man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha Sather (mother), 524 River Lane, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Private JOHN SCOTT, 39863303, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 10 November 1944. A soldier was wounded by enemy fire while his organization was in close combat with the enemy. Private Scott, realizing that the wounded soldier might be killed if left to remain exposed to enemy fire, volunteered, together with another soldier, to go forward under enemy fire to evacuate the wounded soldier to safety. Private Scott's courage and total disregard for his own personal safety were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Yava (sister), Keams Canyon, Arizona.

Private First Class EDWIN D. SEIN, 36279152, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 15 November 1944. During an attack on a hill, a man was wounded and a call was made for an aid man. Private Sein, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled up through enemy small arms fire to the wounded man and started moving him to the rear when he was hit again. In this position which afforded very poor cover, Private Sein immediately administered first aid to the wounded soldier. The other men of the platoon seeing the heroism of this aid man took courage themselves and moved forward. Private Sein's courageous action in risking his life to save a fellow soldier reflects great

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credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lilian Seim (mother), 114 Corry Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ERNEST W. SHANNON, 37143610, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopuan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 6 November 1944. During an advance up a hill, a soldier was wounded by fire from two enemy machine guns located at the top of the hill. Private Shannon, realizing that if the wounded soldier were left lying in the path of enemy fire he might be killed, crawled over to the wounded soldier and dragged him down the slope of the hill to safety. Private Shannon's total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Iva G. Shannon (wife), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Lamar, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant JAMES V. SHEEHAN, JR., 32010992, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 11 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen Sheehan (mother), 2425 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD E. SIAS, 38071389, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 31 December 1944. Home address: Miss Eddie Anello (friend), 54 Mason Street, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class CHARLES R. SIMON, 37176038, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopuan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 10 and 13 November 1944. As a litter bearer attached to an infantry company for medical support, on 10 November 1944, Private Simon, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, advanced under heavy enemy fire to administer first aid and evacuate the seriously wounded. On 13 November 1944, during a strong enemy counter-attack upon our positions, Private Simon, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, continued administering first aid to the seriously wounded and evacuating them to safety while the attack was in progress. Private Simon's fearless courage in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Simon (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, New Prague, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED L. SLART, 32031694, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in

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connection with military operations against the enemy at Lison, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 November 1944. On the night of 21 November a large and well armed force of the enemy launched an attack on the perimeter of a company of infantry, supported by machine gun fire from heights commanding the perimeter. One of our men was severely wounded and began to move about in the perimeter. Technician Smart moved to the wounded man, held him down, and moved him to the reverse slope of the hill in such a manner that he did not present a clear target. Technician Smart then crawled through the perimeter, procured first aid equipment, and returned and treated the wounded man. During this time Technician Smart was exposed to hostile fire. Technician Smart's gallant performance of duty, disregarding his personal safety, was an inspiration to all and a credit to the Medical Department. Home address: Mr. Ernest H. Smart (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Canillus, New York.

First Lieutenant JACK A. SMITH, 01307092, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. John H. Smith (father), 22 North Locust Street, Aurora, Illinois.

Private First Class PERRY L. SMITH, 39336937, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Maude Smith (wife), Yoncolla, Oregon.

Captain ALEXANDER R. THOMAS, JR., 0415162, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 October to 31 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Alexander R. Thomas (father), Vichy Road, Ukiah, California.

Private First Class RICHARD E. UNDERWOOD, 33732333, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Breakneck Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 and 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Underwood (mother), 228 Dunlirk Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) JOY K. VALLERY, 0370293, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands, from 28 September 1944 to 1 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bobbette LaRue Vallery (wife), C Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Private First Class JAMES J. WALSH, 16127726, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 November 1944. A soldier was wounded by enemy fire while his organization was in close combat with the enemy. Private Walsh, realizing that the wounded soldier might be killed if left to remain exposed to enemy fire, volunteered, together with another soldier, to go forward under enemy fire to evacuate the wounded soldier to safety. Private Walsh's courage and total disregard for his own personal safety were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Walsh (mother), 2155 Pierce Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN S. WHITLEY, 18060119, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinanopoun, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 8 November 1944. Two enemy machine guns and a knee mortar began firing into the positions of a company which was holding a ridge. Several soldiers were wounded and lay exposed to further enemy fire. Private Whitley crawled under enemy fire to where one of the wounded soldiers lay and helped pull him to the slope of the hill where he could be in safety and receive medical attention. Private Whitley's total disregard for his own personal safety was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his action and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Irene Whitley (mother), Iola, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private) JARREN R. WORCESTER, 31351596, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Helen W. Worcester (mother), Southwest Harbor, Maine.

IV. BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).—By direction of the President, In addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major Ralph L. Dalton by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 22 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Major RALPH L. DALTON, 0390646, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands, from 20 October 1944 to 1 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Ralph L. Dalton, Sr. (father), 1730 Sunset Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

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By command of Major General SCHUFF: *Handwritten initials*

HUGH JOINT,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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JOSEPH L. BADARACCO,
1st Lt., A. G. D.,
Assistant Adjutant General.



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I. SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class FRANK WISNIEWSKI, 31205066, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 26 October 1944. Private Wisniewski was a member of a machine gun position which was attacked by approximately twenty-five Japanese soldiers armed with one machine gun, rifles, grenades, and bayonets. When the Japs first opened fire the number one gunner was wounded and crawled to the rear. Private Wisniewski, who was assistant gunner, then manned the gun. The riflemen who were supporting the position were forced to withdraw, leaving the machine gun unprotected. Private Wisniewski remained at the position and fired on the attacking Japs. Two grenades burst directly in front of the gun and a third grenade burst inside the position and upset the gun. Although Private Wisniewski could have crawled to the rear, he refused to leave the gun and reset it and again fired on the Japs. Two Japs armed with rifles and bayonets rushed the position but were immediately killed. Private Wisniewski's bold and rapid action enabled his company to hold their position and was instrumental in killing approximately twenty of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Stella Kliskowski (mother), 48 Lowell Street, Peabody, Massachusetts.

II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR L. HOGERY, 37143529, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of

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Pinamooan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 9 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Jessie Howery (mother), 134 West 4th Street, Junction City, Kansas.

III. BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).--By direction of the President in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant William J. Dillon, by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section IV, General Orders No. 19, 1944, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. DILLON, 37175554, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamooan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 November to 16 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter E. Dillon (father), Route #8, White Bear, Minnesota.

By direction of the President in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Lawson by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, as published in Section V, General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, 24 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD H. LAWSON, 018526, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 September to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth L. Lawson (wife), 377 Mount Vernon Avenue, Marion, Ohio.

IV. PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Pfc WILLIAM F. ALBERTSON, 8705687, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Grace F. Albertson (wife), 2216 Sharon Avenue, South Base, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TM3c GILLIS D. BENNETT, JR., 3651377, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Gillis D. Bennett, Sr. (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #2, Box 120, Ojai, California.

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McM2c CLIFFORD J. BUTDORF, 8567423, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John C. Butdorf (father), 1602 Cottage Street, Ashland, Ohio.

Slo(GM) HARRY L. CARRAS, 8231134, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ida M. Carras (wife), 20 Day Street, Portland, Maine.

GM3c JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM, 3761855, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Winnie Cockran (mother), Trailer City, Spring Road, Vallejo, California.

TM3c FRENCH G. DIXON, 8299425, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Thomas E. Dixon (father), Nathans Creek, North Carolina.

Lieutenant Junior Grade RICHARD H. DUNLAP, (D), United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Gordon B. Dunlap (father), 1501 5th Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

McM1c LYLE L. ENGLISH, 3425297, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Tompkins (mother), 305 West 2nd, El Dorado, Kansas.

Slo CHARLES H. HATFIELD, 8034497, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Hatfield (wife), 12 Farrar Street, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Slo WILLIAM J. KESTER, 6063587, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Arthur Kester (father), 60 East and West Road, Ebenezer, New York.

SClo EDWARD T. LAWLOR, 6063079, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address:

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Mr. Martin J. Lawlor, Sr. (father), 290 Stevens Street, North Andover, Massachusetts.

MoM3c DONALD J. MALAK, 6155820, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 17 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Frank Malak (father), 9823 Parkview Avenue, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

GMlc ROBERT L. McLAUGHLIN, 2916648, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 17 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Harrison McLaughlin (father), 114 East Third Street, Winchester, Indiana.

MoM3c FREDERICK P. MILLARD, 6012225, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 17 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Dyer F. Millard (father), Ellisburg, New York.

MoM3c CLIFFORD M. MIXSON, 2688595, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Charles B. Mixson (father), Micanopy, Florida.

MoM3c RAMON B. PIPPIN, 2688677, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Isaac M. Pippin (father), 105 Avenue "G", Thomaston, Georgia.

RMlc WAYNE J. PIRTLE, 3376173, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Silas W. Pirtle (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Senath, Missouri.

MoM3c MILTON RACKHAM, 5542260, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Ezra Thomas Rackham (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Lorenzo, Idaho.

RMlc JOSEPH J. RAMM, 3826083, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Hubert Ramm (father), 119 West 87th Street, Los Angeles, California.

RdM3c JAMES W. ROWE, 9364358, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 16 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Fauline Moore Rowe (wife), 18 East Southampton Avenue, Hampton, Virginia.

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Slt(RdM) SAMUEL J. SALERNO, 5657931, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Ernie P. Salerno (father), 5147 1/2 Delongpre Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Sltc JOHN W. SANBORN, 7057260, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Martin G. Sanborn (father), 15 Gilmore Street, Everett, Massachusetts.

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*HOM2c NORMAN L. SAND, 6398363, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Nels Sand (father), Russell, Minnesota.

Ensign ALLEN SLICKERS, 257319 (D), United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 26 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Albert Slickers (father), 208 H Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa.

Lieutenant Junior Grade JAMES W. STITT, 206937, (D), United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. June Ramsey Stitt (wife), 4702 North 6th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

HM2c WARD E. TRAFTON, 3862784, United States Navy. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John L. Trafton (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #3, Box 584, Puyallup, Washington.

StMlc PHEOFLESS WILLIAMS, 8379854, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 16 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ferillian Belle Paige Williams (mother), Box #567, Foley, Alabama.

TMLc ROBERT C. CARLSON, 6630702, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Maria Carlson (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Box 284, Dinuba, California.

QM2c LESTER P. ELLIS, 2050889, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Jerdell S. Ellis (father), 93 Alexander Street, North Providence, Rhode Island.

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SC2: RAYMOND C. HILL, 6269864, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Raymond C. Hill (father), Rural Free Delivery Route #1, Seymour, Indiana.

MC42c EDMUND I. KALINOWSKI, 7088217, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Katherine H. Kalinowski (wife), 363 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN S. OLIVER, 01582022, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at San Pedro Beach, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 24 October 1944. Home address: Mr. Charles Oliver (father), 70 Manchester, Battle Creek, Michigan.

TM2c(PT) EVERETT V. NUSSMAN, 6684368, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Ann Nussman (wife), Highland Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts.

S1c WILLIAM J. BORICK, 8625025, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Irene E. Borick (wife), 100 Racine Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

GM1c RICHARD B. SCHOFIELD, 4049733, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 16 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Frank E. Schofield (father), 212 Llanfair Road, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant JOHN H. STILLMAN, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 30 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. E. R. Stillman (mother), Caldwell Apartments, Troy, New York.

Lieutenant PHILIP A. SWART, (D), United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 18 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margaret T. Swart (wife), 1110 8th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

V. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.—So much of Section VII, General Orders No. 6, cs, this headquarters, as pertains to Staff Sergeant William Dillon, is rescinded.

OK So much of Section V, General Orders #33, 1944, this headquarters, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Coy T. Jones, is rescinded.

SPH So much of Section V, General Orders No. 2, cs, this headquarters, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Arthur L. Howery, is rescinded.

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By Command of Major General WOODRUFF:

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PURPLE HEART AWARDS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

OS2c **MARTIN AYERS**, 3470619, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 25 December 1944. Home address: Mr. James E. Ayers (father), Rural Free Delivery Route L, Moravia, Arkansas.

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~~OS2c **WALTER S. HOPKINS**, 5701573, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ava Bronson (mother), 53 Winthrop, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.~~

Ensign **EDDARD KATZ**, 313416, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 16 December 1944. Home address: Mr. B. Katz (father), 15702 Parkside, Detroit, Michigan.

PO2c **WILLIAM L. SCHMID**, 6309387, United States Naval Reserve. For wounds received in action at Mangarin Bay, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 1 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazeline Witchead (mother), Blountsville, Alabama.

By command of Major General **WOODRUFF**:

HUGH CANT,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
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BRONZE STAR MEDAL—Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. These men were members of a machine gun section protecting the left flank of their battalion when the enemy attacked before dawn with a superior force, using mortars, grenades, machine guns and rifles. Remaining in position despite the terrific onslaught, these men poured a deadly fire into the attacking Japanese, forcing a withdrawal, and holding the perimeter intact. When dawn came, 106 enemy dead were counted over the attack route in front of the machine gun. The courageous devotion to duty and total disregard for their own safety shown by these men was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon themselves and the military service:

Staff Sergeant EIDER AKERS, 15043811, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs Gracie Akers (mother), Betsy Lays, Kentucky.

Private First Class MARVIN E. COLEMAN, 34326411, Infantry, United States Army, Home address: Mrs. Marj S. Coleman (mother), 1088 Albany Street, Waycross, Georgia.

Private First Class ERIC DILLER, 32981600, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Kasper Diller (father), 1911 Harman Street, Ridgewood, Queens, New York.

Sergeant LEWIS DOWNEY, 20635174, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Ben Palmer (guardian), 1866 Continental Street, Muskegon, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant KARL GEIS, 32010623, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary Geiler (sister), 215 McLellan Street, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class CHARLES E. HORVATH, 3118169, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. John Horvath (father), 28 Carey Hill, Willimantic, Connecticut.

Sergeant CLIFFORD D. LINDMEYER, 36217897, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Martha Lindmeyer (mother), 1636 North Wisconsin Street, Racine, Wisconsin.

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✓ Private First Class PETER R. MCGEE, 13053577, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary McGee (mother), 150 Llanwallyn Avenue, Glenolden, Pennsylvania.

✓ Private LEON E. SOMADA, 37171294, Infantry, United States Army, Home address: Mr. Valentine Somada (father), Rural Free Delivery Route 1, Haldingford, Minnesota.

Sergeant LESTER E. STARKS, 37408823, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Albert John Starks (father), 501 College Street, Springfield, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES F. VAN WYK, 37234271, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Tipton (sister), 716 Van Brunt Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Colasion, Layte, Philippine Islands. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage on a field artillery battalion of which these men were members, one of the sections received a direct hit, badly wounding several men and setting fire to a pile of powder charges. With utter disregard for their own personal safety these men removed powder charges from the burning pile although artillery shells continued to drop around them and small arms ammunition was exploding from the heat. After all the charges had been removed, the men formed a bucket brigade and extinguished the blaze. Their actions, which undoubtedly saved the lives of many of their comrades, is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service:

✓ Staff Sergeant MARION F. BECK, 15063097, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Margaret A. Beck (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route No. 3, North Vernon, Indiana.

Sergeant CLAUDE D. BOWSER, 3925391, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Ileana E. Bowser (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1, Paso Robles, California.

✓ Corporal MICHAEL J. FLANNERY, 13054003, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Julia Flannery (mother), 116 Jackson Street, Port Carbon, Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class JAMES P. HOPKINS, 35724510, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. James J. Hopkins (father), 2736 Seminary Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class ROCCO J. MARONE, 32219115, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Mario L. Olivieri (friend), 24 Waterbilt Avenue, Clifton, Staten Island, New York.

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Private First Class JOHN L. MUNZ, 39686829, Medical Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Conley E. Munz (mother), 1714 South M Street,akersfield, California.

Corporal ANGELO A. NICOLETTI, 12017000, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Joseph Nicoletti (father), 2429 Independence Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

First Sergeant HARRY L. PAULING, 7025244, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Martha Pauling (mother), Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1, Allerswood, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MICHAEL STAUFF, 11048403, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary Stauff (mother), 1 Linden Street, Allston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class NESTOREO VIGIL, 18035302, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Thomas Vigil (father), Box 16, Tesuque Village, Pueblo, New Mexico.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pulo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 25 October 1944. Without regard for their personal safety and with no means for protection, both men, radio operators, operated their radios in full view of the enemy and under heavy fire during an attack on a strong enemy position. Their conduct contributed materially to the success of the mission and is in keeping with the best traditions of the military service:

Technician Fifth Grade FERT R. HUGHES, 37670623, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor L. Hughes (wife), 821 1/2 East Jefferson, Iowa City, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade CALVIN LEGG, 15069372, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Frank J. Legg (father), Fola, West Virginia.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant NICHOLAS BUCCELLI, 20127069, Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 6 June 1944 and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 24 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Francis Buccelli (mother), Twin Lake Road, North Branford, Connecticut.

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Captain JACK W. CLIFFORD, O1165168, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mr. John L. Clifford (father), Box 123, Brigham City, Utah.

Captain SAM H. DAVIS, O1165232, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mr. Sam Davis (father), 601 South 16th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Captain ARTHUR J. GEIRINGER, O1283439, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, Leyte and Mindoro, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Arthur J. Geiringer (mother), 1326 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

First Lieutenant FRANK HARVEY, O1177436, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Home address: Mrs. Louisa E. Harvey (wife), 3145 Third Avenue, San Diego, California.

By command of Major General WOODRUFF:

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I. SILVER STAR--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 Jul. 1918 (Bill. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class WILBER L. DAY, 3136621, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 23 October 1944. Private Day's platoon received the brunt of three successive attacks by the enemy. In replying these attacks, ammunition ran low and each time Private Day, with utter disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily left his position under heavy enemy fire to get ammunition for his squad. Private Day's courageous actions greatly assisted in repulsing the enemy until reinforcements could arrive, thus preventing a possible loss of a key terrain feature. He was killed in action three days later. Private Day's gallant actions were an inspiration to all and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Pauline Day (wife), 21 Meadow Way, Bath, Maine.

Private First Class ORVILLE L. FRANKS, 35565065, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. Private Franks was scout for the flank patrol of his company which was leading a battalion assault. His alertness and aggressive patrolling led to the uncovering and destroying of an enemy ambush. Later when the company was stopped by a heavy barrage of enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and sniper fire, Private Franks, with utter disregard for his own personal danger, worked for one hour under fire, evacuating casualties, continuing to go forward until an artillery shell burst fatally wounded him. Private Franks' devotion to duty and supreme sacrifice for his country serve as an everlasting example to his comrades and are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Etta Franks (mother), East Penn Street, Portland, Indiana.

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II. SILVER STAR--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 8, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ERIC ERICKSON, 32061939, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. On this day, Sergeant Erickson was section sergeant of a machine gun section on the right flank of the battalion perimeter. The enemy attacked in force and succeeded in placing a machine gun where it was firing on Sergeant Erickson's machine gun crews and threatening to open the perimeter in that section. With utter disregard for his personal safety and in the face of heavy enemy fire he crawled forward and threw three hand grenades into the enemy position, silencing the gun and killing the crew. Sergeant Erickson's gallant conduct was an inspiration to all and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Beatrice L. Erickson (wife), Box 53, Blairstown, New Jersey.

Private First Class HOLLIS R. HEDDEN, 37320790, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. When his company was held up and after an order for withdrawal had been given, Private Hedden remained in position, covering with accurate rifle fire, litter squads evacuating wounded comrades. Only after the last wounded man had been safely evacuated did he withdraw. By this time he was the target for much enemy fire and as he withdrew he was seriously wounded. Private Hedden's gallant actions and courageous devotion to duty were worthy of the highest tribute and in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Eleanor Hedden (wife), 2962 North Pierce Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) ROBERT L. KILGO, 0384393, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 6 November 1944. At about 2000, Captain Kilgo's company was attacked by an estimated company of enemy armed with light machine guns, rifles, hand grenades and mortars. During the attack a light machine gun in the perimeter of the company was destroyed and the crew killed or wounded. Captain Kilgo, disregarding his own personal safety and in the face of intense enemy fire, crawled from his position near the center of the perimeter to the machine gun, being illuminated by the flickering light from a pile of burning equipment. Upon reaching the position and finding the machine gun had been destroyed he moved back through the perimeter, being endangered by fire from his own troops as well as that of the enemy, and brought back a heavy machine gun and crew from a portion of the perimeter not under attack. He installed the heavy machine gun and crew in the position where the light machine gun had been destroyed, thereby stopping a hole in the perimeter at its most critical point and greatly contributing to the successful defense of his area. His gallantry, personal courage, and devotion to duty were an inspiration

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to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Evelyn J. Kilge (wife), 1806 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia.

Private First Class STANLEY B. LOKKEN, 36279320, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 November 1944. An enemy force, well armed with automatic weapons and mortars, attacked a company of infantry to which Private Lokken was attached. Private Lokken repeatedly left his position of cover and crawled under enemy fire to the wounded and administered first aid. While performing these duties he was seriously wounded. Private Lokken's heroic actions, with utter disregard for his personal safety, were an inspiration to the men of his company and reflect high credit upon himself and the medical service. Home address: Mrs Yvonne Lokken (wife), 711-10th Street, Beloit, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant ARDELL G. MACLEAN, 01302997, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pinamopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 6 November 1944. During an enemy attack on the perimeter two members of a 37mm gun crew were seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Maclean crawled forward under enemy rifle and machine gun fire and aided the two wounded men in returning to the center of the perimeter. He then returned to the edge of the perimeter, reorganized the defense of the gun crew, and personally occupied a position on the outermost edge for the remainder of the night. Lieutenant Maclean's courage and bravery was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs George Maclean (mother), 801 Belanger Street, Houma, Louisiana.

Private KARL E. NYREN, 31369074, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. When the company to which he was attached was stopped by heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and sniper fire, Private Nyren went forward under heavy fire with utter disregard for his personal safety and administered first aid to a seriously wounded comrade. While carrying the wounded man to safety he was blown down and severely wounded by a bursting artillery shell. Despite his wounds he again picked up the other wounded man and carried him to safety. Private Nyren's gallant action served as an inspiration to all and was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr Peter Nyren (father), 17 Charles River Terrace, Newton Highland, Massachusetts.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) EDWARD PRACHAZKA, 36636125, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Jaro, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Prachaska was in charge of a machine gun crew when his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. When the other three members of the crew were wounded, he remained with his gun, pouring a destructive fire into

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enemy positions although he was a target for much small arms fire. Sergeant Prachazka's action undoubtedly prevented many casualties as his platoon was able to maneuver under his protecting fire. Sergeant Prachazka's conduct was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr Edward Prachazka (father), 4236 Earlstone Road, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD W. WAGNER, 17012227, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Culasian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. On this date during a heavy shelling of his battery position by enemy artillery in which one section received a direct hit and a pile of powder charges were set afire; Sergeant Wagner on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety drove an open, highly exposed and unprotected bulldozer through the artillery fire into the burning pit to segregate the fire and prevent it from spreading. Small arms ammunition was exploding and several fuzed 155mm howitzer shells nearby were subject to detonation from the intense heat. After segregating as much of the fire as possible, he joined a small group of men who were carrying water and continued to take a leading part in extinguishing the blaze until seriously wounded in the leg by enemy shell fragments. Sergeant Wagner's brave and heroic actions were an inspiration to all members of his battery. His initiative, quick thinking and outstanding conduct contributed greatly toward quickly extinguishing the fire and saving his battery further casualties and loss of materiel. Home address: Mrs Nettie C. Wagner (mother), 61st and Carthage Avenue, South Omaha, Nebraska.

III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provision of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bill. 8, 70, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant (then Corporal) WILLIAM F. HOLZER, 32096799, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 25 April 1944. A soldier in danger of drowning in the ocean called for help. Sergeant Holzer and others started to swim to his assistance. The rough and dangerous water caused the others to turn back. Sergeant Holzer with utter disregard for his own safety continued until he reached the unconscious soldier, and kept his head above water until natives in a canoe reached the scene. The rescued man was rowed to the shore unconscious where he was revived by artificial respiration. This heroic act by Sergeant Holzer reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Mrs Eva Holzer (mother), 421 East 64th Street, New York City, New York.

IV. BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bill. 3, 75, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

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Private First Class FLORENCIO ORTIZ, 32762814, Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 November 1944. The platoon of which Private Ortiz was a member, was attacked by a large enemy force. During the attack Private Ortiz personally accounted for one enemy light machine gun and crew and other riflemen and directed the fire of the men in fox holes on either side of him. His coolness and bravery under enemy fire aided in throwing back the enemy. On 24 December 1944, he was killed in action. Private Ortiz's gallant action served as an inspiration to all and was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Eugina Ortiz (wife), 520 West 182d Street, New York City, New York.

Private First Class CHARLES C. PUGLISI, 39037204, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tugas, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 15 December 1944. Private Puglisi was lead scout on a patrol in enemy territory. Although badly wounded he completed his mission and secured valuable information. Private Puglisi's conduct will serve as an everlasting inspiration to his fellow soldier's. Next of kin: Mrs Anna J. Puglisi. (wife), Rural Free Delivery, Box 290, Pittsburg, California.

Private DONNAL L. RITTER, 33498399, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fortuna Two, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 December 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy small arms and machine gun fire Private Ritter moved forward and by accurate fire held the enemy down, while part of his platoon maneuvered to a more favorable position. Private Ritter then moved his machine gun to another position, thus making possible the withdrawal of the remainder of his platoon. Private Ritter's action reflects much credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Florence E. Ritter (mother) 210 North 5th Street, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

V. BRONZE STAR MEDAL—1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private ROBERTO M. ARGOMANIZ, 38002647, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alangalang, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Home address: Mrs Erasma M. Martinez (mother), 101 Colorado Street, Yuma, Arizona.

Sergeant JOSEPH P. BARON, 36329316, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Limon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 17 November 1944. Sergeant Baron was leader of a litter squad attached to an infantry company which suffered several casualties from an encounter with a strong enemy force. With utter disregard

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for his personal safety, Sergeant Baron unhesitatingly led his squad in the face of heavy enemy fire to the wounded, administering first aid, fashioning improvised litters and working until all the wounded were safely evacuated. Sergeant Baron's aggressiveness and devotion to duty were instrumental in assuring the safe removal of all the wounded and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Mary Baron (sister), 2718 West 24th Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade TRAVIS D. BLALOCK, 38095296, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinatopan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 29 November to 4 December 1944. Home address: Mrs Connie Huey (mother), Overton, Texas.

First Lieutenant JACK E. BROWN, 01296988, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. On this day Lieutenant Brown voluntarily proceeded to the forward elements of his company, which had been stopped by heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and sniper fire. He immediately took charge of the left flank and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, directed fire into enemy positions, set up a defense against a flank envelopment and directed the evacuation of the wounded. Lieutenant Brown's leadership served as an inspiration to all and was in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Dorothea Brown (mother), Gallatin, Missouri.

Private NELSON L. CODER, 37534145, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. Private Coder was a member of a platoon that was attacked by a strong enemy force. Although wounded twice, he remained in his position and continued firing until his platoon was relieved. Private Coder's heroism was an inspiration to his comrades and is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr Raymond Coder (father), 422 West 4th Street, Chanute, Kansas.

Private WILLIAM H. COLLINS, 14033332, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944. On this day Private Collins was a scout for the leading platoon in a battalion assault against enemy positions when heavy enemy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and sniper fire stopped the company and resulted in several casualties. Private Collins was seriously wounded, but remained in his position from where he was delivering covering fire until two other wounded men had been evacuated and his squad safely withdrawn. Private Collins' courageous devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the

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military service. Home address: Mrs Beulah Collins (mother), 721 South Court Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

First Lieutenant HARRY T. GRUBE, 0309374, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Agnes M. North (mother), 1617 Walnut Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Private PHILIP P. HALSEY, 37171421, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alangalang, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 27 October 1944. Home address: Mrs Clementine Halsey (mother), Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Sergeant (then Corporal) WILLIAM P. HOLZER, 32096799, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pinamopoun, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 29 November to 4 December 1944. Home address: Mrs Eva Holzer (mother), 421 East 64th Street, New York City, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN HONEYCUTT, 38101375, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 and 29 November 1944. On 28 November Technician Honeycutt, aid man, was attached to a platoon which was subjected to intense enemy mortar fire which caused some casualties. With utter disregard for his own personal safety under heavy enemy fire he left his position and administered first aid to the wounded and assisted in their evacuation. On 29 November when one of his comrades was seriously wounded Technician Honeycutt immediately went to his aid and again under enemy fire worked over him for four hours undoubtedly saving his comrade's life. Technician Honeycutt's heroic conduct was an inspiration to all and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Elsie Honeycutt (mother), Rooksprings, Texas.

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~~Technician Fifth Grade~~ ~~BERT R. HUGHES, 37690629, Field Artillery,~~ United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palo, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 25 October 1944. Technician Hughes, a radio operator, while a member of an artillery forward observer's party accompanied elements of an infantry company which was advancing up an enemy held hill. He set up his radio equipment within full view of the enemy who fired upon this position. But he continued to operate the radio under fire, accurately transmitting fire orders. Later he helped carry wounded infantrymen to the rear. His outstanding coolness, courage and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the mission. His conduct under fire, and total disregard for his personal safety are in keeping with the best traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs Eleanor L. Hughes (wife), 821 1/2 East Jefferson, Iowa City, Iowa.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. JOLLY, 01824866, Armored Infantry (then Infantry), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Ray Jolly (mother), 1571 East 6th Street, Stockton, California.

Technician Fifth Grade OTTO K. L. KIRCHNER-DEAN, 30094593, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944. On this day, Technician Kirchner-Dean was attached to a company receiving heavy enemy machine gun fire. He crawled forward under fire, with utter disregard for his own personal safety to give first aid to the wounded. He administered two plasma transfusions to one extremely serious case thus undoubtedly saving a life. Technician Kirchner-Dean's action served as an inspiration to all and was in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Reverend S. W. Dean (foster father), 30 Pine Grove Avenue, Kingston, New York.

Captain A. BERTRAM KOENIG, 0387337, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 24 October to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mr Joseph Koenig (father), 4547 Old York Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant PETER J. KRUDDE, 02035342, Ordnance Department (then Quartermaster Corps), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 6 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Krudde (mother) 608 South Grand Avenue, Bozeman, Montana.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM M. LANGFORD, 01307141, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pinanopon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 11 to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Mary P. Langford (wife), 106 Magnolia Street, Valdosta, Georgia.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) JOHN F. LEDDY, 01542689, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Sophie L. Leddy (wife), 143 Evergreen Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) VICTOR C. LEIKER, 39025450, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 18 September to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Rose Leiker (mother), 108 East 7th Street, Hays, Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant VICTOR A. LEINEN, 37109015, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 22 April to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Adalade Leinen (mother), Sibly, Iowa.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) LEONARD LEVITT, 01576292, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 18 September to 27 October 1944. Home address: Mrs Sarah Levitt (mother), 129 West Broad Street, New Holland, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD L. McDONNELL, 37114885, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. The platoon to which Technician McDonnell was attached was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Although painfully wounded in the foot and continually under fire Technician McDonnell crawled to several wounded comrades to administer medical aid. Technician McDonnell's action gained for him the highest respect from his associates and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary McDonnell (mother), White River, South Dakota.

Sergeant BILL PINYON JR., 35129474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pawing, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 21 October 1944. On this day, Sergeant Pinyon, although wounded volunteered to act as a scout for the evacuation party. Despite his wound and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Pinyon fired continuously at the snipers along the way, silencing their fire and permitting the party to get through safely. His courage was an inspiration to all and worthy of the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Amanda Pinyon (mother), Rural Free Delivery, Route #1, Blue Diamond, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant LLOYD H. PRICE, 01015883, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement during military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Lloyd H. Price (wife), 9418 Hobart Street, Dallas, Texas.

Technical Sergeant EARL P. PRINCE, 6395446, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy near Tunga, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 31 October 1944, and near Capoccan, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 4 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Betty Prince (mother), Cowan, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant HOMER PURSLEY, 38071917, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 5

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to 17 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Annie Anderson Puraley (mother), Post Office Box #14, Sylvester, Texas.

First Lieutenant KENNETH W. SEWRIGHT, 01288633, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 30 November 1944. Home address: Mrs Nan M. Sewright (mother), Rural Free Delivery, Route #4, Nampa, Idaho.

Technician Fourth Grade CLARENCE W. TEMPLE, 37147224, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santa Fe, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 29 October 1944. The company to which Technician Temple was attached as a medical aid man was attacked by enemy forces employing mortar, automatic weapons and sniper fire. A mortar shell burst wounding three men, two of them seriously. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Temple crawled from his position under heavy fire, and administered first aid to the wounded men. Technician Temple's courage and devotion to duty won for him the respect and admiration of all and is worthy of the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Olive Temple (wife), 342 Sherman Avenue, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Private First Class LESTER B. VANCE, 35211973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Calubian, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 11 December 1944. On this day, Private Vance courageously exposed himself to enemy fire in an attack upon an enemy strongpoint. He advanced approximately 150 yards in comparatively open terrain to a point from which he could bring fire upon an enemy machine gun thus enabling his unit to carry out a flanking movement and destroy the strong point. Private Vance's courageous devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflected high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Bertha Vance (mother), Omega, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant BENJAMIN H. WAHLE, JR., 01288825, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 8 November to 2 December 1944. Home address: Mrs Margerite Wahle (wife), 424 Broadway Street, Helena, Montana.

Sergeant DONALD L. WATSON, 37437538, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kilay Ridge, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 November 1944. The platoon of which Sergeant Watson was section sergeant was attacked by a strong enemy force. Although wounded, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he continued to direct his men for two hours until the attack was repulsed. Sergeant Watson's courageous actions are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Minnie M. Watson (mother), Lewis, Iowa.