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1 May 1945

Section I

PURPLE HEART (Oak-Leaf CLUSTER)--awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on date indicated:

7 April 1945

Sergeant RICHARD C. DeSTEFANO, (32567754), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Newark, New Jersey. (Page 2, General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 1 March 1945).

16 April 1945

Sergeant DONALD L. COOK, (37624366), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Centerville, Missouri. (Page 1, General Orders No. 90, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 31 March 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to each of the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on date indicated:

13 April 1945

Private First Class WAYNE E. LOID, (37529522), Infantry, United States Army, Home Address: Lawrence, Kansas.

Private ROBERT I. SALLEE, (39597380), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Napa, California.

14 April 1945

Private ROBERT E. HARRISON, (39345792), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Astoria, Oregon.

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Private First Class TONY M. LOYDAL, (39860911), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Clifton, Arizona.

15 April 1945

Private First Class SAM SOAVE, (36868710), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

Captain PEARSON D. YEAGER, (O-377837), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mount Union, Pennsylvania.

17 April 1945

Private First Class WESLEY O. BURHAM, (20516164), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Piqua, Ohio.

Private First Class HOYTE C. EASTER, (34739881), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Private First Class FLOYD KNIGHT, (35842912), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Russellville, Kentucky.

Private First Class WYLIAM E. SIMPSON, (37437137), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Osage, Iowa.

18 April 1945

Technician Third Grade FRED O. ZORNS, (15067346), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Pierceton, Indiana.

20 April 1945

Private ORVEL E. HISEL, (36844837), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: La Farge, Wisconsin.

21 April 1945

Technician Third Grade ALVIN J. BROWN, (13157159), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Lakewood, New Jersey.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-leaf Cluster is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on date indicated:

17 April 1945

Private First Class ROBERT L. PETTIT, (39571276), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Gardena, California. (Page 2, General Orders No. 126, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 23 April 1945).

23 April 1945

Staff Sergeant OTIS T. WALLACE, (38091324), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Longmont, Colorado. (Page 2, General Orders No. 90, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 31 March 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to each of the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on date indicated:

27 January 1945

Staff Sergeant CHRISTOPHER SANTA ELLA, (39010678), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Sunnyvale, California.

28 January 1945

Private First Class MATTHEW R. COSTELLO, (31290008), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: East Providence, Rhode Island.

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2 April 1945

Private First Class JOHN BALICIK, (325956-7), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Rahway, New Jersey.

Private First Class EUGENE P. KOTECIK, (56728267), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

6 April 1945

Private First Class CLARENCE E. BUTLER, (37381256), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Strafford, Missouri.

Captain ELMER H. NOEL, (O-419494), Medical Corps, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Smith, Arkansas.

9 April 1945

Private First Class ALFRED T. BOZZI, (33154041), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Washington, District of Columbia.

Corporal JOHN A. DISANTI, (33159742), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Erie, Pennsylvania.

Captain HORACE MICHELSON, (O-386442), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Boundbrook, New Jersey.

Private First Class EDWARD C. PRESGRAVE, (19056831), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

10 April 1945

Sergeant JOHN H. COSBY, (34165661), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cherokee, Alabama.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (O.K-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to each of the following named officer and enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on date indicated:

19 February 1945

Private First Class EMMON A. JOHNSON, (39207854), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Issaquah, Washington. (Section II, Page 1, General Orders No. 44, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945).

Private First Class FRANK S. PETRANGULO, (37566588), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hibbing, Minnesota. (Section I, Page 1, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 25 February 1945).

8 March 1945

Private First Class JOSE J. MALLIGOS, (37352355), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Antonito, California. (Section I, Page 1, General Orders No. 142, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 1 May 1945).

27 March 1945

Private First Class LEO L. NEUZEL, (37483050), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Omaha, Nebraska. (Section I, Page 1, General Orders No. 142, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 1 May 1945).

25 April 1945

Private First Class ALFRED L. JEWELL, (7085552), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Travellers Rest, South Carolina. (Section I, Page 2, General Orders No. 142, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 1 May 1945).

27 April 1945

Captain WALTER W. EGBERT, (O-2042953), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Seattle, Washington. (Page 1, General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 1 March 1945).

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Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to each of the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on date indicated:

24 January 1945

Staff Sergeant MELVIN H. ANSBERRY, (20924728), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class JOHN A. HECIADKA, (37155202), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Milligan, Nebraska.

27 January 1945

Private First Class HAROLD V. SHERIOD, (34674267), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Kenil, North Carolina.

10 April 1945

Private First Class THOMAS E. KATSNIPES, (32027048), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Rochester, New York.

Private First Class ROCCO J. PEPIFILIO, (33159889), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BILLY W. KENPRO, (38346377), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Floydada, Texas.

12 April 1945

Private First Class AMOS A. STANDEFORD, (38471864), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Alluwe, Oklahoma.

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Section I

SILVER STAR--Posthumous Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class FRANK S. KAZMERSKI, (130185 5), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Kazmerski, guarding a bull-dozer as it was proceeding to a construction site, was suddenly fired upon by an enemy rifleman concealed in a position on high ground and covering a suicidal ambush party. When the bull-dozer stopped, demolition charges, grenades and rifle fire was brought to bear upon it causing the guards to disperse and cover the bull-dozer. Private First Class Kazmerski, although mortally wounded, voluntarily moved forward to bring enfilade fire on the entire enemy position causing them to withdraw, and held his ground until he died from loss of blood. The gallant and courageous actions of Private First Class Kazmerski prevented the destruction of vitally needed engineer heavy equipment. His devotion, above and beyond the call of duty, reflected great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Next of Kin: Mrs. Catherine Kazmerski, (Mother), 424 18th Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EARL C. LIGHT, (37619623), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 February 1945. While the assault elements of an infantry company were advancing along an open road to the town of Lupao, a well concealed enemy tank suddenly opened fire with its 47mm tank gun and two machine guns inflicting twenty casualties upon them. Private First Class Light, ammunition bearer, realizing the predicament which confronted the wounded men, voluntarily left his position and went to their aid. Although bleeding profusely from a wound in the forehead, he fearlessly continued to make two more trips; disregarding the dangers involved and each time dragged a wounded man to safety. Private First Class Light's gallant actions and outstanding devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Private First Class Light was killed in a subsequent engagement against the enemy. Next of Kin: Mr. John Light, (Father), Bunker, Missouri.

Corporal FELIX J. SHALATY, (35577906), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. During the early phase of the engagement against the Japanese forces at San Manuel; Cannon Company, 3rd Infantry, was engaged in a violent close-in fight against a strong center of enemy resistance employing

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five tanks, approximately six machine guns, several field pieces and anti-tank guns, mortars and supporting riflemen. In this situation an M-7 self-propelled mount, forced to withdraw due to the shortage of ammunition, was covered and replaced by another mount of which Corporal Shalaty was a gunner. Continuing to directly support the assaulting infantry through heavy fire, Corporal Shalaty and his crew successfully destroyed two enemy tanks, one field piece and three machine gun positions. After seven hours of continuous point-blank support, his mount was put out of action by two direct hits from an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun, killing him and wounding four others. The gallant actions and undaunted courage of Corporal Shalaty were a great inspiration to assaulting infantrymen nearby and contributed materially to the success of his organization against the determined enemy garrison. Next of Kin: Mrs. Rose Shalaty, (mother), Route #1, Bergholz, Ohio.

Section II

SILVER STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class CHARLES R. EVANS, (39575935), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 and 18 January 1945. On 17 January advance elements of an infantry regiment entered the town of Binalonan. Reconnaissance reports submitted earlier had indicated little resistance could be expected but after the reconnaissance group had left, the Japanese quickly reoccupied the area. The advance group of which Private First Class Evans was a member, was surprised by the unexpected enemy power employing eight tanks and an undetermined number of supporting riflemen. Private First Class Evans engaged in establishing a machine gun position, immediately, and upon his own initiative took control of the weapon and engaged an enemy tank which sprayed his position with machine gun fire and numerous 47mm shells. With indomitable courage he remained at his position and adjusted fire on vulnerable parts of the assaulting tank which soon burst into flames forcing its' crew to evacuate, of which two were killed by him. This act of courage performed by Private First Class Evans in the face of grave danger reflected great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Carrie Evans, (mother), 11333 Herrick, Pacoima, California.

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Section I

SILVER STAR--Posthumous Award

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 20 WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant ALBERT J. CHESLEY, (2006389), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. During a powerful enemy armored assault, Technical Sergeant Chesley in charge of a squad of riflemen was offering local protection to a 37mm anti-tank gun situated at a street intersection in direct line with the main enemy armored thrust. Continuous and intense friendly fire soon caused a critical shortage of ammunition. Realizing the situation, Sergeant Chesley immediately led a group to the rear through grazing assault machine and 47mm fire and brought back badly needed 37mm shells. Upon his return he found that casualties had depleted the gun crew to two men, whereupon he voluntarily remained with them and assisted in destroying one enemy tank. During the action one enemy shell pierced the shield of his gun but he remained at his self appointed post until he was mortally wounded by a burst of machine gun fire. Technical Sergeant Chesley's fearless devotion to duty, his courageous and aggressive actions and willingness to assume responsibilities above and beyond the call of duty were a great inspiration to all who witnessed his actions; reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Lena R. Chesley, (mother), 5823 California Street, San Francisco, California.

Section II

SILVER STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant CARLYLE E. RAGSDALE, (02007500), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 and 28 January 1945. Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) Ragsdale, assuming the duties of platoon leader then his officer had become a casualty following a large scale attack against the town of San Manuel, through sound tactical judgment and outstanding leadership, skillfully planned the defense of the sector assigned him against enemy counter-attack. Finding physical contact with neighboring defenses impracticable, he covered the gap by automatic weapons fire and deployed his troops so as to render assistance to other defending elements. The following morning the enemy launched a furious counter-attack employing twenty tanks and supported by eighty to one hundred

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infantrymen, the initial force of which was directed at his sector. Second Lieutenant Ragsdale immediately checked his own defenses, made essential adjustments and then moved to another platoon sector and aided the platoon sergeant in further organizing his men. Although wounded in the engagement, he continually disregarded his own safety by moving through heavy fire between two platoon sectors maintaining defenses wherever possible. Through his gallant actions and outstanding performance of duty above and beyond that of his normal position, Second Lieutenant Ragsdale contributed materially to the successful defense of his company's position and the warding off of the enemy counter-attack. Home Address: Mrs. Edwina Ragsdale, (Mother), Route #1, Port Orchard, Washington.

Private First Class OTTO C. RICHARDS, (34736256), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. After four days of bitter fighting to secure control of a large portion of the town of San Manuel, the enemy launched an all-out attack with the initial force striking a sector held by company ###. Private First Class Richards, member of an anti-tank gun crew whose position was heavily assaulted by the enemy with 47mm and machine gun fire causing all to become casualties except he; disregarded personal safety and attempted to fire his gun alone under the continuous pressure of the assault armor. Realizing his attempts were futile, he moved forward under grazing machine gun fire and joined an infantry platoon as a rifleman in their fight against the enemy. When it became necessary to evacuate the seriously wounded, he voluntarily served as a litter bearer and constantly exposed himself to aimed rifle and grenade fire directed at such vulnerable targets as litter squads. The fearless actions, coolness under fire and devotion of Private First Class Richards to duty above and beyond that of his assigned position were a great inspiration to all who witnessed his acts and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Altie A. Richards, (Mother), General Delivery, Grimsley, Tennessee.

Section III

BRONZE STAR--Award

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, W.D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. HEWITT, (12022751), Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to date. Home Address: Mrs. Nina Hewitt, (Mother), Racine, Wisconsin.

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5 May 1945

Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

23 February 1945

Staff Sergeant MARCUS A. KLAWITTE, (16021923), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mosinee, Wisconsin. (Section II, Page 2, General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945).

11 April 1945

Sergeant FAYETTE FOGERS, (13036787), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pulaski, Virginia. (Page 2, General Orders No. 28, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 20 February 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

30 January 1945

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM M. HARRELL, (13016225), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

2 February 1945

Private First Class ELMER COSTNER, (34882445), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Newport, Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade HUGH B. WOOLARD, (37151222), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Edna, Kansas.

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3 February 1945

Private First Class FRANCIS G. STAAB, (33406935), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

4 February 1945

Private First Class JOSEPH J. DOWNEY, JR., (33427977), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HARRY C. MAYS, (34657815), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Anderson, North Carolina.

25 March 1945

Private First Class GEORGE W. GASPER, (32739953), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home Address: Glens Falls, New York.

1 April 1945

Private ALBERT E. HILTUNEN, (36842788), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kearsarge, Michigan.

6 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN SENCHEK, (33455196), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Yukon, Pennsylvania.

9 April 1945

Corporal ANDRES R. LUEVANO, (37533100), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wellington, Kansas.

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5 May 1945.

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Section I

**SILVER STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade CLEVE BACCOCH, (39162484), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. During a surprise enemy counter-attack at dusk, employing five tanks, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Bacoch's platoon, assembled in an area awaiting further orders, was pinned down by direct fire from two enemy tanks advancing on their position from a location one hundred yards away. None of the platoon's 37mm guns were uncoupled from their vehicles and one of the prime movers was hit by tank fire. Realizing the situation, in spite of the direct fire from 47mm and machine guns mounted on the tanks, Technician Fifth Grade Bacoch disregarded personal safety by leaving his covered position and uncoupled a 37mm gun from its truck. A mass of wire lying on the ground became tangled in the gun carriage, but he fearlessly helped disentangle it and laid his gun in position for fire against one tank which had advanced to within ten yards of his position. With undaunted courage he fired as his gunner loaded and of the five rounds expended, the first three were direct hits causing the lead tank to burst into flames and diverted the second tank from its advance. Technician Fifth Grade Bacoch's gallant and courageous actions at a crucial moment were instrumental in saving his platoon, its vehicles and a Regimental Command Post from certain destruction. Home Address: Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, (Mother), General Delivery, Laws, California.

Private First Class HAROLD CARPENTER, (20930677), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 January 1945. When his M-7 self-propelled mount was attacked and set afire by a suicidal enemy raiding party, Private First Class Carpenter, exercising extreme courage in the face of grave danger, volunteered to evacuate two wounded crewmen from the blazing mount. With utter disregard for personal safety he dragged one of the casualties from the mount through flames to the safety of a fox hole approximately fifty yards distant. Once again he returned through continuous rifle and grenade fire fully realizing the possibility of instantaneous explosion of shells in the M-7 and rescued the second casualty. While placing him in the fox hole, two actuated enemy grenades fell beside him and with unflinching courage he threw them back toward the enemy. The gallant and fearless deeds performed by Private First Class Carpenter in saving the lives of two wounded men reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Jesse Carpenter, (Mother), Lodge Grass, Montana.

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Private First Class REYNOLD R. REYES, (39010772), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. During a surprise enemy counter-attack at dusk employing five tanks, Private First Class Reyes' platoon assembled in an area awaiting further orders. The group was pinned down by direct fire from two enemy tanks advancing on their position from a location one hundred yards away. None of the platoon's 37mm guns were uncoupled from their vehicles and one of the prime movers was hit by tank fire. Realizing the situation and in spite of the direct fire from 47mm and machine guns mounted on the tanks, Private First Class Reyes disregarded personal safety by leaving his covered position and uncoupled a 37mm gun from its truck. A mass of wire lying on the ground became tangled in the gun carriage but he fearlessly helped disentangle it and laid his gun in position for fire against one tank which had advanced to within ten yards of his position. With undaunted courage he loaded the gun five times while the gunner fired the piece. The first three rounds were direct hits causing the lead tank to burst into flames and diverted the second tank from its advance. Private First Class Reyes' gallant and courageous actions at a crucial moment were instrumental in saving his platoon, its vehicles and a Regimental Command Post from certain destruction. Home Address: Mr. Martin Reyes, (Father), 25057 Pleasant Way, Hayward, California.

Section II

BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Major JOHN A. DOLE, JR., (0369424), Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Area from 30 December 1942 to date. Home Address: Mr. John A. Dole, Sr., (Father), 713 Center Street, Ironton, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant ED L. SMITH, JR., (6964690), Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to date. Home Address: Mrs. Josephine T. Smith, Jr., (Wife), Howick, Auckland, New Zealand.

Technician Fourth Grade HUGH M. MORTON, (13105673), Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 17 January 1945 to 18 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. J. W. Morton, (Mother), 12 Magnolia Place, Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Section I

SILVER STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD M. McPHERSON, (37674605), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. As an infantry platoon emerged from a wooded ravine they were met by heavy fire from enemy machine guns and rifles well concealed and dug-in along the hills on each side, causing three casualties to the group. Technician Fifth Grade McPherson, aid man attached to the platoon, on his own initiative in the face of heavy fire and with complete disregard for personal safety crawled ten yards over the open ground to the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to safety. Through his gallant actions and unselfish devotion to duty, Technician Fifth Grade McPherson contributed materially to saving the life of a wounded man, served as an inspiration to the entire platoon and reflected great credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Martha E. McPherson, (Mother), 928 3rd Avenue North, Clinton, Iowa.

Private First Class EDWARD A. SIELER, JR., (39602040), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 January 1945. Private First Class Sieler volunteered to accompany a combat reconnaissance patrol as a wireman. This patrol attempted to lay wire for an 81mm mortar observation post on the edge of the town of San Manuel. When the patrol reached the outskirts of the town, it was ambushed by machine gun and rifle fire from at least two enemy machine guns and a platoon of riflemen. The patrol was pinned to the ground making maneuver impossible, but finally withdrew under cover of an 81mm mortar barrage. Private First Class Sieler, noticing an officer who has been wounded and lay helpless, volunteered with three others to evacuate him by improvising a litter. Disregarding personal safety he helped carry the litter across seventy-five yards of open ground covered by intense enemy fire. Twenty yards from cover a machine gun raked the entire party wounding the officer once again, wounding two litter bearers and killing one. Private First Class Sieler in the face of withering fire fearlessly continued to drag the wounded officer to safety. The gallant and voluntary act of Private First Class Sieler in performing duties above and beyond those of his regularly assigned position by going to the aid of a wounded officer was a great inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service. Home Address: Mr. Edward A. Sieler, Sr., (Father), Route #4, Plevna, Montana.

Section II

BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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Private CONWAY L. SPANTON, (17153177), Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 17 January 1945 to 23 March 1945. Home Address: Mr. M. M. Spanton, (Father), 159 West King Street, Winona, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT STEWART, (38525211), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. After three days of heavy fighting against the determined enemy garrison, the \*\*\* Infantry found itself faced with an all-out enemy counter-attack which struck the front line in the center of the town. The intense and steady fighting against twenty tanks and eighty to one hundred supporting riflemen necessitated a constant supply of ammunition. Realizing the critical situation, Technician Fifth Grade Stewart, a radio operator who volunteered to serve as an ammunition bearer, repeatedly carried ammunition across three-hundred yards of flat terrain covered with rubble and constantly being swept by 47mm machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. Technician Fifth Grade Stewart's heroic actions and disregard for personal safety were instrumental in aiding the company to repulse and destroy the attacking force. Home Address: Mrs. Mary J Stewart, (Mother), Route #2, Alvarado, Texas.

Corporal CASPER J. TAURMINA, (32938969), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. During an attack on a steep strategically located hill, the enemy concealed in caves and pill-boxes were inflicting heavy casualties on assault troops. Corporal Taurmina, together with four litter bearers, were sent to the mountain side to give aid to five wounded men. After giving aid to the wounded, one of which was a litter case, the squad began to return to their base located approximately two and one half miles distant. After traveling half the distance, a relief patrol was met and assisted in the evacuation down the precipitous narrow trail. As the contact was made, both parties were fired upon by enemy mortar shells wounding two more men. With limited rifle protection they continued down the trail when three of the walking wounded collapsed. Corporal Taurmina displaying great courage and stamina, carried one of the casualties on his shoulders half the entire return distance under threat of enemy attack which contributed greatly to the success of the party in evacuating all the wounded to safety. Home Address: Mr. John Taurmina, (Father), 148 Wilder Street, Rochester, New York.

Major LAWRENCE E. TOTTEN, (0262046), Dental Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 31 December 1942 to date. Home Address: Mrs. Elise L. Totten, (Wife), 1925 W. Riverside, Spokane, Washington.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 151  
Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

24 February 1945

Staff Sergeant MELVIN H. AMSBERRY, (20924728), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Portland, Oregon. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 145, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 2 May 1945).

25 March 1945

Private First Class JOHN A. HRONADKA, (37155202), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Milligan, Nebraska. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 145, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 2 May 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

11 April 1945

Private First Class ALVIN H. DAHL, (37563159), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Walton, North Dakota.

13 April 1945

Private First Class CLARENCE E. HOJAN, (20928701), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Libby, Montana.

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14 April 1945

Private First Class ANGELO F. BLASQUEZ, (39138556), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Hayward, California.

Private First Class JOHN S. POWELL, (6918820), Cavalry, United States Army. Home Address: Wausau, Wisconsin.

Private First Class BILL VLACHOS, (35031136), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Zanesville, Ohio.

16 April 1945

Corporal NORMAN G. DEESE, (34101169), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cullman, Alabama.

18 April 1945

Private First Class JOHN F. APACHE, (33694899), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Washington, Pennsylvania.

21 April 1945

Private First Class EARL J. SWISHER, (42033342), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hollis, New York.

Private First Class KARL J. WELLS, (39345740), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Coquille, Oregon.

26 April 1945

Technician Fourth Grade KREE DICKLICH, (39156317), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Alhambra, California.

Staff Sergeant WILBUR E. OGLE, (20942428), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chewelah, Washington.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 226  
Section I

PURPLE HEART (Oak-Leaf Cluster)--awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded Staff Sergeant NEWTON J. PRITCHETT, (382 8166), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 15, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 9 February 1945 and General Orders No. 110, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 11 April 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Island, on 26 April 1945.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

1 February 1945

Staff Sergeant HENRY J. DAVIS, (32211381), Signal Corps, United States Army. Home address: Johnsville, New York.

10 March 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM R. MOSCARDINI, (39010795), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Asti, California.

9 April 1945

Private First Class URBAN H. KORTE, (35229231), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Cloverdale, Ohio.

10 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK W. JAMES, (37517421), Armored, United States Army. Home address: Kansas City, Missouri.

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13 April 1945

Private First Class CLARENCE H. ANDERSON, (31377960), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: New Britain, Connecticut.

Private First Class JOHN W. MOROSKIE, (33513410), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

16 April 1945

Sergeant DELLAR W. OLDENETTEL, (36440418), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bunker Hill, Illinois.

19 April 1945

Technician Fourth Grade MORRIS A. FORMAN, (19003767), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT J. SICKS, (35554774), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Kokomo, Indiana.

20 April 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM BOYLE, (32241209), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Sublette, Illinois.

Private First Class MELVIN COHEN, (31306680), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN FONDRISE, (32241137), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Bronx, New York.

21 April 1945

Technician Fourth Grade FRANCIS W. DALTON, (15090947), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home Address: Maidsville, West Virginia.

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AGRC-OD 201 Boyle, William R.  
16 100 410 (22 Jul 53)

1 September 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. William R. Boyle  
Sublette, Illinois

So much of General Order 152, Headquarters 25th Infantry  
Division, dated 6 May 1952, pertaining to the award of the Purple  
Heart which reads "Private First Class William Boyle, 32 Jul 209,"  
is amended to read "Technician Fourth Grade William R. Boyle,  
16 100 410."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*H. H. Newman*

Adjutant General

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 153

Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded Staff Sergeant BOB J. CARLETON, (20933C24), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 26 August 1943 and General Orders No. 2, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 22 January 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 April 1945.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

23 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade WINFIELD R. JONES, (3t 29107), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Bicknell, Indiana.

25 April 1945

Private First Class JOSEPH W. BALLEW, (37749064), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Roy, Utah.

26 April 1945

Sergeant ALFRED A. KLUSS, (36693699), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

27 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. AURAND, (20929793), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Malispell, Montana.

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Major STANLEY R. McNATT, (0296348), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Technical Sergeant DELPHY J. POLKOT, (38095795), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Scotland, Texas.

28 April 1945

Sergeant JOSEPH R. POSUSNEY, (13200040), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LAYMOND J. ROBERG, (36446305), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Brusse, Illinois.

Corporal WAYNE C. SUEHRAL, (37530139), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Moundridge, Kansas.

29 April 1945

Sergeant JOHN J. BURGER, (33170395), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class STANLEY J. BOJREP, (37616529), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mexico, Missouri.

Private First Class BERNARD L. MCKENNA, (39156572), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant TOMMY SALONGO, (35209769), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Beckley, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD V. MOORE, (17014535), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Serrill, Arkansas.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named officer and enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

28 April 1945

Sergeant DEWEY R. HILL, (15066022), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Somerset, Kentucky. (Page 1, General Orders No. 77, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 27 March 1945).

Sergeant CYRUS H. MORTON, (14020676), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Jacksonville, North Carolina. (Page 1, General Orders No. 77, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 27 March 1945).

1 May 1945

First Lieutenant WALTER L. PETERS, (0387076), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York. (Page 1, General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 1 March 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

22 April 1945

Sergeant BILLY N. JENNINGS, (38345235), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pop, Texas.

Private First Class LESLIE M. NOE, (36322638), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Capron, Illinois.

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23 April 1945

Private First Class JOHNSON H. BROWN, (34658485), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Conway, South Carolina.

Private First Class BHUNICE L. CROWDER, (38507499), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fordyce, Arkansas.

Private First Class CLYDE H. FLORES, (35710127), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Terre Haute, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE K. GRANT, (01315927), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: San Francisco, California.

Private First Class PAUL O. JANSSEN, (37144217), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hartford, South Dakota.

Private First Class JAYME C. MALLOY, (35278656), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Newark, Ohio.

Private First Class CLAYTON A. MEHA G., (38508872), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Letona, Arkansas.

Private First Class JACOB V. RANDOL, (39595993), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Delano, California.

Private First Class VALERIAN L. STALLBAUMER, (37530305), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Frankfort, Kansas.

24 April 1945

Staff Sergeant ALBIN M. ANDERBERG, JR., (36547745), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant HENRY J. BRYAN, (37175668), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Pine Island, Minnesota.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded Technical Sergeant PHILIP FILE, (6581812), Infantry, by the Commanding Officer, 92d Evacuation Hospital, APO #70, as published in General Orders No. 15, Headquarters 92d Evacuation Hospital, APO #70, 5 March 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 April 1945. Home Address: Petersburg, Alaska.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

27 January 1945

Private First Class GLENN A. POWERS, (37474604), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Omaha, Nebraska.

20 February 1945

Private First Class WEBB TAYLOR, (35757850), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Short Creek, West Virginia.

18 April 1945

Private First Class WILEY PHILLIPS, (34348953), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

20 April 1945

Sergeant JOSEPH DOBRESKETTO, (13008144), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

24 April 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM H. KINGERY, (34570131), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Savannah, Georgia.

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Private First Class HOWARD E. MOYER, (33838116), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Reading, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD A. SHARP, (36196317), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Lansing, Michigan.

25 April 1945

Private First Class PAUL F. JOHANNESSEN, (37672860), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ida Grove, Iowa.

26 April 1945

Private First Class ALBERT B. ACKERMAN, (37710873), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Boulder, Colorado.

Private First Class RAYMOND L. BURGLART, (33792583), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEON H. COLE, (39288754), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Elsinores, California.

Private First Class ROBERT D. GILBERT, (12026683), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: New York, New York.

Sergeant DELWIN J. MILLER, (33679044), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mahoning, Pennsylvania.

Section III

RESCISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 46, this headquarters, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class JOHN PANGRAC, (33603747), Infantry, is revoked.

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8 May 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER # 156

**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class METRIC E. ARNOLD, (34525042), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #4 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class Arnold voluntarily went to one of the howitzers and serving as a cannoneer began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in bringing counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage Private First Class Arnold contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Correne D. Arnold, (Mother), Route #1, Bellbuckle, Tennessee.

Private First Class KENNETH Y. BETHUNE, (34501949), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #4 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire, killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class Bethune, aid man, voluntarily went to the aid of the wounded. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained exposed while administering first aid and evacuated the wounded. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire Private First Class Bethune contributed materially toward saving the life of at least one of the wounded, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Maxine B. Bethune, (Wife), Route #1, Enville, Tennessee.

Private First Class JOHN E. ENGLISH, (34501512), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #4 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class English voluntarily went to one of the howitzers and serving as a cannoneer began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in bringing counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy field piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage Private First Class

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English contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Clatia V. English, (Mother), Route #1, Adamsville, Tennessee.

Sergeant HOWARD K. HERMAN, (37134370), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the ## Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire, killing six men and wounding two others, Sergeant Herman voluntarily assembled a howitzer crew and began to return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him he directed counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage at the risk of his life, Sergeant Herman contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Herman, (Wife), Route #2, Seymour, Missouri.

Private First Class MAURICE B. HOOD, (34524416), Field Artillery, United States Army for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the ## Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class Hood voluntarily went to one of the howitzers and serving as a cannoneer began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in bringing counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy field piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage Private First Class Hood contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battery and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Forest Hood, (Mother), Route #2, Spring Hill, Tennessee.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded Private First Class VERNON A. JOHNSON, (39207854), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 44, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945 and General Orders No. 145, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 2 May 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945. Home Address: Issaquah, Washington.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

26 April 1945

Private First Class WILEY SPURLOCK, (35871750), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Big Creek, Kentucky.

Private First Class ROBERT H. VERRAST, (36472590), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

27 April 1945

Sergeant CECIL E. CHANDLER, (14039412), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Durham, North Carolina.

Sergeant CLEMENT F. FILIPSKI, (13056143), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Dickson, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant GEORGE E. FRANGETICH, (33685708), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALFREDO G. MALDONADO, (38460955), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Tipt, Texas.

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Sergeant HERBERT H. PARSONS, (35759750), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home address: Riploy, West Virginia.

28 April 1945

Private FRANCIS I. PAQUA, (39346486), Infantry, United States Army. Home  
address: Vancouver, Washington.

Private DAVID F. McCULLOUGH, (35909082), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home address: North Manchester, Indiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM S. SAUEPWEIN, (15010478), Infantry, United  
States Army. Home address: Toledo, Ohio.

30 April 1945

Private BERT D. MINER, (39935511), Infantry, United States Army. Home  
address: Springville, Utah.

3 May 1945

Private First Class CHARLES A. BEATTY, (33575662), Infantry, United States  
Army. Home address: Linthicum, Maryland.

Sergeant MAURICE E. BOUTWELL, (35040278), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home address: Ada, Ohio.

Section III

RESCISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of Section II, page 1, General Order No. 153, this Head-  
quarters, as, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Technician Fifth  
Grade ROBERT E. AURAND, (20929793), Infantry, is revoked.

2. So much of Section II, page 1, General Order No. 153, this Head-  
quarters, as, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class  
JOHN J. BURGER, (33170395), Infantry, is revoked.

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**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ERNEST K. BRADLEY, (6377676), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 January 1945 to 18 March 1945. Home Address: Mr. Gus A. Bradley, (Father), Route #1, Box 161, Marion, North Carolina.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. DAY, JR., (38494353), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. After three days of heavy fighting against the determined enemy garrison, the ~~the~~ Infantry found itself faced with an all-out enemy counter attack which struck the front line in the center of town. The intense and steady fighting against twenty tanks and eighty to one hundred supporting riflemen necessitated a constant supply of ammunition. Realizing the critical situation, Private First Class Day, message center runner, volunteered to serve as an ammunition bearer. He repeatedly carried ammunition across three hundred yards of flat terrain covered with burning rubble and constantly being swept by 47mm, machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. Private First Class Day's heroic actions and disregard for personal safety were instrumental in aiding the company to repulse and destroy the attacking force. Home Address: Mrs. Irene Day, (Mother), 617 Frances Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant BJORN O. HALL, (37171475), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. After three days of heavy fighting against the determined enemy garrison, the ~~the~~ Infantry found itself faced with an all-out enemy counter attack which struck the front line in the center of town. The intense and steady fighting against twenty tanks and eighty to one hundred supporting riflemen necessitated a constant supply of ammunition. Realizing the critical situation, Staff Sergeant Hall organized and maintained a steady flow of ammunition from his company supply dump to the front line positions. He personally carried ammunition from fifty to two hundred yards across flat terrain repeatedly although the area was constantly being swept by 47mm, machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. Staff Sergeant Hall's heroic actions and disregard for personal safety were instrumental in aiding the company to repulse and destroy the attacking force. Home Address: Mrs. Hosa Hall, (Mother), Route #2, Edinburg, North Dakota.

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First Lieutenant CHARLES A. HINTON, (0535084), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. First Lieutenant Hinton in charge of a demolition party which had been subjected to twenty-six rounds of Japanese 47mm artillery fire, made an orderly withdrawal of his men to a defiladed position. He then voluntarily returned to a truck loaded with TNT in an area which had previously received fifteen near misses, and drove it to safety at the same time pushing a damaged jeep equipped with an SCR 248 radio. The bold and courageous actions of First Lieutenant Hinton were instrumental in preventing casualties, saved much needed equipment and greatly inspired all who witnessed his actions. Home Address: Mrs. W. B. Hinton, (Mother), Box 540, Lockhart, Texas.

Private First Class JAMES W. MOSS, (35579257), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 April 1945. After three attempts to complete a culvert site on the #1 Infantry Regiment's main supply road, and the task half completed, six rounds of Japanese 77mm artillery shells struck the area, two of which exploded within twenty-five feet of a tractor operated by Private First Class Moss. Although temporarily unnerved, he disregarded personal safety and continued to expose himself to possible fire and completed the culvert site. Through his undaunted courage and bravery, Private First Class Moss greatly inspired the members of his battalion who were present, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. John M. Moss (Father), Keltner, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant DAVID S. PLEWES, (0353349), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 and 15 April 1945. While working on the main supply road of the #1 Infantry Regiment which was impassable by heavy rains, a tractor party working toward a muddy site was fired upon by an enemy machine gun situated on high ground overlooking the road. When the tractor operator chose to remain in a covered position, First Lieutenant Plewes, disregarding personal safety, voluntarily drove the tractor through the road block to the next working site. On 15 April when a culvert site was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, he continued to supervise the work of a tractor driver, giving him confidence by exposing himself to fire. The courageous deeds of First Lieutenant Plewes greatly inspired his platoon and were in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Yvonne S. Plewes, (Wife), 2 A Calliope Road, Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand.

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BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class HARVEY M. LEVINE, (32704331), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #1 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class Levine voluntarily went to one of the howitzers and serving as number one cannoneer, laid the weapon for range and began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in bringing counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage Private First Class Levine contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Dora Levine, (mother), 1034 East 27th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant MERMAN J. MARKLE, (34501567), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #1 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Sergeant Markle, chief of section, voluntarily assembled a howitzer crew and began to return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him he directed counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire at the risk of his life, Sergeant Markle contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Vader M. Markle, (mother), Route #1, Arlington, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant HARRY E. PIERSON, (01170139), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery of the #1 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, First Lieutenant Pierson voluntarily rushed to an Observation Post and aided the instrument man to pick up the flash of the enemy field piece. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he re-

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aimed at his position and continued to direct accurate fire until the enemy weapon was silenced. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire First Lieutenant Pierson contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Mae F. Pierson, (wife), 99-21 Farmers Boulevard, Hollis, L. I., New York.

First Lieutenant GEORGE R. POST, (01170142), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the 4th Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, First Lieutenant Post, Executive Officer, picking up the flash from the concealed enemy artillery piece, voluntarily went to one of the battery howitzers and initially acting as gunner began to return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting all around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and directed accurate fire until the enemy field piece was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire First Lieutenant Post contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of the battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. June A. Post, (wife), 1024 Laura Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Private First Class ERNEST ROSADO, (32705419), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery of the 4th Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire, killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class Rosado, member of the survey team, picked up the flash of the enemy field piece from his observation post. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his post and supplied the observing officer with instrument readings which resulted in accurate counter-battery fire being placed on the position until the gun was silenced. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire Private First Class Rosado contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mr. Venancio Rosado Jr., (Brother), 815 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, 1944, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class EDWARD M. SCOTT, (34500921), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #7 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Private First Class Scott voluntarily went to one of the howitzers and serving as cannoneer began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in bringing counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire, Private First Class Scott contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Ida J. Scott, (Mother), Route #3, Albany, Kentucky.

Corporal WARREN T. WYATT, (34586780), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #7 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire, killing six men and wounding two others, Corporal Wyatt voluntarily went to one of the howitzers and serving as a gunner began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting around him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in bringing counter-battery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire, Corporal Wyatt contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Ada B. Wyatt, (Mother), Route #1, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Corporal WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS, (34536350), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. When a battery position of the #7 Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to forty-eight rounds of enemy 75mm high explosive artillery fire killing six men and wounding two others, Corporal Williams voluntarily went to one of the howitzers

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and serving as a gunner began to help return the fire. With high explosive shells bursting about him and at the risk of his life, he remained at his position and assisted in directing counterbattery fire upon the concealed enemy artillery piece until it was neutralized. Through his undaunted courage and coolness under fire Corporal Williams contributed materially in saving the lives of other members of his battalion and the destruction of artillery equipment located in a strategic position. Home Address: Mrs. Helen D. Williams, (wife), 919 South Tennessee Avenue, Lakeland, Florida.

Private First Class ROSLAN S. WIOCH, (36778453), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against the strongly defended Balete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long beam cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Private First Class Wioch and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under constant enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching it, thirteen round medium and light artillery struck the area showering over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Private First Class Wioch and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the aid station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Wioch is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Josephine Wioch, (Mother), 1842 W. Rice Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant MARTIN J. WREN, (32022186), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Sergeant Wren was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery shells began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning stores of ammunition and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Sergeant Wren and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mr. Walter Wren, (Father), 472 10th Avenue, New York, New York.

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Section I

SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Chaplain (Captain) John W. Scannell, (0386942), as published in General Orders No. 89 Headquarters USAFISA, 16 April 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918).

Chaplain (Capt'n) JOHN W. SCANNELL, (0386942), United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 March 1945. In an attempt to dislodge the enemy from a heavily defended knoll, supported by an undetermined number of machine guns and a reinforced platoon of riflemen, an infantry company was stopped by enemy fire, but after reorganizing continued the attack into a draw. Captain Scannell, Chaplain accompanying the attacking force, was assisting litter bearers in evacuating casualties. Upon hearing of three men who lay seriously wounded, on his own initiative and with disregard for personal safety while being subjected to direct fire from enemy machine guns and rifles, moved forward to our own front lines in order to administer spiritual condolence to them. When litter bearers arrived, Chaplain Scannell assisted in their evacuation at which time he was seriously wounded in the hand, but after being treated he continued to the aid station with the wounded men. The gallant actions, coolness under fire and personal bravery of Chaplain (Captain) Scannell greatly inspired the nearby assaulting infantrymen. Home Address: Mrs. L. Ernest Wheeler, (Sister), 648 19th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Section II

SILVER STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain EDWARD J. BERRY, (01283011), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. An infantry company advancing through a heavily defended position was suddenly fired upon by the enemy on the right flank pinning members of the leading platoon to the ground. Captain Berry, company commander, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for personal safety while in full view and under direct fire from enemy riflemen, crawled to within fifteen yards of a Japanese pillbox to personally direct the fire of supporting tanks and flame throwers against the well dug-in position. While in the act of throwing a grenade, the blast of an enemy demolition charge cost him his right hand and

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wounds in the head and body. The gallant actions, personal bravery and devotion above and beyond the call of duty performed by Captain Berry greatly inspired his company and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Marjorie Berry, (Wife), 180<sup>th</sup> N. 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ALBERT MINJAREZ, (39156273), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. When an enemy tank spearheading a Japanese armored column penetrated the inner defenses of his platoon zone, Private First Class Minjarez, bazooka gunner, was located in a position eighty yards from the action. During the attack all 37mm anti-tank gunners in the area were pinned down by rapid machine and 47mm tank mounted gun fire that sprayed their positions. At this critical moment Private First Class Minjarez crossed sixty-five yards of open ground exposed to the enemy's continuous assault fires, to a position where he could most effectively engage the threatening tank with his bazooka. He stood his ground in spite of deliberate aimed machine gun fire and destroyed the tank, killing all but one of the crew. Private First Class Minjarez's aggressiveness and courageous actions in the face of grave danger greatly inspired the other men who immediately went into action and successfully assisted in crushing the enemy armored counterattack. Home Address: Mrs. Consuelo Minjarez, (Mother), 257 N. Fetterly Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class METTON G. ESKO, (37567188), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 February 1945. During the attack on the town of Lupao, a rifle company was pinned down by intense enemy fire from two machine guns, one mortar and a 47mm gun at close range. Private First Class Esko, ammunition bearer, while bringing a supply of ammunition to the front line during the heat of battle, noticed a wounded man lying in an exposed position fifty yards distant. With disregard for personal safety he crawled across the fire swept ground to his side. Although wounded in the leg during the rescue, he continued to carry the wounded man to safety. The gallant and courageous actions of Private First Class Esko were a credit to himself and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mr. Henry Esko, (Father), Box #32, Esko, Minnesota.

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Section I

BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant Stephen J. Pavlovich, Jr., (39003449), as published in General Order No. 129, 25th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944).

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN J. PAVLOVICH, JR., (39003449), medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Pavlovich was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. Suddenly one round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Staff Sergeant Pavlovich voluntarily and with disregard for personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from the burning ammunition pile. The timely and courageous actions of Staff Sergeant Pavlovich in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men. Home Address: Mrs. Ann Pavlovich, (Mother), Route #1, Box 483, Watsonville, California.

Section II

BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN B. ANDERSON, (39156470), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Anderson was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Anderson and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and cour-

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ageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Clara B. Anderson, (Mother), 4752 Union Pacific Avenue, Los Angeles, California

Technical Sergeant EVERETTE H. ANYAN, (20943219), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Anyan was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Technical Sergeant Anyan and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Minnie Anyan, (Mother), Reardon, Washington.

Corporal GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG, (39047133), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Corporal Armstrong was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Corporal Armstrong and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Lerta L. Armstrong, (Mother), 1753 Grant Street, Denver 5, Colorado.

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BRONZE STAR--Awards

By Direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM B. CHALMERS, (39006378), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Chalmers was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Staff Sergeant Chalmers and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Elizabeth Chalmers, (Mother), 277 21st Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class MALCOLM A. CHASE, (37564141), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Chase was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Chase and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mr. Alva J. Chase, (Father), Route #2, Madelia, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant JONES S. CLEMENT, (38155353), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Clement was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition

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piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Staff Sergeant Clement and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Gertrude Clement, (Mother), General Delivery, Thorndale, Texas.

Private First Class ISADORE DE MARCO, (32672593), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class De Marco was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class De Marco and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Mary De Marco, (Mother), 153 Vistula Avenue, Buffalo 19, New York.

Private First Class FRANK C. FERNANDEZ, (38460299), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Fernandez was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Fernandez and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Angelita Fernandez, (Mother), 301 Lamar, San Antonio, Texas.

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Section I

SILVER STAR--Award

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant ERVIN H. STEINKE, (36486367), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 8 April 1945. Assigned the mission of securing a ridge to the rear of an infantry company, a rifle platoon upon reaching a position two hundred yards distant, was subjected to concentrations of enemy 90mm mortar and light artillery fire killing one man and wounding four others. With no opportunity to dig-in because of the shelling, orders were given to withdraw temporarily to the cover of a bomb crater. Sergeant Steinke and another man voluntarily and with utter disregard for personal safety remained behind to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded to safety. On the third trip a burst of an artillery shell which fell nearby temporarily stunned him and seriously wounded his comrade who was assisting him with the evacuation. The courageous and voluntary actions of Sergeant Steinke in the face of grave danger were above and beyond the province of his assigned position as an assistant rifle squad leader and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Doris Steinke, (Wife), 705 N. Hughes, West Frankfort, Illinois.

Section II

BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant DONALD E. BOBERG, (01117291), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 April to 4 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Kathryn A. Boberg, (Wife), Waterloo, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD W. COX, (6914905), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January 1945 to 11 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Eugene P. Nesselhaus, (Sister), R. R. No. 1, Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTUR J. KILDEA, (6993919), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7

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December 1941 to 7 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph P. Kildea, (Brother), 728 Stanbridge Road, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT L. KIMBERLY, (6992005), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 23 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Eva Wilson, (Mother), 514 1/2 Ogden Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD SURUDA, (6260349), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 3 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Anna Suruda, (Mother), 2601 N. Walker Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant VIRGIL R. WILDES, (7083931), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 3 April 1945. Home Address: Mr. George Wildes, (Father), 227 S. 4th Street, Fernandina, Florida.

Private First Class JACK E. WILSON, (20943198), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Wilson was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Wilson and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mr. Edgar T. Wilson, (Brother), N. 4224 Washington Street, Spokane, Washington.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class PAUL J. GLORIOSO, (39002493), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Glorioso was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Glorioso and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mr. Francisco Glorioso, (Uncle), 33 Grover Place, San Francisco, California.

Sergeant REED J. GROSS, (20943350), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Sergeant Gross was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Sergeant Gross and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Gladis Gross, (Mother), F5212 61st, Box 1204, Vancouver, Washington.

Private First Class WILLIAM V. HERNANDEZ, (39569407), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Hernandez was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After

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assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Hernandez and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Isabel Hernandez, (Mother), 355 East 3d Place, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class EDGAR W. KINNEY, (39208430), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Kinney was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Kinney and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Anna R. Kinney, (Mother), 1247 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class JOHN E. McGRATH, (20943212), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class McGrath was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class McGrath and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mr. Thomas C. McGrath, (Brother), 2808 Sinto Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

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Section I

BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal Casper J. Taurmina, (32938969), as published in General Orders No. 150, 25th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944).

Corporal CASPER J. TAURMINA, (32938969), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Corporal Taurmina was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside during sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire landing in the area. Suddenly one round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Corporal Taurmina voluntarily and with disregard for personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from the burning ammunition pile. The timely and courageous actions of Corporal Taurmina in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men. Home Address: Mr. John Taurmina, (Father), 148 Wilder Street, Rochester, Illinois.

Section II

BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men.

First Lieutenant WALTER E. BLEVINS, (02048850), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. First Lieutenant Blevins was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside while sporadic mortar and medium artillery shells were landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. First Lieutenant Blevins voluntarily and disregarding personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered red blood plasma only five feet from the burning stores of ammunition. The timely and courageous actions of First Lieutenant Blevins in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men, and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Walter Blevins, (Mother), Box 66, Pernell, Oklahoma.

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Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT W. MASON, (38518539), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Mason was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside while sporadic mortar and medium artillery shells were landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Technician Fifth Grade Mason voluntarily and disregarding personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from the burning stores of ammunition. The timely and courageous actions of Technician Fifth Grade Mason in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men, and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Ethel Mason, (Mother), General Delivery, Lillie, Louisiana.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY L. MARONEY, (33518528), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Maroney was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside while sporadic mortar and medium artillery shells were landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Technician Fourth Grade Maroney voluntarily and disregarding personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from burning stores of ammunition. The timely and courageous actions of Technician Fourth Grade Maroney in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men, and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mr. Louie L. Maroney, (Father), Marion, Louisiana.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

1 February 1945

Staff Sergeant MURLO D. FANSLER, (6993898), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Parkersburg, West Virginia. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945).

27 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. AURAND, (20929793), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Kalispell, Montana. (Section II, page 3, General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 26 August 1943).

29 April 1945

Sergeant JOHN J. BURGER, (33170395), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Section II, page 5, General Orders No. 5, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 12 March 1944).

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PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

15 March 1945

Technical Sergeant WALTER KILGORE, (6233119), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Hugo, Oklahoma.

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29 March 1945

Sergeant ORAN L. KUNKEL, (38341596), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Amarillo, Texas.

8 April 1945

Sergeant JOHN H. VARNEY, (35270705), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

11 April 1945

Private WILLIAM D. DeLOZIER, (39596694), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Upland, California.

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Technician Fifth Grade CARL J. ROSEO, (32218608), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Corona, Long Island, New York.

19 April 1945

Private First Class DONALD L. BERCKLEY, JR., (36854907), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

21 April 1945

First Sergeant LAURENT M. BERNIER, (6132713), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Nashua, New Hampshire.

23 April 1945

Sergeant RAYMOND J. SEAFUSE, (7070005), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mill Port, New York.

29 April 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM H. BYED, (14042571), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Benoit, Mississippi.

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Section I

SILVER STAR--Posthumous Award

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Pub 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant HORACE P. SORRELLS, (38028126), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Digdig, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945. Sergeant Sorrells was in command of a rifle squad leading the assault against an enemy road block. The Japanese possessed a decided advantage from concealed dug-in positions which thoroughly covered a trail affording the only feasible route between elements of two infantry companies. Soon after advancing down the trail, his squad was pinned down by grazing machine gun and rifle fire coming from positions a few yards distant. Sensing the situation, Sergeant Sorrells with disregard for personal safety exposed himself to the continuous enemy fire and engaged the entrenched opposition alone, which allowed the trapped men to withdraw and regroup for a subsequent attack which was successful. While covering the withdrawal, Sergeant Sorrells was mortally wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. The outstanding gallantry and aggressiveness of Sergeant Sorrells at the cost of his life contributed materially towards destroying the road block and opening the route between elements of two companies, and were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Mattie P. Sorrells, (Mother), Route #1, Box 42, Grand View, Texas.

Section II

SILVER STAR--wards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Pub 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain RALPH L. GREENE, (01287064), (Then First Lieutenant) Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 and 26 January 1945. On 24 January an enemy road block severed a road leading into the town of San Manuel with grazing close-in machine gun bursts and aimed sniper fire, delaying movement of an M-7 mount which was badly needed in operation against the entrenched Japanese armor holding up the advance of friendly infantry. First Lieutenant Greene quickly and fearlessly remedied the situation by organizing a small group to cover the

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movement of the M-7 and ran the gauntlet of fire from the enemy road block thus covering the exposed mount. Two days later First Lieutenant Greene displayed outstanding courage in the face of grave danger by exposing himself to enemy cross fire to bring effective M-7 self-propelled 105mm howitzer fire on a series of enemy pillboxes. His thorough knowledge of enemy positions due to meticulous reconnaissance of the entire battalion front made it possible for his self-propelled mount to successfully destroy the Japanese resistance. First Lieutenant Greene's gallant and courageous actions reflected outstanding merit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Greene, (Wife), 2745 Ryan Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM Q. MOORE, (37065404), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. Assigned the mission of securing a ridge to the rear of an infantry company, a rifle platoon upon reaching a position two hundred yards distant, was subjected to concentrations of enemy 90mm mortar and light artillery fire killing one man and wounding four others. With no opportunity to dig-in because of the shellings, orders were given to withdraw to the cover of a bomb crater. Staff Sergeant Moore and another man voluntarily and with utter disregard for personal safety remained behind to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded to safety. On the third trip a burst of an artillery shell which fell near by seriously wounded him and temporarily stunned his comrade who was assisting with the evacuation. The courageous and voluntary actions of Staff Sergeant Moore in the face of grave danger were above and beyond the province of his assigned responsibilities as a rifle squad leader and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William N. Moore, (Father), Route #2, Barber, Arkansas.

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BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain SUNEY W. GUNTHORPE, JR., (01295367), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Captain Gunthorpe was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Captain Gunthorpe and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Elizabeth E. Gunthorpe, (mother), 8701 Shore Road, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant GROVER H. NILES, (38104487), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Niles was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Staff Sergeant Niles and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mr. Fred H. Niles, (Father), Hillside, Colorado.

Sergeant ROBERT P. PHEASANT, (39205513), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Sergeant Pheasant was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning

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ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Sergeant Pheasant and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Ethel Mae Pheasant, (Mother), 5508 22nd NW, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class LOREN A. PURDIE, (37567804), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Purdie was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Private First Class Purdie and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Violet Purdie, (Mother), Box 283, Wells, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade JAY S. SAUNDERS, (32888119), Infantry, United States Army for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Saunders was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside when sporadic enemy mortar and medium artillery fire began landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. After assisting in evacuating the wounded, he voluntarily helped remove mortar shells from burning ammunition piles and fought the fire with sand and water. The quick and fearless actions of Technician Fifth Grade Saunders and others in the area saved mortar shells from being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Sorly H. Saunders, (Mother), 333 West 56th Street, New York City, New York.

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shells on being ignited by the burning increments which would have resulted in a devastating explosion of the ammunition piles. His timely and courageous actions in the face of grave danger were instrumental in preventing disaster and saving critically needed ammunition for subsequent fire missions. Home Address: Mrs. Susan A. Velousky, (Mother), Box 35V, Swift, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND H. VANDYKE, JR., (34739190), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against strongly defended Balete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long bomb cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Technician Fifth Grade Vandyke and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under excellent enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching the casualty, thirteen rounds of medium and light artillery fire struck the area showering dirt over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Technician Fifth Grade Vandyke and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the aid station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Vandyke is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Leslie L. Vandyke, (Mother), Route #7, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Private First Class ALVIN Z. ROBERTS, (34739616), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against the strongly defended Balete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long bomb cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Private First Class Roberts and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under excellent enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching the casualty, thirteen rounds of medium and light artillery struck the area showering dirt over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Private First Class Roberts and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the aid station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Roberts is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Hazel Lee Roberts, (Wife), 110 Academy Street, Greeneville, Tennessee.

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**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class HOWARD L. AUMICK, (42026658), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against the strongly defended Balete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long bomb cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Private First Class Aumick and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under excellent enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching the casualty, thirteen rounds of medium and light artillery struck the area showering dirt over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Private First Class Aumick and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the aid station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Aumick is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Alice Aumick, (Wife), 137 Maple Avenue, Oakfield, New York.

Staff Sergeant IRA L. BELCHER, (13017726), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 13 January to 28 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Parlee Belcher, (Mother), Newhall, West Virginia.

Private First Class FREDERICK T. BURT, (42081053), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against the strongly defended Balete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long bomb cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Private First Class Burt and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under excellent enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching the casualty, thirteen rounds of medium and light artillery struck the area showering dirt over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Private First Class Burt and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the aid station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Burt is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Betty Ella Burt, (Wife), 48 Tomlin Road, Gibbstown, New Jersey.

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Private First Class WILLIAM G. HOBBS, (7005514), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 25 April 1945. Home Address: Mr. Thomas Hobbs, (Father), Route #1, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Private First Class EARL B. RHODES, (39917934), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Rhodes was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside while sporadic mortar and medium artillery shells were landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Private First Class Rhodes voluntarily and disregarding personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from the burning stores of ammunition. The timely and courageous actions of Private First Class Rhodes in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men, and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Beverly Rhodes, (wife), 1420 California Avenue, Salt Lake City 4, Utah.

Private First Class FRED L. STEAKLEY, SR., (34884716), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against the strongly defended Balete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long bomb cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Private First Class Steakley and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under excellent enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching the casualty, thirteen rounds of medium and light artillery struck the area showering dirt over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Private First Class Steakley and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the aid station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Steakley is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Mary Steakley, (wife), General Delivery, Spencer, Tennessee.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

11 April 1945

Staff Sergeant ROBERT G. GRANGER, (20944336), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bellingham, Washington. (Section I, page 2, General Orders No. 20, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945).

28 April 1945

Private First Class NORBERT J. HELMING, (35720482), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ferdinand, Indiana. (Page 1, General Orders No. 77, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 27 March 1945).

3 May 1945

Private First Class JACOB W. HAMMOND, (20914050), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: South Pasadena, California. (Page 2, General Orders No. 71, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 21 March 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

29 March 1945

Sergeant WILLIAM J. LONGFIDGE, (11131539), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wollaston, Massachusetts.

Private WARD L. CLARK, (20943996), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Yakima, Washington.

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30 March 1945

Private First Class FLOYD V. K. STEL, (37568151), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Austin, Minnesota.

2 April 1945

Private First Class J. M. MOODY, (38441111), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kermit, Texas.

3 April 1945

Corporal VERNE H. SEBASTIAN, (37616487), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Jackson, Missouri.

9 April 1945

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH B. KRUIP, (37171389), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hankinson, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant GERALD F. SCHUMACHER, (20944036), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Promorton, Washington.

13 April 1945

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH A. FOSHAUG, (19016757), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kirkland, Washington.

14 April 1945

Private First Class PETER PRINCHUK, (6152467), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Boston, Massachusetts.

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1 April 1945

Technician Fourth Grade ELMER R. WILDE, (39376662), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Judson, North Dakota. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 20 ) 1945).

30 April 1945

Private First Class JAMES W. BRUMLEY, (38531454), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Dallas, Texas. (Page 1, General Orders No. 11, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

28 January 1945

Private First Class JOHN H. TOUGH, (39575792), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

29 January 1945

Private First Class CHARLES STONE, (34775672), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cramerton, North Carolina.

19 February 1945

Staff Sergeant FORREST J. SULLER, (36078451), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kaskaskia, Island, Illinois.

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10 March 1945

Sergeant HAROLD N. TRENARY, (37006356), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: LeBonan, Missouri.

13 April 1945

Staff Sergeant EDWARD A. DILGEMIS, (7025332), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

15 April 1945

Captain CLARENCE B. IRWIN, (0416022), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Atlanta Georgia.

20 April 1945

Private ARCHIE M. DAILEY, (39933448), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wollsville, Utah.

23 April 1945

Private First Class JULIUS S. MATT, (37155129), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Boneita Springs, South Dakota.

25 April 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM H. ASHBY, (34604226), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Timberlake, North Carolina.

Private First Class LEWIS F. BOGART, (36573441), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JESS A. VADEN, (38606726), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Stamford, Texas.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

24 January 1945

Technical Sergeant JOHN M. SCHUESSLER, (39231679), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hollywood, California. (Section II, page 4, General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 4 May 43).

23 April 1945

Sergeant WILHELM X. JEMANN, (32702366), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ridgewood, New York. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 4 March 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

15 April 1945

First Lieutenant MARSHALL WHITING, (01303066), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Schuylerville, New York.

19 April 1945

Staff Sergeant WOODROW D. HLUCHAN, (38091347), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sealy, Texas.

22 April 1945

Private First Class JOHN N. ST. CLAIR, (17082413), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Vinton, Iowa.

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21 April 1945

Staff Sergeant MARTIN SCHMITZ, JR., (39618306), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Xavier, Montana.

Private First Class CLAYTON J. SMITH, (39333625), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pe-Ell, Washington.

24 April 1945

Private First Class MARVIN A. COAN, (31168249), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Youngstown, Pennsylvania.

25 April 1945

Private First Class ARCHIE W. CASTEEL, (37529971), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Joplin, Missouri.

26 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD W. SMITH, (11024541), Cavalry, United States Army. Home Address: New Braintree, Massachusetts.

1 May 1945

Private First Class CYRIL A. BECKETT, (39933954), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Butte, Montana.

2 May 1945

Private First Class BOB E. McDANIEL, (35710095), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Shelburn, Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN W. PORTER, (36484574), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: East Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade MICHAEL PUSCH, (33763036), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: DuBois, Pennsylvania.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Pul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class HENRY F. BOESCH, (42016746), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, one of the dug outs at a battery observation post received a direct hit. In it a soldier lay seriously wounded by shell fragments and buried under dirt and logs. With complete disregard for personal safety Private First Class Boesch left his own shelter during the barrage, extricated the injured man and removed him to safety until the artillery fire ceased, subsequently assisting him to an infantry aid station. Private First Class Boesch's voluntary and courageous actions saved the life of the wounded man and were in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Laura Boesch, (Mother), 412 25th Street, Union City, New Jersey.

Sergeant JACK P. COMPTON, (20943076), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 and 27 January 1945. Sergeant Compton, communications sergeant during an attack against strongly entrenched enemy forces, aggressively and fearlessly rushed through aimed and destructive enemy mortar concentrations to establish and maintain telephone communications. On a second occasion, with Japanese machine gun and sniper fire grazing overhead, he courageously strung telephone wire to forward areas within fifty yards of enemy troops. Sergeant Compton's courageous actions and extreme devotion to duty aided considerably in conducting successful operations against a powerful entrenched enemy. Home Address: Mr. Frederick A. Compton, (Father) W. 2007 Jackson Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Technician Third Grade HERBERT B. DREIER, (37176459), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 March 1945. Accompanied by two other men, Technician Third Grade Dreier voluntarily climbed a steep, exposed hill under rifle fire from the Japanese and the adjoining perimeter to go to the aid of two wounded men. Upon reaching the top it was necessary for him to check many foxholes to find the injured men. While in this exposed position he was seriously wounded. This courageous and voluntary attempt to rescue the wounded men was an inspiration to the members of his organization and reflected credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Margit Dreier, (Mother), 3824 W 6th Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade ALEC KAHL, (39334317), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kita Kita, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 February 1945. On

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the morning of 13 February, Technician Fifth Grade Kahl was performing the duties of a D-7 Bulldozer operator working on a highway to open and make possible this vital and necessary combat supply route in support of a regimental combat team. While clearing the road of wreckage and destroyed enemy equipment, approximately eight to ten rounds of enemy 77mm artillery shells were fired directly at the bulldozer from Japanese positions occupying high ground overlooking the road. Technician Fifth Grade Kahl, realizing the high value and great importance of a bulldozer in the campaign, remained with it and successfully maneuvered it to safety. The aggressiveness and devotion to duty under extremely dangerous circumstances performed by Technician Fifth Grade Kahl contributed materially toward saving important engineer equipment from certain destruction. Home Address: Mrs. Alec Kahl, (Wife), Charlo, Montana.

Corporal EDWARD SONS, (6148360), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 February 1945. Corporal Sons was working as artillery liaison corporal with an infantry regiment when an enemy tank broke through the front lines. Shells from the tank and enemy small arms fire swept the area wounding one of his men. With complete disregard for personal safety, Corporal Sons voluntarily left a sheltered position and went to the wounded man's side and moved him to a position twenty yards distant where he administered first aid in spite of the intense enemy fire. Corporal Sons' voluntary and courageous actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Launa Sons, (Mother), 57 Thomas Park, South Boston, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade LOREN A. LARSEN, (39450245), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. A motor convoy driving blackout and proceeding through the town of Binalonan to join its battalion missed a turn in the road and headed for the enemy held sector. Technician Fifth Grade Larsen, driving a jeep in the center of town, realizing the dangers confronting the convoy, voluntarily and with utter disregard for personal safety, drove through a street in enemy held territory covered by enemy fire and cut off the convoy approximately one-hundred yards from the main strongpoint and directed them out of the danger zone. Technician Fifth Grade Larsen's quick thinking and courageous actions saved the entire convoy and all personnel from destruction, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Carl Larsen, (Mother), Route #2, Colleville, Washington.

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**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM H. COCHRAN, (34261716), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Cochran, member of a howitzer battery which had received a direct hit from an enemy 150mm projectile, fought to control the fire which had enveloped the gun pit. Armed with only a fire extinguisher and in the face of enemy artillery landing in the area with the constant threat that several fused rounds of high explosive shells in the pit might explode, he continued to fight the fire until the contents of the extinguisher were exhausted. Technician Fifth Grade Cochran's heroic actions were an inspiration to the members of his organization and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Sisie Cochran, (Mother), 207 Calhoun Avenue, Rome, Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade SANTOS L. DICHO, (30100490), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 April 1945. When a bull dozer operator became a casualty from enemy mortar fire, Technician Fourth Grade Dicho took over the operation of the unarmed bull dozer and, although exposed to constant enemy fire, succeeded in clearing a route up to and several yards beyond forward troops, thereby making use of tanks possible against the entrenched enemy. The tanks were then employed but after progressing only a short distance the lead tank was unable to negotiate an extremely steep grade. Seeing this, Technician Fourth Grade Dicho voluntarily and with disregard for personal safety involved, drove his bull dozer to the rear of the tank and succeeded in pushing it to the crest of the hill ahead of the assault troops, then returned through rifle and machine gun fire to push a second tank up with the first. The outstanding acts of heroism performed by Technician Fourth Grade Dicho were in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Carmen D. Laczi, (Mother), 357 Pio Pio Street, Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.

Sergeant RANDOLPH W. MOSELEY, (7007195), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 18 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Ruby Mae Reed, (Mother), Box 542, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE P. O'CONNOR, (6145937), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 7 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Frances D. O'Connor, (Mother), 16 Grafton Street, Newport, Rhode Island.

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Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT STANLEY SMOOGEN, (32251144), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Smoogen, member of a howitzer battery which had received a direct hit from an enemy 150mm projectile, fought to control the fire which had enveloped the gun pit. Armed with only a fire extinguisher and in the face of enemy artillery landing in the area with the constant threat that several fused rounds of high explosive shells in the pit might explode, he continued to fight the fire until the contents of the extinguisher were exhausted. Technician Fourth Grade Smoogen's heroic actions were an inspiration to the members of his organization and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Catherine Smoogen, (Mother), 911 Chestnut Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. SUMMERS, (18019878), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Summers was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside while sporadic mortar and medium artillery shells were landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Private First Class Summers voluntarily and disregarding personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from the burning stores of ammunition. The timely and courageous actions of Private First Class Summers in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men, and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Miss Dulcie Padgett, (Friend), Box 831, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant FLOYD T. VAN, (6971152), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 7 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Zelma Van, (Mother), 210 Fergoud Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

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STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

1. CAPTAIN HARRY E. SCHEFFEL, (0398951), Dental Corps, is announced as Division Dental Surgeon.
2. CHAPLAIN (MAJOR) ANDREW J. FARRICKER, (0408894), U. S. Army, is announced as Division Chaplain.
3. CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) WALLACE A. STARK, (0245820), U. S. Army, is announced as Assistant Division Chaplain.

Section II

BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JOSE C. LEWIS, (3937752), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. In the midst of a raging battle when assaulting tanks were spraying his area with machine and 47mm gun fire, Private First Class Lewis voluntarily left the cover of his fox-hole to carry a seriously wounded man to safety, and assisted in evacuating him to an aid station. While in the rear he realized the serious need for increased fire power at the front. On his own initiative, he carried a light machine gun forward through fire swept streets to a position on the front line, and manned the gun for the remainder of the night against fierce thrusts of counterattacking tanks and supporting enemy infantry. Private First Class Lewis' courageous deeds in the face of grave danger were above and beyond the duties of his assigned position and were in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Juanita Lewis, (mother), P.O. Box 22, Acemita, New Mexico.

Corporal ALVIE D. THURMAN, (6281977), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. During the advance against the strongly defended Belete Pass, an infantry company operating on a long bomb cratered open narrow ridge had suffered a severe casualty and requested a litter squad for his evacuation. Due to the difficult and rugged terrain, Corporal Thurman and six others who volunteered for this mission were forced

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to traverse a particularly exposed trail which was under excellent enemy observation and, immediately upon reaching it, thirteen rounds of medium and light artillery struck the area showering dirt over the group. Because of the serious wound of the casualty, Corporal Thurman and his comrades continued with the evacuation in spite of the dangerous situation and reached the air station in time to save the limb of the wounded man. The outstanding courage and unwavering stamina and fortitude displayed by Corporal Thurman is a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Christina S. Stingle, (Mother), 431 5th Street, Willows, California.

Section III

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE--Awards

1. Under the provisions of Section I, WD Cir #408, 17 October 1944, Colonel VICTOR L. JOHNSON, (022013), #1 Infantry Regiment is awarded the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands. This award shall be retroactive as of 11 March 1945.

2. Under the provisions of Section I, WD Cir #408, 17 October 1944, Colonel HERBERT B. WHEELER, (06801), (Inf), GSC, attached #1 Infantry Regiment, is awarded the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands. This award shall be retroactive as of 1 May 1945.

3. Under the provisions of Section I, WD Cir #408, 17 October 1944, Technician Third Grade ISAMI ADACHI, (39151355), Inf., #1 Language Detachment, is awarded the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands. This award shall be retroactive as of 1 February 1945.

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In direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 11,614, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Major GEORGE F. CARTER, (023431), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 5 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Louise Carter, (Mother), 1560 Alice Street, Oakland, California.

First Sergeant JOHN MILTON GLENNON, (6683712), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 7 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Mary Rittershofer, (Sister), 604 North Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant JOHN A. HOROWSKI, (6949098), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 7 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Rose K. Horowski, (Mother), 352 E. Fell Street, Summit Hill, Pennsylvania.

Corporal HENRY C. KROME, (37151445), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 2 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Eliese Krome, (Mother), Westboro, Missouri.

Sergeant LLOYD GEORGE MILLS, (7020196), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 28 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Harriet G. Mills, (Mother), Route #2, Danville, Virginia.

Sergeant JOHN C. MONTGOMERY, (6999110), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 5 April 1945. Home Address: Miss Minnie Montgomery, (Sister), Cornersville, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant ROY T. E. PONDER, (14020802), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. Technical Sergeant Ponder, platoon sergeant, exposed himself to heavy tank and automatic weapons fire in order to spot targets, guide forward movements of M-7 mounts and control their fire. When the advance of rifle elements spearheading the regimental assault were stopped by Japanese tanks and machine guns, the

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destructive effect of his 105mm self-propelled howitzers crushed this resistance and permitted the infantry to gain and seize critical ground. Technical Sergeant Ponder's voluntary and courageous action above and beyond the province of his assigned position reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Andrew J. Ponder, (Father), Route #2, Greer, South Carolina.

Sergeant HAROLD J. TANNEBERG, (20942494), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. Sergeant Tanneberg, communications sergeant of an M-7 mount, exposed himself to heavy tank and automatic weapons fire in order to spot targets, guide forward movements of M-7 mounts, and control their fire. When the advance of rifle elements spearheading the regimental assault were stopped by Japanese tanks and machine guns, the destructive effect of his 105mm self-propelled howitzer crushed this resistance and permitted the infantry to gain and seize critical ground. Sergeant Tanneberg's voluntary and courageous action above and beyond the province of his assigned communications responsibilities reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. H. Tanneberg, (Father), Chewelah, Washington.

Sergeant ANDREW A. THERIAULT, (11020583), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 February 1945. Sergeant Theriault was in an artillery forward observation party with a rifle company which was pinned down by machine gun and direct tank fire and had suffered heavy casualties. On his own initiative, together with another member of the forward observation party, he left his sheltered position and moved fifty yards under fire with a litter to help carry out the wounded until all had been evacuated to safety. Sergeant Theriault's heroic actions with disregard for personal safety were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Anastasio Theriault, (Mother), 100 Montgomery Street, North Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

6 March 1945

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM M. HARBELL, (13016225), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Scotland Neck, North Carolina. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 148, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945).

26 April 1945

Staff Sergeant CARL M. GOODMAN, (39023149), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ocean Park, California. (Page 2, General Orders No. 14, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 8 February 1945).

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PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

21 April 1945

Private JAMES S. ROBSON, (33938452), Cavalry, United States Army. Home Address: McDonald, Pennsylvania.

22 April 1945

Private First Class BILLY J. TAYLOR, (37529888), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Eldorado, Kansas.

23 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade DOMENIC E. LEONE, (11030508), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Billerica, Massachusetts.

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Technician Fifth Grade VINCENT PINKOS, (32100758), Cavalry, United States Army. Home Address: New Hartford, New York.

25 April 1945

Private First Class CHARLES MANFPE, (37529512), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant WILLIS E. MORGAN, (38082260), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Gainesville, Texas.

Private First Class ALEXANDER A. TOTH, (36776528), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

26 April 1945

Private First Class JOSEPH H. EGAN, (37567515), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Savage, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade DAVID B. HURLBUT, (19133171), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Santa Barbara, California.

Private First Class HENRY F. VILLBRANDT, (37144310), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

28 April 1945

Private ANTHONY F. BEALICH, (36846435), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wales, Wisconsin.

Private KARL C. BRANAM, (38572492), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Private JAMES H. BUCHNOLZ, (37751875), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kansas City, Missouri.

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**SILVER STAR--Award**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (P.L. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade EDWIN M. WAYNE, (10005702), Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Putlan River Bridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Wayne, a member of a Field Artillery forward observation party, upon seeing a number of wounded friendly troops, of his own volition and with complete disregard for his own personal safety left his sheltered position and moved alone under enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, one hundred yards across an open field and succeeded in carrying out one of the wounded soldiers. Once again in the face of grave danger he exposed himself to enemy fire and succeeded in bringing another wounded man to safety. Through his gallant actions Technician Fourth Grade Wayne inspired all who witnessed his act, which reflected credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lizzie Mary Wayne (Mother), Cardiff, Maryland.

**Section II**

**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Corporal LACY W. ADcox, (7006162), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 28 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Nora Dean (Mother), 213 East Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Sergeant THEODORE ALLIGOOD, (7006130), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 28 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Alice J. Alligood (Mother), Route #1, Washington, North Carolina.

Master Sergeant LEROY A. BJORKLUND, (16022425), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in the performance of his duties from 1 September 1944 to 17 December 1944, in connection with the amphibious operation of the 25th Infantry Division from Noumea, New Caledonia to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Home Address: Mr. A. O. Bjorklund (Father), 4242 Elmer Avenue, S. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Captain HARRY A. GREENBERG, (02043102), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 28 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Fannie Marcus (Sister), 684 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD B. HARDISON, (7006055), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 5 May 1945. Home Address: Mr. Homer C. Hardison (Father), Route #1, Wilson, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant FLOYD D. STALLINGS, (7083019), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 5 May 1945. Home Address: Mr. Henderson W. Stallings, (Father), box 465, Albermarle, North Carolina.

**Section III**

**ATR MEDAL—Award**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant THAD L. FARRIS, (0118351), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 1 February 1945 to 1 May 1945. Lieutenant Farris flew and observed in operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. Lieutenant Farris' services reflect high credit upon himself and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. T. M. Farris (Mother), 2008 Alexander Avenue, Waco, Texas.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

12 March 1945

Sergeant HAROLD H. TREARY, (37006356), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Le Bonan, Missouri. (Section II, page 2, General Orders 173, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945).

29 April 1945

Staff Sergeant FORREST J. SULSER, (36078451), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kaskaskia Island, Illinois. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 173, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945).

3 May 1945

Private First Class CHARLES STONE, (34775872), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cramerton, North Carolina. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 173, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

28 April 1945

Private First Class HOWARD L. KNIGHT, (34912531), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Jacksonville, Florida.

Private HAROLD J. KALDENBERG, (37752604), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: New Virginia, Iowa.

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Private First Class ELMER L. ..., (33694726), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Valencia, Pennsylvania.

29 April 1945

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\*Private First Class HOWARD R. GREEN, (38529037), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ray, Texas. - 29 January, 1945

Private First Class FRANCIS P. HART, (36840616), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant PAUL SLACK, (35304262), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Medina, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD J. SMITH, (35558273), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Toledo, Ohio.

30 April 1945

Sergeant LOYD W. H. BAKER, (38086767), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Butler, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant FRANCISCO DOMINGUEZ, (37529548), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cartersville, Missouri.

Private First Class WILBUR J. MEAD, (37163558), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hawick, Minnesota.

Private PERLEY RAMSEY, (35818072), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Brooks, Kentucky.

Private RICHARD R. SPIN, (39624054), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kahlotus, Washington.

Private EDWARD C. SITTLE, (37737778), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Arnold, Nebraska.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded Private First Class HOWARD W. PAUL, (37701607), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 76, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 26 March 1945 and General Orders No. 115, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 15 April 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 April 1945. Home Address: La Junta, Colorado.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

31 January 1945

Private First Class LEO K. BALTZER, (37567278), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Lehr, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant HARRY O. CUNNINGHAM, (36029850), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Decatur, Illinois.

3 March 1945

Private First Class TEDDY J. FOUX, (38415592), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Beaumont, Texas.

8 March 1945

Private First Class HARRY FOX, (39375690), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Winesap, Washington.

15 April 1945

Sergeant DOUGLAS O. HALEY, (18154100), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Brady, Texas.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT F. SALDAÑA, (384451), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Driscoll, Texas.

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Private First Class BERNARD J. RAUEN, (3956642), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cologne, Minnesota.

17 April 1945

Private JACK A. MULLIS, (34488783), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Charlotte, North Carolina.

18 April 1945

Private HOYT WEHUNT, (34579021), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Helen, Georgia.

19 April 1945

Sergeant GLENN A. CHERRY, (15061582), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fairmont, Illinois.

Private First Class FERNALD H. GREENE, (35679231), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bellevue, Kentucky.

23 April 1945

Corporal GAY A. GABRIEL, (33172084), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE H. FAUSZ, (35713430), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Newport, Kentucky.

2 May 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM T. BUCKHOLT, (33477887), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded Private First Class ALBERT J. SYORN, (36877864), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 9, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 February 1945 and General Orders No. 110, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 11 April 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 May 1945. Home Address: Grosse Point Park, Michigan.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

21 April 1945

Private MARK B. FRIES (33769061), Armored, United States Army. Home Address: Baltimore, Maryland.

2 May 1945

Corporal HARRY L. JOSLIN, (6668758), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Muncie, Indiana.

Corporal JOHN SARDINHA, (31182618), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Bristol, Rhode Island.

3 May 1945

Private PURVIS CARR, (33507465), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Dyess, Arkansas.

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\* Private JAMES D. DRAPEL, (36908759), ~~Medical Department~~, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN W. LaFOCHE, (13008931), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class HENRY P. MACALA, (31022269), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hartford, Connecticut.

Private First Class EARL E. MANN, (1304721), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Bristol, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant RALPH C. MCCORMICK, (35362483), Signal Corps, United States Army. Home Address: Keweenaw, Michigan.

Private First Class SAM WENIGTON, (34056395), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Miami, Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade SIYTO G. YAMBO, (32004620), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: New York, New York.

4 May 1945

Staff Sergeant LEON BILLS, (39227241), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Olancho, California.

Staff Sergeant MARVIN H. HOFFMANN, (39300654), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Condon, Oregon.

Private First Class PETER MERRICK, (35331934), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Youngstown, Ohio.

6 May 1945

Captain FRANCIS J. McQUEENEY, (01167112), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Providence, Rhode Island.

Private DONALD K. PRIESKORN, (37748407), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Beatrice, Nebraska.

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Section I

SILVER STAR--Posthumous Award

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer.

First Lieutenant EDWARD A. ZECH, (01305871), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. An M-7 Howitzer mount from an infantry cannon company platoon was given the mission of replacing another M-7 section directly behind front line infantry troops, and covering its withdrawal. Movement had to take place along a straight open street covered by grazing fire from weapons in a Japanese strong-point. With utter disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Zech personally led the section of his platoon up the narrow road, selecting firing positions and guiding the section into them. Under constant fire from enemy weapons of all types, he personally directed the fire of his forward mount on targets disclosed only by bursts of enemy fire. By virtually closing with the Japanese emplaced fortress, the section destroyed two enemy tanks, one field piece and three machine guns, enabling infantry troops to advance to more tenable positions. First Lieutenant Zech's gallant and intrepid action above and beyond his normal duties were a credit to the military service. Home Address: Mr. August E. Zech, (Father), 73 Pleasantview Avenue, Albany, New York.

Section II

SILVER STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant AUBURN L. CLARK, (16003665), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 February 1945. During the attack on the town an infantry company has been caught by enemy 47mm and machine gun fire, causing many casualties to our troops. All but one wounded man had been evacuated, when Staff Sergeant Clark, though not a member of this company, with total disregard for his own personal safety, crawled across 50 yards of open terrain under heavy fire and brought the wounded man to safety. Staff Sergeant Clark's gallant and heroic act in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the military service. Home Address: Mr. Mack R. Clark, (Father), 139 West 156th Street, Harvey, Illinois.

Sergeant FRANCIS T. DEBINSKI, (33159593), Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Putlan River Valley, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 April 1945. A group of Japanese having set up a road block cutting the supply line to his position, Sergeant Debinski organized and led a small group of Americans and Guerrillas against the entrenched Japanese. He

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personally killed four of the enemy with grenades and rifle fire, continuing to press the attack even after being wounded until all the Japanese were killed and a heavy machine gun captured. Sergeant Dembinski's sound tactical judgement and cool leadership under fire were the deciding factors in eliminating this threat to the safety of his position, and were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed the act. Home Address: Mrs. Rose F. Dembinski, (Mother), Erie, Pennsylvania.

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\*Staff Sergeant ARTHUR W. HENWOOD, (37152624), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Isid, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 February 1945. While operating as a rifle platoon sergeant with a group charged with the mission of evacuating wounded over exposed terrain, the patrol moved about two hundred yards when the point of the patrol reached a four strand barb wire fence. Two of the patrol passed the wire fence without mishap. As the officer in charge of the patrol worked his way through, a concealed enemy machine gun fired rapid grazing bursts along a clear field of fire paralleling the fence, wounding the officer. Seeing the critical situation and with disregard to his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Henwood voluntarily moved to the aid of the helpless officer. While extricating him from the wire fence, the officer was again wounded by machine gun fire. With determined courage Staff Sergeant Henwood finally tore the casualty loose and dragged him twenty-five yards to safety and immediate medical treatment. Staff Sergeant Henwood's gallant and selfless act was responsible for saving a wounded man from almost certain death reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Henwood, (Wife), Spearfish, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant JAMES D. TYNAN, (01309447), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 April 1945. After the reduction of a strongly held enemy hill, First Lieutenant Tynan's platoon took over the security of the main ridge line and trails leading to the ridge in the rear of the company Command Post. Before the forward units were able to dig in a heavy concentration of enemy medium artillery and heavy mortar fire totalling 50 rounds fell within the area. During this action, all of the noncommissioned officers in the line were wounded and evacuated, two heavy machine guns destroyed and their crews either wounded or killed. Despite the intensity of the enemy barrage and with disregard of his own personal safety, First Lieutenant Tynan left cover to reorganize the left flank positions. He twice assisted in carrying the wounded to safety, so inspiring his men that several of those were suffering shock and concussion volunteered to help with the wounded during the barrage. His foresight in immediately reorganizing the company flank prevented enemy action from cutting off the lead platoon from the rest of its company. First Lieutenant Tynan's gallantry and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Ann M. Moon, (Mother), 1471 Hampstead Road, Penn Wynne, Pennsylvania.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal CAROL M. MOUSER, (38101343), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 April 1945. When demolition charges hurled by a Japanese infiltration squad instantly killed the battery executive and injured four other men including himself, Corporal Mouser courageously and with utter disregard for his own personal safety or wounds, rendered medical aid to the wounded members of his organization. Despite demolition charges exploding in the area while he was engaged in this gallant act and several of the enemy still in the area, he continued his efforts until he lost consciousness. Corporal Mouser's gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to the officers and men of his organization, in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Edna M. Mouser, (Wife), Box 43, Tuscola, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade COY B. THAYER, (34212787), Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. Just before dark, a field artillery battery area was shelled by enemy medium artillery. Twenty rounds landed in the battalion area, resulting in a direct hit on one of our guns. Twenty-five rounds of 155mm high explosive white phosphorous ammunition were in the gun pit, nine of which were fused for a mission being fired. Technician Fifth Grade Thayer, a tractor driver, with disregard of his own personal safety, drove a TD 14 Bulldozer into the revetment, pushing dirt over the shells and powder to extinguish the fire, and thus eliminated the possibility of further damage to the men and equipment of his battery. During the time this work was going on two white phosphorous 155mm shells and a number of powder charges exploded. In spite of the obvious danger to himself, he heroically completed the task promptly and efficiently. Technician Fifth Grade Thayer's heroic action was a credit to himself and was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Minnie C. Thayer, (Mother), Route #2, Thomasville, North Carolina.

Private First Class JOSEPH G. WANSKA, (32250152), Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 and 28 January 1945. Private First Class Wanska, a member of a forward observer's party during a ferocious enemy counterattack which disrupted wire communications between an infantry company and the artillery liaison officer at the Battalion Command Post, volunteered to leave his position of security to repair this vital means of communication. While performing this task, he was within 40 yards of five enemy tanks, and despite the heavy tank, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire of the enemy and the close proximity of friendly artillery laid down in an effort to quell the counterattack, accomplished his mission. With further disregard to his own personal safety, Private First Class Wanska slowly returned to his original post, further servicing wire which was raised above the

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ground. In volunteering for this dangerous mission, the success of which was instrumental in stopping the counterattack, Private First Class Wanska exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Louise Wanska, (Mother), 213 West 1st Street, Fulton, New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. ZIMMERMAN, JR., (7021535), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 February 1945. During the attack on the town, an infantry platoon was pinned down in a open rice paddy by concentrated enemy fire which included three enemy tanks causing many casualties. One of the wounded who had been shot through the leg was lying in a particularly exposed place. One man had been killed and two seriously wounded in attempts to reach him. In spite of the intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class Zimmerman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left the cover of a dike and crawled 50 yards across an open rice paddy to the place where the wounded man lay and succeeded in evacuating him to a place of safety. Private First Class Zimmerman's gallant and heroic act in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Anna B. Zimmerman, (Mother), 1002 Center Street, Easton, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

**BRONZE STAR--Posthumous Award**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, posthumously to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade WAYNE G. DAVIES, (7025862), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 25 January to 28 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Davies serviced wire lines and on two occasions aided in the replacement of faulty parts for radios in forward observer parties with the most forward elements of the infantry. He also aided in the servicing of the liaison line back to the forward switch at the regimental command post. Heedless of his own personal safety he thought only of the maintenance of constant communications which was so vital at that time. Technician Fifth Grade Davies' coolness under fire and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Home Address: Mrs. Sophia Davies, (Mother), 329 W. Main Street, Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

Section II

**BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award**

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal John N. Shellito, (13010624), as published in General Orders No. 11, 25th Infantry Division, 16 April 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944).

Corporal JOHN N. SHELLITO, (13010624), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 February 1945. Corporal Shellito, member of a forward observation party, was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire and direct fire from tanks which had inflicted heavy casualties on his company. On his own initiative, together with another member of the observation party, he left his sheltered position, moved under fire with a litter and helped carry out the wounded. He continued to act as a litter bearer until the wounded men had all been evacuated. The devotion to duty and courageous actions displayed by Corporal Shellito were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Bessie Rasey, (Mother), 733 1/2 W. 28th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Section III

**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded

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by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Corporal WILHELM X. AMMANN, (32702366), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 January 1945. Corporal Ammann, member of a combat reconnaissance patrol, was pinned down for two hours by intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire from a well concealed enemy strongpoint. He volunteered to cross two hundred yards of open terrain in full view of the enemy so that they could draw their fire and locate the resistance for the patrol. He advanced to within seventy-five yards of the enemy, and in spite of intense fire, pointed out their positions by using tracers, thus enabling the patrol to withdraw with the minimum number of casualties and the valuable information which they had obtained. Corporal Ammann's courage, coolness under fire and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his act which reflected credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Wally Ammann, (Mother), 1811 Stephens Street, Ridgewood, New York.

Major LAWRENCE E. HEYENGA, (0367045), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to date. Home Address: Mrs. Vera Heyenga, (Mother), 1615 Linwood Drive, San Diego, California.

Private First Class GERALD E. TRUEBLOOD, (35869951), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. Private First Class Trueblood was in the vicinity of an 81mm mortar platoon position on an open hillside while sporadic mortar and medium artillery shells were landing in the area. One round made a direct hit on a mortar squad killing one man and wounding four others and setting fire to powder increments of 81mm mortar shells. Private First Class Trueblood voluntarily and disregarding personal safety dashed to the position and assisted in evacuating the wounded and due to their critical condition administered blood plasma only five feet from the burning stores of ammunition. The timely and courageous actions of Private First Class Trueblood in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four critically wounded men, and in keeping with the highest standards of military tradition. Home Address: Mrs. Jennie N. Trueblood, (Mother), Route 4, Fowler, Indiana.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944) Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private ALBERT J. BLANCHE, (36452818), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. Private Blanche, lineman, noticed that enemy artillery concentrations had made three breaks in telephone wires between the switchboard and the top of a hill used by the Regimental Commander to control support fires during an attack against a Japanese strongpoint. Enemy artillery concentrations were landing dangerously close to the friendly troops, but it was imperative that the Regimental Commander have telephone communications in order to effect immediate counterbattery fire to stop the threatening Japanese artillery concentrations. On his own initiative, Private Blanche left his sheltered position and exposed himself to enemy fire while repairing the breaks in the lines. Private Blanche's devotion to duty and speedy accomplishment of his mission in the face of grave danger were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Martha Blanche, (Mother), 13430 13 Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

Corporal JOHN R. HARSHBARGER, (13049151), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. Corporal Harshbarger, a liaison corporal, serviced wire lines and on two occasions aided in the replacement of faulty parts for radios to three forward observation parties with the most forward elements of the infantry. He also aided in the servicing of the liaison line back to the forward switch at the Regimental Command Post. Heedless of his own personal safety, he thought only of the maintenance of constant communications which were so vital at this time. Corporal Harshbarger's coolness under fire and devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his actions and were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Effie Harshbarger, (Mother), 1617 Washington Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

Major MISHA N. KADICK, (023444), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 1 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Misha N. Kadick, (Wife), Country Club, Apartment 10D, Columbus, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN McKEEGAN, (39826130), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade McKeegan defended his outpost position against a Japanese infiltration party with utmost coolness and confidence. The enemy infiltration

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party armed with rifles, hand grenades, and explosive charges started a small fire in a ravine to attract the attention of the men at the outpost, enabling them to infiltrate from the flanks. When the enemy succeeded in reaching a point within twenty yards of the outpost before being detected, Technician Fifth Grade McKeegar opened fire against them stopping the attack. The superior manner in which he handled the situation was an inspiration to the men of his organization and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Minnie J. McKeegan, (Mother), 225 Parrie Street, Blue Island, Illinois.

Private First Class JOEL W. RIVERS, (39708643), Infantry, United States Army for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. While located in the vicinity of a switchboard near an important observation post south of Balete Pass, Private First Class Rivers, lineman, noticed that the enemy artillery concentrations had made three breaks in telephone wires between the switchboard and the top of a hill used by the Regimental Commander to control support fire during an attack which was in progress against a Japanese strongpoint. Concurrently, the enemy were placing light and medium artillery concentrations dangerously close to the guns that were employed to cover the assault of our troops. Realizing that the Regimental Commander must have telephone communications in order to effect immediate counterbattery fire to stop the Japanese concentrations, Private First Class Rivers left the safety of his sheltered position and exposed himself to the enemy artillery fire while repairing the breaks in the wire. Private First Class Rivers' ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions and his devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were a great credit to himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lucille Meyerink, (Mother), 536 West Carillo, Santa Barbara, California.

Technician Fifth Grade DEWIE T. ROGERS, (20818929), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 January 1945. Being pinned down twice by enemy rapid machine gun and rifle fire, Technician Fifth Grade Rogers moved over sixty yards of open terrain to help administer first aid and evacuate the wounded. On another occasion later in the day he was forced to employ smoke grenades to conceal his first aid and evacuation activities in the face of deliberately aimed sniper fire. Technician Fifth Grade Rogers' unflinching courage and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded and were in keeping with the highest standards of the military traditions. Home Address: Mr. Claude D. Rogers, (Father), Box 156, Walters, Oklahoma.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

12 April 1945

Private First Class LEO R. BALTZER, (37567278), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Lehr, North Dakota. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 182, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 16 May 1945).

15 April 1945

Technical Sergeant HARRY O. CUNNINGHAM, (36029850), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Decatur, Illinois. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 182, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 16 May 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

6 February 1945

Staff Sergeant ELMER E. SEAL, (39837456), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: San Francisco, California.

10 March 1945

Private First Class BENZIL L. BREWER, (35757821), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Friendly, West Virginia.

26 March 1945

Private First Class HOWARD E. CUNNINGHAM, (37530244), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fredonia, Kansas.

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9 April 1945

First Lieutenant DELBERT C. DOUGLAS, (01292845), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

12 April 1945

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM B. NETTLES, (34214563), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Walterboro, South Carolina.

1 May 1945

Private First Class REMI F. CAENEN, JR., (37529779), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Shawnee, Kansas.

3 May 1945

Private First Class STEPHAN A. WALEWSKI, (3687069), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

5 May 1945

Private First Class JOSEPH E. BOQUET, (38382567), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Montegut, Louisiana.

Sergeant HENRY J. SMITH, (35166211), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

7 May 1945

Private BURTON L. R. FINE, (39-24548), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Vallejo, California.

Private First Class JAMES J. GABRYCH, (37567712), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Winona, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WARREN C. JESSUP, (6584274), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pittsburg, California.

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19 May 1945.

## Section 1

## BRONZE STAR--Awards

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade CLARK ATKINSON, JR., (7025318), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 29 April 1945. Home Address: Mr. Clark Atkinson, (Father), Morris Run, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. BARR, (7024228), Infantry (then Field Artillery), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, on 10 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Barr, a band member, acting voluntarily as a member of an artillery wire crew in the dense jungle, with disregard to his personal safety, proceeded to lay field wire under persistent enemy sniper fire. Through this heroic achievement, over and above his assigned duty, Technician Fifth Grade Barr contributed materially to the success of the offensive action being launched by our forces by maintaining communication lines vital to the prompt execution of artillery fire and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: 503 East Broad Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania.

Corporal GEORGE G. BLACKWELDER, (7007724), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 28 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Texie E. Blackwelder, (Mother), Route #3, Box 51, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

Sergeant EARLIE E. CARR, (7006123), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 28 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Ruby N. Carr, (Mother), Route #1, Roxboro, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN J. KUZMIK, JR., (6991992), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 27 to 29 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kuzmik, a radio operator of a firing battery, maintained communications during a desperate counterattack staged by the enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety and disregarding the fact that the attack was spearheaded by tank, Technician Fifth Grade Kuzmik remained in a semi-exposed position, maintaining radio communications through out the artillery adjustment. Technician Fifth Grade Kuzmik's coolness under fire when confronted with a most serious situation was a vital factor in the success of the mission, which resulted in the repulsion of the counterattack and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Sue Kuzmik (Mother), 133 17th Street, Barberton, Ohio.

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Master Sergeant FREEMAN T. ROGERS, JR., (6939809), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 1 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Iona J. Rogers, (Mother), 5317 36th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Major DALE J. RUTLAND, (0376855), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 December 1941 to 1 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Dale J. Rutland, (Wife), 431 N.E. 12th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Master Sergeant EARL E. SHAW, (6822535), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 15 April 1944 to 30 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. John A. Shaw, (Mother), Texarkana, Texas.

Private First Class HOMER G. STOOKSBURY, (34739380), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 March 1945. Private First Class Stooksbury, company aid man, upon hearing the cries of a wounded man, on his own initiative and with complete disregard for personal safety crawled a distance of approximately thirty yards through intense enemy rifle fire to the side of the wounded soldier administering first aid and remaining with him throughout the night. Private First Class Stooksbury's heroic action and unselfish devotion to duty was instrumental in the saving of the life of the wounded man and was an inspiration to all who observed his actions. Home Address: Mrs. Nola Stooksbury, (Mother), Route #1, Clinton, Tennessee.

Section II

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders No. 177, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to Technician Third Grade "ISAMI ADACHI", is amended to read "ISAMI ADACHI".

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

18 January 1945

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS J. STANG, (33067063), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Randallstown, Maryland. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 136, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945).

4 April 1945

Private First Class HOWARD E. CUNNINGHAM, (J7530244), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fredonia, Kansas. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 188, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

13 April 1945

Corporal CAROL M. LOUSER, (38101348), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Tuscola, Texas.

17 April 1945

Private First Class WYLIE E. KING, (35769023), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wolf, Kentucky.

19 April 1945

Sergeant JULES N. POWELL, (13014250), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Praise, Kentucky.

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20 April 1945

Private MARTIN E. JOBEL, (39597013), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Riverside, California.

21 April 1945

Private First Class ANTHONY THOMAS, (36857863), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

24 April 1945

Technical Sergeant FRANK J. MILLS, (33171490), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Coplay, Pennsylvania.

26 April 1945

Private ELLIS L. MARTIN, (36472282), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

28 April 1945

Private THOMAS E. GLASS, (35076288), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

30 April 1945

Private First Class WALTER C. SCHTELZER, (32927922), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hoboken, New Jersey.

Private First Class CLARENCE J. WANOUS, (37567588), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Owatonna, Minnesota.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIVISION STAFF OFFICER**

MAJOR ALBERT C. CHOW, (0366919), 65th Engineer Combat Battalion, is announced as Acting Division Engineer during the temporary absence of LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR L. BAKER, (0362844), 65th Engineer Combat Battalion.

Section II

**BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award**

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT W. MASON, (38518539), as published in General Orders No. 166, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 12 May 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944).

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT W. MASON, (38518539), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Mason, aid man, was attached to an infantry company which had penetrated enemy defenses at Binalonan until stopped by a strong Japanese line of resistance. Technician Fifth Grade Mason had to evacuate the wounded during the ensuing fight and was twice pinned down by rapid grazing machine gun and rifle fire, but through his determined efforts, he fearlessly moved across sixty yards of open terrain and assisted in the evacuation of six wounded men. Later the same day, though hampered by intense enemy fire, he disregarded personal safety and employed smoke grenades to cover his first aid and evacuation activities of the wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Mason's unflinching courage, extreme devotion to duty and coolness under fire without the necessary security or protection, reflected credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Ethel Mason, (Mother), Route #2, Lillie, Louisiana.

Section III

**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class PETER CULTRERA, (12059494), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Rosaldo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 February 1945. Private First Class Cultrera, member of a field artillery forward observer's party that was reconnoitering for a suitable observation post, without

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regard for his own personal safety, under intense enemy sniper fire and in plain observation of the enemy, withdrew to seek aid for the officer in charge who was seriously wounded. Finding no aid man, Private First Class Cultrera again traversed the dangerous open terrain to carry the wounded officer to safety. Private First Class Cultrera, accompanied by another member of the observation party, then made his way across slightly defiladed ground to recover a radio and wire which had been abandoned. Private First Class Cultrera's outstanding devotion to duty was an inspiration to the other members of the observation party and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Francesco Cultrera, (Father), 171 Eldridge Street, New York, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD P. DINAN, (33459016), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Dinan, (then Technician Fifth Grade), bull-dozer operator, was building a supply route for an Infantry Regimental Combat Team when an enemy concentration of 47mm and 105mm artillery completely encircled the bull-dozer sending the security patrol to cover. With the first lull in the shelling, realizing the probability of future artillery fire and fully cognizant of the fact that his bull-dozer was the target for the two guns, he courageously and daringly backed the bull-dozer slowly up the steep, rough road to a defiladed position of safety. Technician Fourth Grade Dinan's heroic actions and utter disregard for his personal safety under artillery fire, in saving a vitally needed piece of engineer equipment was exemplary of the highest standards of the military tradition and a credit to the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Anna Dinan, (Mother), 372 Matson Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Major EDGAR A. WORK, (0251985), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the Southwest Pacific Area from 12 November 1944 to 29 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Alice F. Work, (Wife), 545 E. Wheeling Street, Lancaster, Ohio.

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PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

3 May 1945

Staff Sergeant A. B. SKIPWORTH, (38046921), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Vernon, Texas. (Page 1, General Orders No. 120, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 18 April 1945).

Private First Class ADAM J. SUDZUK, (42004076), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Jersey City, New Jersey. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 59, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 15 March 1945).

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PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

1 May 1945

Private First Class JULE C. TUKUA, (37567662), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Austin, Minnesota.

3 May 1945

Corporal WILLIAM T. FERKANY, (36423116), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Flint, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant GERALD ADELL, (6149220), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Readfield Depot, Maine.

Private First Class CHARLES TOMSICK, (37701653), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Esita, Colorado.

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4 May 1945

Private First Class CURTIS L. DAVIS, (38590853), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bufaula, Oklahoma.

5 May 1945

Technical Sergeant HENRIK P. MIKKESEN, (20942690), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wilbur, Washington.

6 May 1945

Sergeant PAUL J. GILMORE, (39615063), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Worth, Texas.

Private First Class MARION H. HYDER, (37236271), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Olathe, Kansas.

7 May 1945

Private First Class MAURICIO BAJRAZA, (37342025), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fayette, Colorado.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. BRUNSON, (34812517), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Montgomery, Alabama.

Private GRANT A. MUELESTEIN, (39935017), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wellington, Utah.

8 May 1945

Private JESSE L. CRAWFORD, (38571821), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Lamar, Oklahoma.

Private First Class DELMAR L. MALCOMB, (33355846), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cripple Creek, Virginia.

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**SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Award**

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Sergeant George D. Horton, (6956592), as published in General Orders No. 58, Headquarters USAFISPA, 11 March 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918).

Sergeant GEORGE D. HORTON, (6956592), Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces East of Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. Sergeant Horton, a member of a forward observers party, of his own volition and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled through heavy machine gun cross fire coming from three positions to retrieve vitally needed radio equipment without which his section would have been useless. As a result of Sergeant Horton's outstanding act, above and beyond the call of duty, the fanatical banzai attack that followed was beaten off with the help of artillery. Sergeant Horton's outstanding action was an inspiration to all who observed him and was in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lottie Horton, (Mother), 616 South Miles Street, El Reno, Oklahoma.

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**SILVER STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class CHARLES L. ALFORD, (37538136), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 May 1945. Private First Class Alford, while driving a road grader proceeding to a construction site, was suddenly fired upon by two enemy automatic weapons, concealed in the high grass about fifty yards from the side of the road. The first burst hit the right rear dual tire causing a blowout and slowing the grader up considerably, although realizing how dangerous it was to remain on the grader, Private First Class Alford, with disregard for his own personal safety, drove the crippled grader along the open road until it was out of line of fire. During this time the enemy continued firing directly at him and the grader, hitting the motor in two more places and blowing the second right dual tire. Private First Class Alford's courage, coolness under fire and devotion to duty were a great inspiration to those who observed him and saved vitally needed engineer heavy equipment. This action reflected credit on himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Charles W. Alford, (Father), Route #1, Sedan, Kansas:

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Captain WILLIAM J. BAILEY, (0414911), Medical Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Captain Bailey heard that two wounded men of an infantry patrol were pinned down by enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire and that the patrol aid man was unable to stop their bleeding. With a volunteer aid man, he at once set out to help, carrying blood plasma. Although the terrain was unfamiliar and directions hazy, he made his way without a guide up a boulder strewn, hazardous mountain creek, at times waist-deep in water, crossed a 200 yard strip of open ground under constant fire from enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire, and administered emergency treatment to one of the wounded men. When a friendly mortar barrage permitted withdrawal, he acted as litter-bearer further risking his life under continued enemy small arms fire. Captain Bailey's prompt and courageous action inspired all who observed him and was in keeping with highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, (Wife), 3417 Vista Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH K. COOPER, (17145461), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Digdig, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 and 10 March 1945. On 8 March a platoon of an Infantry Company was pinned to the ground by rapid grazing machine gun and rifle fire. A member of the platoon had been seriously wounded and lay exposed to enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Cooper, who came up from the rear voluntarily, ran through the enemy fire to the wounded man. While he knelt beside the wounded man, the enemy kept up a continuous fire, but Technician Fifth Grade Cooper, with disregard to his own personal safety and without heed to the danger, continued to administer first aid and, assisted by two other men, evacuated the casualty to a place of safety. On 10 March after an area had been thoroughly searched, Technician Fifth Grade Cooper accompanied a patrol which went out to reconnoiter a high burnt ridge the slopes of which were covered with thick jungle growth. Nearing the top, the patrol was fired on by the enemy who were dug in but fifteen yards away along the fringes of the jungle. The assistant patrol leader was seriously wounded in the chest, and Technician Fifth Grade Cooper immediately, without regard for his own personal safety, ran to the wounded man in order to administer first aid. While performing this duty he was hit in the shoulder by rifle fire. Saying nothing about his wound and although in great pain, he continued to administer first aid to the critically wounded soldier by holding his wallet on the severe wound in the man's chest. As a rescue party approached, a hand grenade exploded directly behind them, wounding all four. Being unable to successfully evacuate both wounded men, although in great pain and weak from loss of blood, Technician Fifth Grade Cooper refused to take morphine and continued to administer aid to the soldier with the dangerous chest wound. At the time he directed and supervised while other members of the patrol bandaged up the other four casualties. It was not until a medical officer arrived that he consented to be treated. Technician Fifth Grade Cooper's gallant and courageous actions and devotion to duty saved the life of a critically wounded soldier and reflected credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mr. Rolla K. Cooper, (Father), 1310 South University Blvd., Denver, Colorado.

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**A. P. O. # 25,**  
**23 May 1945.**

**SILVER STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade CHRIST N. POLECRONES, (36321477), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Polecrones, upon hearing that two wounded men of an infantry patrol were pinned down by enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire, and that the patrol aid man was unable to stop their bleeding, volunteered to accompany a medical officer, and at once set out to help by carrying blood plasma. Although the terrain was unfamiliar and directions hazy, he made his way without a guide up a boulder strewn, hazardous mountain creek, at time waist-deep in water, crossed a 200 yard strip of open ground under constant fire from enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire and helped administer emergency treatment to the living wounded man. When a friendly mortar barrage permitted withdrawal, he acted as litter-bearer further risking his life under continued enemy small arms fire. Technician Fourth Grade Polecrones' courageous action and devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Garifalia Polecrones, (Mother), 7542 N. Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ALBERT VEGA, (39705578), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Vega, a scout for an infantry patrol, was fired on by the enemy while advancing up a steep slope, wounding a noncommissioned officer and two members of the patrol. On his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Vega, while under direct enemy machine gun, rifle and grenade fire, crawled twenty five yards to the left to provide covering fire for the remainder of the patrol. Although wounded, he would not withdraw until the patrol had moved beyond grenade range. Private First Class Vega's actions, coolness under fire and personal bravery were an inspiration to all who observed him which reflected credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Sophie Vega, (Wife), 316 W. Haley Street, Santa Barbara, California.

**Section II**

**BRONZE STAR--Awards**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant KENNETH C. GRIGGS, (36546530), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against

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the Japanese forces near Putian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Griggs, responding to an emergency call for medical aid men when a Field Artillery Battery position was shelled by enemy fire, voluntarily went to the aid of the wounded. With high explosive shells bursting around him and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he remained exposed to enemy fire while administering first aid. Staff Sergeant Griggs' devotion to duty in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflected high credit upon himself and the Medical Department. Home Address: Mrs. Earl Griggs, (Mother), 604 East Huron Avenue, Bad Axe, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade KARL A. INGRAM, JR., (38085019), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 April 1945. While an engineering party was attempting to reopen a supply route, they were shelled by enemy artillery. Deciding that a bull-dozer at night could accomplish the task provided the noise would not attract further artillery fire, Technician Fourth Grade Ingram volunteered. Performing a most difficult task of operating with less than half throttle, he so minimized the sound of his motor, tracks and power control that he succeeded in reopening the supply route. Technician Fourth Grade Ingram's performance of duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflected high credit upon himself as well as the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Karl Ingram, (Mother), 219 South 6th Street, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD SIRK, (31069466), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Rosaldo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 February 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Sirk, member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party under intense enemy sniper fire, administered first aid to the officer in charge of the observation party who had been wounded. After removing the officer to safety, he and another member of the party retraced their steps under continued sniper fire to recover wire and a radio that had been abandoned. Technician Fourth Grade Sirk's coolness under fire, ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions, and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the other members of the Observation Party and was in keeping with the highest standards of the military traditions. Home Address: Mr. Morris Sirk, (Father), 19 June Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

20 April 1945

Private First Class ROBERT L. MICHAEL, (33680815), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fairview, Pennsylvania. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 56, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 14 March 1945).

29 April 1945

Sergeant WAROLD N. HANNUM, (12014083), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cheswold, Delaware. (Section III, page 5, General Orders No. 46, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 7 October 1943).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

24 January 1945

Private First Class MELVIN A. BLANK, (37616946), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

30 March 1945

Staff Sergeant CHARLES D. ADAMS, (39022772), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Christopher, Illinois.

11 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD J. CONDON, (38495079), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home Address: New Orleans, Louisiana.

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12 April 1945

Captain GORDON B. TURNER, (01310322), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Summit, New Jersey.

17 April 1945

Private EDWARD D. CORR, (39833900), Infantry, United States Army. Home  
Address: Butte, Montana.

18 April 1945

First Lieutenant NORMAN B. MULLENDORE, (01113861), Corps of Engineers,  
United States Army. Home Address: Indianapolis, Indiana.

25 April 1945

Private ROBERT A. PITCHER, (35850, 97), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Toledo, Ohio.

Private ANDREW J. PITMAN, (35815138), Infantry, United States Army. Home  
Address: Mintonville, Kentucky.

Private RAYMOND B. SCHICKERATH, (37681932), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: New Hampton, Iowa.

26 April 1945

Private GEORGE W. McDERMOTT, (36908567), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

27 April 1945

Private ELVIN P. ELLIOTT, (37733704), Infantry, United States Army. Home  
Address: Carrollton, Missouri.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

3 May 1945

Private EDWARD D. CORR, (333908), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Butte, Montana. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 136, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 24 May 1945).

4 May 1945

Private First Class ALFRED T. BOZZI, (33154041), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Washington, District of Columbia. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 144, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 2 May 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to each of the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

<sup>20</sup>  
April 1945

*Amended by G.O. 393-11 Aug 45*  
\*Private First Class JOHN R. STEPHENS, (38590850), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fairland, Oklahoma.

3 May 1945

Sergeant FRED W. BUSS JR., (33159634), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Erie, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM W. HENSLEY, (6822873), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bolivar, Missouri.

Private HORACE R. SHIRES, (3863474), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Paris, Texas.

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GO #196, Hq 25th Inf Div, 24 May 45, continued.

4 May 1945

Staff Sergeant JAMES W. BEVAN, (6569881), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Willington, California.

Private First Class RAY L. BOYER, (37616818), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Mill Spring, Missouri.

Private First Class CECIL E. BRITTON, (34657387), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Chester, South Carolina.

Private First Class WALTER A. BYRNES, (32961836), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant CARL J. JANKOWSKI, (33159635), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Eric, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAY R. KELLY, (13049170), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Summerset, Pennsylvania.

Private HARRY T. OAKLEY, (33860245), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Portsmouth, Virginia.

Private ROBERT M. ORTEGA, (39423928), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Fresno, California

Private First Class RICHARD T. STACKPOOLE, (36858264), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD WELLS, (6662638), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Auxier, Kentucky.

18 May 1945

Private First Class JACK L. LINDTEMAN, (36884384), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Muskegon, Michigan.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

26 January 1945

First Sergeant JOHN O. BORGEN, (20943422), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Dallas, Wisconsin. (Page 2, General Orders No. 11, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945).

18 April 1945

Private First Class ALEXANDER O. MAKI, (37570642), Medical Department, United States Army Home Address: St. Paul, Minnesota. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

3 May 1945

Private ROGER W. KHORS, (37748825), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Elmo, Kansas.

5 May 1945

First Lieutenant STANLEY A. DUSZCZYNSKI, (01304701), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Gary, Indiana.

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Private First Class GASPER M. GIAMMO, (32961818), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. MARCK, JR., (33729519), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Baltimore, Maryland.

7 May 1945

Private PETE P. LEWIS, (6942729), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD B. MAURY, (01331533), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Memphis, Tennessee.

Private First Class HARLAN L. PETERSON, (36670924), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sterling, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT J. SCHORR, (35002658), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Columbus, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE G. SAGES, (42003887), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Irvington, New Jersey.

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Private ARTHUR F. BRAND, (39599949), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bakersfield, California.

Private ANGEL H. ESPINOZA, JR., (39422919), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bakersfield, California.

Private RICHARD C. NORRER, (33604610), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pulaski, Virginia.

Private First Class EDWARD G. WHEELER, (38538810), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Conroe, Texas.

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**Section I**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT**

Verbal orders Commanding General, 18 May 1945 are confirmed and made of record. BRIGADIER GENERAL EVERETT E. BROWN, (06303), United States Army, this headquarters, is announced as Assistant Division Commander.

**Section II**

**BRONZE STAR--Award**

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JOSEPH F. STAEBELL, (37619853), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Rosaldo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 February 1945. Private First Class Staebell, member of a Field Artillery Observation Party, while reconnoitering for a suitable observation post, was called upon to administer first aid to a wounded officer. In clear view of the enemy and under intense enemy sniper fire he administered first aid and then helped carry the wounded officer to safety. Private First Class Staebell's complete disregard for personal safety and constant devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Joseph D. Staebell, (Father), Manchester, Missouri.

**Section III**

**COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE--Award**

Under the provisions of Section I, WF Cir #408, 17 October 1944, Technician Third Grade KENNETH M. UHL, (19064254), Infantry, is awarded the **COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE** for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 4 May 1945.

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**Section IV**

**AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS**

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So much of General Orders No. 177, this headquarters, dated 15 May 1945, which reads "Corporal ALVIE D. THURMAN" is amended to read "Corporal ALVIE D. THURMAN".

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*GENERAL ORDER 199*  
Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named officer and enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

30 April 1945

Private ALVIA H. WOLFORD, (37065031), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cushman, Arkansas. (General Orders No. 9, Headquarters 54th General Hospital, 24 February 1945).

4 May 1945

Staff Sergeant JOHN S. KAMINSKI, (31042436), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bridgeport, Connecticut. (Section II, page 4, General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 26 August 1945).

12 May 1945

Private HARRY T. OAKLEY, (33860245), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Portsmouth, Virginia. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 196 Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 24 May 1945).

15 May 1945

First Lieutenant HAROLD W. GINRICH, (026076), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Highland Falls, New York. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 117, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 16 April 1945).

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

25 April 1945

Private KENNARD J. CRAWFORD, (39933340), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Provo, Utah.

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First Lieutenant RICHARD F. EBOCH, (02046958), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. Home Address: Baltimore, Maryland.

2 May 1945

Sergeant GERALD S. COLE, (20932521), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Roseburg, Oregon.

9 May 1945

Staff Sergeant RICHARD E. COYLE, (31097146), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Private First Class ROBERT C. ECKLEY, (13061484), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Baden, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PAUL V. GROH, (35005809), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Elyria, Ohio.

Private JOHN J. FLEHER, (37753927), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pierce City, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES F. FRODELLA, (32890127), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class MILFORD B. HANKINS, (39422924), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Berkeley, California.

Private First Class CHARLES H. URQUHART, (20126956), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: New Haven, Connecticut.

10 May 1945

Private PETER L. GENTILE, (35850557), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cleveland, Ohio.

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Section I

PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--Awards

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak-Leaf Clusters awarded Staff Sergeant HEITOR J. PRITCHETT, (38268166), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 15, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 9 February 1945, General Orders No. 110, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 11 April 1945 and General Orders No. 152, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945, a third Bronze Oak-leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 May 1945.

Section II

PURPLE HEART--Awards

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

8 April 1945

Private First Class FRANK W. JACOBS, (57447325), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

10 May 1945

Private PETER J. LAVITTO, (36914671), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD G. GRIFFIN, (6792060), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Canesaraga, New York.

12 May 1945

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Private First Class GERALD ~~SMITH~~, (32916384), Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Private First Class NORBET CZERWINSKI, (36846446), Infantry United States Army. Home Address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES T. FOHLER, (37647245), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Malden, Missouri.

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Private JONAS H. GOOSSEN, (37776506), Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Private First Class EDWARD F. SCHULTZ, (37567711), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wilona, Minnesota.

13 May 1945

Private First Class JACK D. MCGLEGOR, (34737497), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

14 May 1945

Technician Fifth Grade DEALD W. BROWNELL, (32586334), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home Address: Painted Post, New York.

Private First Class IVAN B. WALLGREN, (37567167), Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cando, North Dakota.

Section III

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders No. 181, this headquarters, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class HOLARD R. GREEN, (38529037), Infantry, as reads "29 April 1945" is amended to read "29 January 1945".

2. So much of General Orders No. 183, this headquarters, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private JAMES D. DRAPER, (36908759), Medical Department, is amended to read Private JAMES D. DRAPER, (36908759), Infantry.

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Section I

AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.--By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

23 April 1945

Private MARTIN E. DOBLE, 39597013, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Riverside, California. (Sec II, page 2, General Orders No. 190, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.)

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~~Sergeant ROBERT A. HAYES, 37672914, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Keokuk, Iowa. (Sec II, page 1, General Orders No. 9, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 9 February 1945.)~~

Section II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

24 February 1945

Private First Class DONALD R. ANSELL, 31334117, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

12 April 1945

Private ALFRED W. CHITTENDEN, 38550333, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Houston, Texas.

Private First Class ROSS E. COKER, 38680729, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mission, Texas.

13 April 1945

Private First Class DAVID L. DUKE, 38403371, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Lawton, Oklahoma.

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17 April 1945

Private First Class DONALD R. CLARK, 39336155, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Private AUGUSTINE G. CALDERIA, 39596953, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cotton, California.

18 April 1945

Private ELMO J. BROWN, 39676217, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kanab, Utah.

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~~Private IRLAND BAILEY, 39933838, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ogden, Utah.~~

21 April 1945

Private RALPH DURAZO, 39597317, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Van Nuys, California.

23 April 1945

Private First Class JAMES A. FLEGGIE, 35780545, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Flemingstog, Kentucky.

Private First Class SILVESTER A. BLOOM, 39452594, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sandpoint, Idaho.

~~REV. BY GO# 394-16 Aug 1945~~  
~~Private RALPH A. CORDER, 39596920, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Azusa, California.~~

~~REV. BY GO# 394-12 Aug 1945~~  
~~Private ROBERT G. DAVIS, 39596920, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ojai, California.~~

Private First Class VICTOR F. DUFFNY, 39047110, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: San Jose, California.

25 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade SAMUEL A. BORTNER, 33872951, Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Lewisberry, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DARREL DeCISTO, 39676827, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Midvale, Utah.

26 April 1945

Private First Class JACOB L. ALEXANDER, 34674914, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Private First Class RAYMOND L. BROOKS, 39591958, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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GO 325, Hq 25th Inf Div, 9 July 1945, continued.

26 April 1945

Private DUANE L. EDDIE, 35929391, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bowerstown, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant DENZIL FOWERS, 39677616, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hooper, Utah.

Private First Class JAMES R. HARRIS, 33657424, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Venia, Virginia.

27 April 1945

Private First Class GARLAND D. ASHBURN, 38609539, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sundown, Texas.

Private First Class JOSEPH T. BLAKE, 39918140, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. George, Utah.

Private First Class HOWARD L. BOBBIT, 34065660, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Niagra, North Carolina.

Private ROBERT P. FINCH, 39933779, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fayson, Utah.

Captain RALPH L. GREENE, 01287864, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Worth, Texas.

29 April 1945

Private First Class ROBERT J. GILMORE, 36035736, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

30 April 1945

Private First Class ALFRED B. BARNETT, 39606850, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Aspermont, Texas.

Private JACK L. LENNETT, 39594475, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class LOUIS M. GREEN, 37036085, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sioux City, Idaho.

3 May 1945

Private First Class LEMUEL C. FORD, JR., 38344659, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kellerville, Texas.

7 May 1945

Private First Class HERBERT F. HUCK, 37568750, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Winona, Minnesota.

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8 May 1945

Private First Class EXTOL D. UGHARTY, 37616912, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

10 May 1945

Private FRANK L. GOSS, 36846943, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Platterville, Wisconsin.

11 May 1945

Private JACOB D. ELENBAAS, 36472109, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Cadillac, Michigan.

12 May 1945

Private First Class EVERETT R. CHRISTIAN, 38590863, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Stuart, Oklahoma.

14 May 1945

Private First Class JOE BRONSON, 39310362, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Scots Mills, Oregon.

16 May 1945

~~REV. [REDACTED] 36920533, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Flint, Michigan.~~

~~REV. [REDACTED] 37753347, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sumner, Mississippi.~~

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 324

L.I.O. 25,  
9 July 1945.

**ORIGINAL ORDER -**

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

*Rec by No 338 - July 18, 1945*  
29 January 1945  
Private First Class WILLIAM H. DOMING, 37567376, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wishek, North Dakota.

5 February 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM H. [unclear] 37567376, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Clay City, [unclear].

25 February 1945

Technician Fourth Grade SYDNEY [unclear], 36236776, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home Address: [unclear], Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS M. [unclear], 6401671, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Tacoma, Washington.

27 February 1945

Private First Class NATHAN BRANNAN, 38092585, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chickadee, Oklahoma.

16 March 1945

Private First Class PAUL H. BURTON, 37537750, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wichita, Kansas.

29 April 1945

Sergeant J. C. FRANKS, 34599158, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Glenville, North Carolina.

1 May 1945

Private First Class GLENN L. TUNGATE, 37624493, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Shelbyville, Missouri.

5 May 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM J. BACON, 36980495, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Stanford, Michigan.

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14 May 1945

Private First Class NEWTON E. HAMBLY, 35241618, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Narwood, Ohio.

15 May 1945

Corporal ANDREW G. MILLER, 37112486, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Norway, Iowa.

18 May 1945

Private First Class EARL D. FARBER, 35835904, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Gallipolis, Ohio.

19 May 1945

Private JAMES T. FRITCHETT, 35818012, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Henderson, Kentucky.

27 May 1945

Private First Class CHARLES H. HENSLEER, SR., 44035667, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Social Circle, Georgia.

11 June 1945

Sergeant CARL F. KERN, 33683536, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: West Hickory, Pennsylvania.

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**ORIGINAL ORDER -**

**A.O. 25,  
9 July 1945.**

**Section I**

**AWARD OF SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.**--By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster awarded Sergeant JAMES R. MCKEON, 31042436, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division; as published in General Orders No. 5, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 30 January 1945 and General Orders No. 112, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 13 April 1945, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 May 1945. Home Address: New Haven, Connecticut.

**Section II**

**AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.**--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

**10 April 1945**

Private First Class FRANK S. ZIMMAN, 37615281, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

**11 April 1945**

Private First Class VINCENT L. MOORE, 42011033, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Morristown, New Jersey.

Private First Class ALVIN T. JOINER, 38492291, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Private First Class JOHN R. SELLER, 37563378, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kenasha, Wisconsin.

**12 April 1945**

Staff Sergeant PATRICK J. MOORE, 37052602, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

**15 April 1945**

Private First Class WILLIAM C. JORDAN, 39709419, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

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18 April 1945

Private First Class ERNEST J. KANGAL, 39703339, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

14 May 1945

Private BUDDLE TODROVICH, 39524041, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Walla Walla, Washington.

16 May 1945

Private First Class JILLIE E. STRAIT, 33763257, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania.

17 May 1945

Private First Class ROBERT J. MacDONALD, 16175611, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Joliet, Illinois.

Private CHARLES J. RICHARDSON, 37752789, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Inaale Nebraska.

Private First Class TOWNSEND, 36867483, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Alma, Michigan.

18 May 1945

Sergeant WILLIAM C. MIZE, 34828687, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Buchanan, Georgia.

Private RUDOLPH W. SMITHICK, 38632000, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Worth, Texas.

Private DONALD C. WILHOUSE, 36936565, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Coal Valley, Illinois.

19 May 1945

Private FLOYD O. FRILL, 39546697, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Vancouver, Washington.

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NUMBER 322

ORIGINAL ORDER -

A.P.O. 25,  
7 July 1945.

**AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.**—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, D, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant **CLARENCE A. LOCKHART**, 20943467, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Puncan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 February 1945. Staff Sergeant LOCKHART was a squad leader on a patrol sent out to advance behind enemy lines and establish a trail block on the main enemy supply trail. The patrol cut the enemy communication wires, organized a trail block and began to dig in when they were subjected to rapid, grazing machine gun fire from 2 pillboxes and heavy rifle and mortar fire from concealed enemy positions. Two men were wounded before they were able to seek cover behind a small knoll. Staff Sergeant LOCKHART noticed one of the wounded laying helplessly exposed to enemy fire, and with another man, voluntarily left cover to rescue the casualty. The other man was struck by fragments and Staff Sergeant LOCKHART removed him back to safety. He then returned through the enemy fire to where the first wounded man lay. After pulling him to cover, he found that the man had died. Staff Sergeant LOCKHART's gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mr. S. C. Lockhart, Father, 1924 West 6th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel **EBEN F. SWIFT**, 023258, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Umingan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 February 1945. When an attack on the town had been temporarily halted, Lieutenant Colonel SWIFT, Battalion Commander, with disregard for his own safety in full view and under direct enemy fire, voluntarily advanced to the leading elements of the attacking rifle company in order to coordinate and direct the attack. Although his position was devoid of cover and despite the fact that several men nearby had become casualties, he maintained his position throughout the attack. Lieutenant Colonel SWIFT's gallant actions, outstanding leadership and unselfish devotion, above and beyond the normal call of duty, served as an inspiration to his entire battalion, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Colonel Eben Swift, Father, 339 Natalen Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel **RODGER R. BANKSON**, 0353092, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Balete Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 March 1945. When a powerful enemy raiding party established a block along a vital ridge in the Third Battalion zone of

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operations, Lieutenant Colonel BANKSON took immediate steps to eliminate the threat. Summoning an assistant and equipping himself with a large supply of automatic rifle ammunition, he and the other man courageously advance within 30 yards of enemy concealed machine guns. Lieutenant Colonel BANKSON and the other man swiftly knocked out one machine gun while exposed to the grazing fire of automatic weapons at close range. His daring act cleared the battalion zone of communications and secured "Banzai Ridge" for subsequent successful operations against the powerful enemy defense garrison. Five seriously wounded men were safely evacuated as a result of his aggressive action. Lieutenant Colonel BANKSON's gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Eleanor L. Bankson, Wife, East 728 Indiana Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), and Letter, AG 200.6 Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant VICTORINO I. ESPINOLA, 1st Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 3 April 1945. Under the cover of a shellin, the enemy crept toward the eastern side of the perimeter of an infantry company defended by Technical Sergeant ESPINOLA's unit. They held their ground and met the advancing enemy in spite of superior fire. A mortar shell hit the only machine gun in that sector, killing the gunner instantly and wounding his assistant. Technical Sergeant ESPINOLA, with disregard for his own personal safety and under heavy enemy fire, rushed to the machine gun emplacement manning the machine gun himself and killing all the enemy who were rushing the emplacement. Technical Sergeant ESPINOLA's gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to other members of the command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Esperanza Aurelio, Wife, Zaiagoza, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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A.F.O. 25,  
7 July 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Pub 43, D, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class MARION E. DIMITT, 37712944, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Bolong, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. When a platoon of which Private First Class DIMITT was a member was suddenly fired on by riflemen and machine guns, a member of the platoon was severely wounded by an enemy sniper and lay in an exposed position. Private First Class DIMITT, with utter disregard of his own personal safety, voluntarily and against the advise of his squad leader crawled 20 yards to the wounded man's position. Although wounded on the way, he continued until he had removed the wounded man to a place of cover where first aid could be administered. Private First Class DIMITT's gallant actions and devotion to duty above and beyond the call of duty were responsible for saving the life of a wounded man, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. J. G. Dimmitt, Father, 519 West 3rd Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant JOHN T. GIST, 37065110, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 January 1945. Staff Sergeant GIST, a platoon sergeant advancing with his platoon, had just reached a street bordering a strongly defended village block when the enemy opened up with point blank 47mm gun fire and rapid machine gun fire from a reinforced pillbox supported by 3 other machine gun positions, causing many casualties to his platoon. The platoon withdrew to the cover of a ruined building 50 yards to the rear evacuating their casualties, when it was found that one of the wounded still remained behind. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant GIST dashed across 30 yards of open ground swept by the interlocking fire of four enemy machine guns, picked up the wounded man and carried him back to cover and medical treatment. Staff Sergeant GIST's gallant actions and devotion to duty, far and above the call of his duty, were an inspiration to all reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Edith E. Gist, Mother, Route #4, Paragould, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) WINFIELD R. JONES, 35729797, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Balote Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 April 1945. When Medical aid men were unable to reach a wounded platoon

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sergeant who lay in a shell hole on the enemy's side of a hill under attack by our forces, Technician Fifth Grade JONES, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the side of the wounded man, bound his arm with a leather rifle sling, and still exposed to the enemy rifle and machine gun fire, dragged him to a position of slightly better cover where he administered first aid and blood plasma. Technician Fifth Grade JONES's gallant action, calmness under fire and fearless adherence to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed the deed and reflected high credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. L. G. Jones, Father, 117 West 7th Street, Bicknell, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH L. LELIEVRE, 31115922, Armored, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces northwest of Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 April 1945. Seeing that 2 members of a 37mm gun crew had been hit by shrapnel, Staff Sergeant LELIEVRE, Platoon Sergeant, Assault Gun Platoon, dashed across open terrain under intense enemy artillery fire for 100 yards to the aid of the wounded men. He immediately got the casualties under cover from the fire, administered first aid to them. He then ran back 200 yards under fire, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, to seek Medical Aid men. Returning with 2 aid men to the position of the casualties, he helped get the wounded men to safety. Staff Sergeant LELIEVRE's gallant actions and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded men, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Jeanne B. Lelievre, Wife, 11 Beulah Street, Sanford, Maine.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

A.P.O. 25,  
7 July 1945.

**AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bul 43, D, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant HENRY J. PHILLIPS, 01318696, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. When a bulldozer building a supply road to advance units needing the aid of an M-7 was fired upon by concealed enemy riflemen and a light machine gun First Lieutenant PHILLIPS, with disregard for his own personal safety, crawled within 10 feet of the position destroying the machine gun by knocking out the gun and killing the crew. First Lieutenant PHILLIPS' heroic actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Charles S. Phillips, Brother, 38 Kensley Drive, Great Neck, New York.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) MARTIN SCHULTZ, JR., 39618306, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Manuel, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 - 26 January 1945. Staff Sergeant SCHULTZ's company was the spearhead of a battalion assault on the powerful enemy garrison at San Manuel. During the violent engagement, his company suffered numerous casualties. With disregard to his own personal safety, in the face of grazing machine gun and 47mm gun fire he helped to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. For six hours he labored at this hazardous task. Two days later when he was manning a 60mm mortar in the face of heavy enemy artillery concentrations, he was wounded; however, he refused to leave his station until fire missions were completed. Staff Sergeant SCHULTZ's heroic actions and devotion to duty above and beyond the call of duty were an inspiration to all who observed him, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Martin Schultz, Sr., Father, St. Xavier, Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade HANS G. WILD, 37481678, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. While on duty as radio operator with a liaison party, and upon observing a bomb land in friendly lines, wounding several men, Technician Fifth Grade WILD left his place of shelter and under enemy mortar and artillery fire, advanced to a severely injured man. While still under fire, he applied a tourniquet to the man's leg, completed first aid treatment and then super-

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vised the evacuation of the wounded to an aid station. Technician Fifth Grade WOLD's heroic actions and devotion to duty saved the life of a wounded man, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Pearl O. Wold, Mother, Witten, South Dakota.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, "D, 1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private FERNANDO G. ANCHETA, 1st Guerrilla Regiment, LCAF, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 March 1945. Private ANCHETA was acting as a scout leader of a patrol sent on a mission to contact the enemy, determine its strength and locate enemy gun emplacements which had been harassing their position. Suddenly he and two other soldiers came upon enemy foxholes where entrenched enemy soldiers began firing at them. He immediately threw a hand grenade at the foxholes, killing 5 of the enemy. Disregarding his own personal safety and in the face of heavy enemy fire, he stood upright and picked up a seriously wounded member of the patrol to evacuate him to safety. Private ANCHETA's heroic actions and coolness under fire greatly inspired those who witnessed it and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Adriana Gonzales, Mother, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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A.P.O. 25,  
6 July 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, ID, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain VICTOR E. GENTILMAN, 01283239, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 May 1945. After attacking the Command Post installation of Captain GENTILMAN's battalion, the enemy set up 2 heavy machine guns and taking advantage of their position, they began firing directly into our troops with machine guns and knee mortars. One mortar round hit directly above a foxhole wounding one man and killing another. Hearing the wounded man's stricken cry for help, Captain GENTILMAN left his position of safety and ran 50 yards to the wounded man's foxhole in the face of machine gun fire concentrated on him. Upon reaching the wounded man, he administered first aid and used his own body to shield him from further fragment wounds until the enemy forces could be driven off. Captain GENTILMAN's heroic actions and coolness under fire were instrumental in saving a wounded man's life, and were an inspiration to all who observed him in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lena Gentilman, Sister, 536 Park Avenue, Kane, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant KEITH W. KLOHS, 32229321, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Balet Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 April 1945. Sergeant KLOHS, was in a party of 5 enlisted men and one officer that were to control Air Support missions in support of the 25th Infantry Division. Immediately on getting into position at the observation post, enemy artillery began shelling the area. During this shelling, Sergeant KLOHS exposed himself continuously to the enemy fire to run out 50 yards of telephone wire and attached equipment and tested it to set up a remote control unit to complete the communications. As a result of Sergeant KLOHS' work, communications were established which controlled the bombing in support of the 25th Infantry Division, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Keith W. Klohs, Wife, 173-31 104 Road, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) ORIN W. LOVE, 37701565, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Kapintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 April 1945. Staff Sergeant LOVE was a member of an infantry security patrol assigned to a six man engineer demolition squad whose mission was to prepare a

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bypass around a destroyed bridge one mile south of Kapintalan. Before work could begin, a concentration of 26 rounds of enemy 47mm artillery landed in the area. Though Staff Sergeant LOVE was without cover, and artillery fire had damaged his machine gun, he stayed by his weapon to insure protection against a possible enemy ground attack. Immediately upon a lull in the shelling, the detail withdrew to a safer position, while he remained to cover their withdrawal. He then carried his weapon to a truck and subjected himself to possible fire by driving the truck to the defilade of a high hill, from where he drove a wounded man along the exposed Highway to an aid station. Staff Sergeant LOVE's heroic actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Maud E. Luning, Mother, 1717 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class JOHN PANGRAC, 33603747, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Tuncan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 February 1945. Private First Class PANGRAC was a member of a patrol sent out to advance behind enemy lines and establish a trail block to cut the enemy communication and supply route. While carrying out this mission, the patrol was fired upon by enemy machine guns, mortar and heavy rifle fire from concealed positions. When the patrol moved to a more tenable position, Private First Class PANGRAC noticed a wounded man lying helplessly exposed to enemy fire. With disregard to his own personal safety, he and another man ran towards the casualty unavoidably exposed to rapid machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. Before he could reach the man, he fell seriously wounded. Although in much pain, he would accept little help and with great courage and fortitude, made his way down the tortuous ridge in the subsequent withdrawal of the patrol. Private First Class PANGRAC's heroic action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Anna Pangrac, Mother, 1056 Locust St., Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

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A.F.O. 25,  
6 July 1945.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

\* *Rev by No 345 - July 17, 1945*  
Colonel CHARLES G. ALLAN, 017671, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 22 May to 30 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Myra D. Allan, Wife, Boise, Idaho.

Brigadier General WILLIAM B. BRADFORD, 06661, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while attached to the 25th Infantry Division from 21 April to 3 September 1944. Home Address: The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.

Major JOE T. DAVIS, 0273026, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 23 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Hilda W. Davis, Wife, 2150 Capers Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant HENRY A. DEPPERSCHMIDT, 37144762, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 21 January to 23 January 1945. Home Address: Mr. John Depperschmidt, Father, Park, Kansas.

First Lieutenant CHARLES A. DeWARE, 01295685, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Balote Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 April 1945. First Lieutenant DeWARE was leader of a strong combat reconnaissance patrol ordered to locate enemy resistance on the right flank of the regimental zone of operations. As the patrol reached a narrow defile, a powerful and cleverly concealed enemy ambush party suddenly opened fire causing many casualties. Moving fearlessly in the face of close-in rapid fire of 50 enemy riflemen and 4 machine guns, he personally supervised the withdrawal of his troops to safety. At one time during the skirmish, First Lieutenant DeWARE carried one critically wounded man on his back over an open hill in the face of continued enemy aimed rifle and grazing machine gun fire. First Lieutenant DeWARE's heroic actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. C. A. DeWare, Mother, Brenham, Texas.

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First Lieutenant WARREN P. FABER, 01182323, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Balate Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 April 1945. First Lieutenant FABER conducted an enormous mission of laying artillery fire on Highly Ridge and Crump Hill in a highly efficient manner. He was constantly under enemy artillery fire, but elected to remain in his position for 3 hours to obtain the desired results. First Lieutenant FABER's heroic actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Glenn Faber, Father, WFD 2, LaMoille, Illinois.

Sergeant JOSEPH FETCHO, 32546624, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Tanga, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 June 1945. Sergeant FETCHO was attached as a medical aid man to a platoon which was dug in on a small knoll. During the night, the platoon was subjected to an infiltration attack during which a hand grenade landed in the hole occupied by Sergeant FETCHO and two other men. One of the men attempted to throw the grenade back at the enemy, but it exploded in his hand, wounding all three occupants of the position. Sergeant FETCHO, disregarding his own wounds, administered first aid to the two other wounded men, at the same time keeping up a sufficient volume of fire to prevent the enemy from penetrating his position. Due to his preoccupation with tending to the other men and continuing the fire fight, his own wounds were left uncared for until morning. Sergeant FETCHO's heroic actions and devotion to duty prevented the enemy from penetrating his position and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Mary Fetcho, Mother, 8 Jones Street, Binghamton, New York.

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 316

ORIGINAL ORDER -

A.F.O. 25,  
5 July 1945.

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

10 March 1945

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND R. SIMM, 37112532, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Williamsburg, Iowa.

Private First Class ALMA C. THAYNE, 39918114, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: American Fork, Utah.

Private First Class JACK K. THOMPSON, 37530256, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wrayville, Kansas.

11 March 1945

Sergeant VERNON L. LOGAN, 37144484, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wichita, Kansas.

Private First Class FREDERICK W. TOMBS, 39601910, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Missoula, Montana.

Private JAMES H. TEEBOR, 37135337, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Harwood, Missouri.

Private CLARENCE G. WOLD, 39621996, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Butte, Montana.

12 March 1945

Private First Class BLAIR H. SWAFFER, 37672473, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mediapolis, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant EINO WILMANS, 37153919, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hannah, Wyoming.

14 March 1945

Private First Class GORDON, A. SNYDER, 38588475, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pryor, Oklahoma.

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15 March 1945

Private First Class ROBERT C. MICHAELSEN, 37673332, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class CHARLES E. PAGE, 35804817, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Covington, Ohio.

16 March 1945

Private GEORGE F. ENTIAND, 37578850, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Valley City, North Dakota.

18 March 1945

Private First Class WILFRED G. LOOSEROCK, 37573058, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Wilmont, Minnesota.

Private First Class WALTER W. McCARLEY, 38406675, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Towson, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant JESSIE A. WALTON, 34146570, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fountain City, Pennsylvania.

20 March 1945

Private DOMOLFO G. LOYA, 20302315, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: El Paso, Texas.

21 March 1945

Private First Class ANDREW J. LOHMEIER, 37673437, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Manning, Iowa.

Private First Class RALPH D. STREET, 37112696, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Bellovue, Nebraska.

22 March 1945

Private THURMAN E. LOYD, 37065336, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Diver, Arkansas.

23 March 1945

Private First Class ROBERT L. McERON, 38477855, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Nacogdoches, Texas.

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Private First Class CLEO F. RADWATER, 39718404, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ontario, California.

Private First Class HAROLD R. WOOD, 38508406, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Warren, Arkansas.

25 March 1945

Private First Class CECIL L. SEAMAN, 36868445, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Midland, Michigan.

26 March 1945

Private First Class JOHN OLESKEVICH, 36322107, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class MILTON H. PRESLEY, 38507605, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hatton, Arkansas.

Private First Class RICHARD VANDERMILLION, 38509085, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Smith, Arkansas.

27 March 1945

Private First Class PATRICK W. McCUSKER, 37567287, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Faribault, Minnesota.

30 March 1945

Private JOE J. McDUGAL, 34823362, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Ball Grounds, Georgia.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT S. SALLIN, 02007403, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Spokane, Washington.

Private First Class ALVIN A. MUDEN, 36865476, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Centerville, Michigan.

2 April 1945

Private First Class BENJAMIN E. LOVELESS, 39699649, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant WILLIAM Q. BONE, 37065404, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Barber, Arkansas.

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3 April 1945

Private First Class VERNON A. WINTER, 37112641, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Titonka, Iowa.

4 April 1945

Corporal ELM K. ZIETLOW, 37481925, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

8 April 1945

Private First Class ANTHONY J. TOMASILLO, 39135544, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: East San Jose, California.

9 April 1945

Private First Class THOMAS F. LOCKARD, 37527874, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kansas City, Missouri.

10 April 1945

Private First Class J. D. WYCO, 38519192, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Jones, Louisiana.

Sergeant RAYMOND L. PIERCE, 37704121, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Oberlin, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant ARTHUR L. WUNDERLICH, 39601655, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Kalispell, Montana.

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NUMBER 15

ORIGINAL ORDER -

A.P.O. 25,  
5 July 1945.

Section I

AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.—By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

21 March 1945

Staff Sergeant WDE H. MEERS, 39156493, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pomona, California. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 48, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 14 December 1943).

Private First Class GLENN A. POWERS, 37474604, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Omaha, Nebraska. (Section II, page 1, General Orders No. 155, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945).

Private First Class FRANCIS O. WILLOUGHBY, 37529469, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Concordia, Kansas. (Page 1, General Orders No. 70, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 20 March 1945).

25 March 1945

Private First Class MARY H. LUBERT, 36034044, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois. (Page 2, General Orders No. 72, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 21 March 1945).

Private First Class FRELIN E. HILL, 39568947, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Brea, California. (Page 2, General Orders No. 4, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 24 January 1945).

28 March 1945

Private First Class PATRICK M. McGOVERN, 37563822, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Proctor, Minnesota. (Page 2, General Orders No. 11, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945).

Sergeant GLEN S. SCOTT, 37529905, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Scott, Kansas. (Section I, page 2, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 25 February 1945).

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29 March 1945

Private First Class LELAND W. SECOR, 37672794, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Des Moines, Iowa. (Section I, page 2, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 25 February 1945).

4 April 1945

Private First Class JOSEPH J. CRSTOTT, 36678505, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mechanicsville, Iowa. (Page 1, General Orders No. 10, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 4 February 1945).

Staff Sergeant RANDOLPH W. TUDFSON, 39128259, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Trinidad, California. (Page 2, General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 11 February 1945).

9 April 1945

Sergeant OLIVER J. PRICE, 37143829, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Buffalo, Wyoming. (Page 2, General Orders No. 20, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945).

18 April 1945

Private First Class GUY J. NICHOLS, 37528983, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Marshall, Missouri. (Section I, page 1, General Orders No. 65, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 18 March 1945).

23 April 1945

Private First Class ERNEST W. JOHNSON, 35387792, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pickens, West Virginia. (Section I, page 2, General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 11 February 1945).

Private First Class AERICO LUOCKI, 35547913, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mishawaka, Indiana. (Section I, page 2, General Orders No. 20, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945).

27 April 1945

Private First Class WILBERT E. REED, 27682359, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Potosi, Wisconsin. (Page 2, General Orders No. 96, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 4 April 1945).

29 April 1945

Private First Class ROBERT A. TUCHER, 39335289, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: McDowell, California. (Page 1, General Orders No. 126, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 23 April 1945).

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30 April 1945

Private First Class ORVILLE W. ZEIGLER, 38508369, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Salem, Arkansas. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 119, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 18 April 1945).

4 May 1945

Corporal FRANK RODRIGUEZ, 39081875, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Madera, California. (Section I, page 3, General Orders No. 42, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 4 September 1943).

11 May 1945

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL T. MUNDIE, 33121236, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Roxburg, Virginia. (Section II, Page 3, General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 26 August 1943).

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Staff Sergeant LORIAN W. NICHOLS, 38338223, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Amarillo, Texas. (Page 2, General Orders No. 8, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 2 February 1945).

17 May 1945

Private First Class VINCENT W. HENNESSEY, 37663875, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Waterloo Iowa. (Section II, page 2, General Orders No. 2, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 22 January 1945).

Private First Class RENE A. PELTIER, 20942890, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Spokane, Washington. (Section I, page 3, General Orders No. 1, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 3 January 1944).

Sergeant RAY D. RANDOLPH, 35387863, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Akron, Ohio. (Section 2, page 2, General Orders No. 2, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 22 January 1945).

18 May 1945

Sergeant JAMES R. STANLEY, 37567384, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Springfield, Tennessee. (Section I, page 2, General Orders No. 102, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 6 April 1945).

Private First Class WILLIAM SWETCH, 39600988, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Dillon, Montana. (Section II, page 4, General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945).

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19 July 1945

Private First Class CLYDE HOC. C, 38095837, Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Gatesville, Texas. (Page 1, General Orders No. 17, Headquarters  
25th Infantry Division, 11 February 1945).

Section II

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-  
45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th In-  
fantry Division, to the following enlisted men for wounds received in  
action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date  
indicated:

24 January 1945

Private First Class ALVIN R. JONES, 37145375, Infantry, United States Army.  
Home Address: Ashart, Nebraska.

24 February 1945

Private First Class SAMUEL E. STEWART, 38076949, Infantry, United States  
Army. Home Address: Alva, Oklahoma.

Section III

REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS.--So much of Section II (Award of the Bronze  
Star Medal), General Orders No. 239, this headquarters, 13 June 1945, as per-  
tains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Captain WEFLOD A. SHERMAN, JR.,  
0430558, is revoked.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

A.F.O. 25,  
3 July 1945.

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

18 January 1945

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH T. JORDAN, 20219427, Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Tarrytown, New York.

19 January 1945

Technician Fourth Grade ALEXANDER G. WAMBACH, 39093727, Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Portland, Oregon.

21 January 1945

Private First Class POWERS W. MILLIANS, 34820394, Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Newnan, Georgia.

26 January 1945

Private First Class HUBERT M. MOORE, 38434935, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Dallas, Texas.

9 April 1945

Technical Sergeant THEODORE J. HUFF, 33159473, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Coulterville, Illinois.

Private First Class PETE T. MARTINEZ, 39016903, Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Montrose, California.

20 April 1945

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE N. BAUMBACH, 684151A, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: South Hampton, Pennsylvania.

28 April 1945

Private First Class JOHN W. MILLENICZ, 42009728, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Jersey City, New Jersey.

16 May 1945

Private First Class CLAUDE J. BROCOMBAUGH, 39595720, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Porterville, California.

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18 May 1945

Sergeant DOIS D. GAMBILL, 38507223, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Monette, Arkansas.

Sergeant PAUL E. HENSLEY, 37529963, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Joplin, Missouri.

Private First Class SILVERIO RIOS, 38091534, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Conant, Texas.

22 May 1945

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES W. KIMBREL, 34240834, Medical Department, United States Army. Home Address: Quincy, Florida.

29 May 1945

Private First Class CLARENCE W. SUEGER, 36909147, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Beloit, Illinois.

30 May 1945

Private First Class DENZIE BICHOLZ, 37753770, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Sedalia, Missouri.

31 May 1945

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~~Private First Class MANOS K. COCCELOW, 38732537, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Tyler, Missouri.~~

1 June 1945

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~~Private First Class WALTER N. WILDERS, 44046880, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Laurel, Mississippi.~~

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

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3 July 1945.

Section I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR OAK LEAF CLUSTER.--By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant JAMES S. WHITE, O2007271, Chemical Warfare Service, as published in General Orders No. 155, Headquarters Sixth Army, 29 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944).

First Lieutenant JAMES S. WHITE, O2007271, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 21 January to 28 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Madge S. White, Mother, Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

Section II

SOLDIERS' MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul 8, WD, 1926), a Soldiers' Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class ALFRED F. PHILLIPS, 20500195, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 March 1945. Private First Class PHILLIPS, and two fellow soldiers were driving down a highway when an explosion occurred in a truck at a nearby waterpoint. He and the two other soldiers drove to the scene of the accident. Five wounded men were lying beside a burning truck loaded with demolitions. With utter disregard for his own safety in the face of grave danger, he assisted in removing the five men and placed them in a jeep where one of the soldiers sped them to a hospital. While one soldier attempted to summon help, Private First Class PHILLIPS and another soldier dragged the other injured men away from the burning truck. Private First Class PHILLIPS' exemplary behavior in the face of imminent danger at the risk of his life is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Ethel Phillips, Mother 363 1/2 S. Central Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Master Sergeant ALEXANDER D. TOROK, 35009326, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 March 1945. Master Sergeant TOROK and two fellow soldiers were driving down a highway when an explosion occurred in a truck at a nearby waterpoint. He and the two other soldiers drove to the scene of the accident. Five wounded men were

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lying beside a burning truck loaded with demolitions. With utter disregard for his own safety in the face of grave danger, he assisted in removing the five men and placed them in a jeep where one of the soldiers sped them to a hospital. While one soldier attempted to summon help, Master Sergeant TOROK and another soldier dragged the other injured men away from the burning truck. Master Sergeant TOROK's exemplary behavior in the face of imminent danger at the risk of his life is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Alexander D. Torok, Wife, Box 1007, Cushing, Oklahoma.

Section III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Major THOMAS CHENGAY, 122d Battalion, ICAF-USAFFE, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 March to 25 June 1945.

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3 July 1945.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) BILLY D. COLLINS, 35447761, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade COLLINS, radio operator of a forward observer's party, working with an Infantry Company, on his own initiative left his place of safety to carry his radio through heavy machine gun and rifle fire to the Forward Observer's position. By his daring action, when others were pinned to the ground, he restored desperately needed communications to the Fire Direction Center where wire communications had been cut by the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade COLLINS' heroic actions and devotion to duty were instrumental in beating off a strong and heavily armed enemy attack and an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Viola Collins, Mother, Unus, West Virginia.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) JAMES J. ENRIGHT, 01298845, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Lubog, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 February 1945. A small party of officers and men, including Captain ENRIGHT, were moving along a main highway when they were suddenly fired upon by a large force of enemy riflemen from well concealed positions. Seeing that the enemy were about to put a machine gun into action, Captain ENRIGHT, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of the intense enemy fire, rushed the enemy machine gun emplacement, firing his rifle into it. Upon reaching the emplacement, he first attempted to turn the machine gun on the enemy, but having insufficient time for that, he destroyed the gun. Captain ENRIGHT's heroic actions and coolness under fire were instrumental in enabling the small party to hold a key piece of terrain until reinforcements could be brought up; were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lillian Enright, Mother, 6052 Madison Street, Ridgewood, Long Island, New York.

Technical Sergeant HENRY GLADU, 6139396, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 8 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Rose Polocuin, Sister, 728 Providence Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

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Technical Sergeant FRANCIS B. GUNN, 6903464, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 30 April 1945. Home Address: Mr. Walter Gunn, Father, 538 Marilla Street, Buffalo, New York.

Captain DENNIS L. HEALY, JR., 0322736, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 15 June 1942 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Mr. Dennis L. Healy, Sr., Father, 1931 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant KENNETH R. KOCH, 37021364, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 January to 19 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. C. W. Koch, Mother, Nelson, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant JAMES W. McCABE, 39676971, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 January to 1 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Bertha J. McCabe, Mother, Payette, Idaho.

Sergeant ROGER L. NEWCOMB, 11015416, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 30 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Viola Newcomb, Mother, 22 Market Street, Somersworth, New Hampshire.

Captain ROBERT M. SMOOT, 0349632, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 18 June 1945. Home Address: Colonel Perry M. Smoot, Father, 750 11th Avenue, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Captain FERDINAND J. WINGRZYN, 0396884, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South Pacific Area from 20 November to 17 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Marjorie P. Wngrzyn, Wife, 1437 Washington Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Section I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, 'D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant CLARENCE E. ROBERTS, 6994036, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 7 February 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Grace Roberts, Mother, 910 First Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Section II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, 'D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) LESTER E. ADAMS, 6281914, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade ADAMS, an aid man, was informed that a member of his platoon had fallen down a 30 foot cliff when an enemy shell burst near him. With disregard to his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade ADAMS crawled on his hands and knees through a heavily booby-trapped area to the side of the wounded man, and immediately administered first aid. He then returned to his position and, getting some rope, made his way once more back to the injured man. At the crest of the drop, he fastened one end of the rope to a blasted tree stump and the other end around his waist. He then made his way back down the cliff, reaching the wounded man; and lashed him to his back. With the wounded man's weight burdening him down, he climbed hand over hand up the boulder-studded face of the cliff. Technician Fifth Grade ADAMS' heroic actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Ethel L. Craner, Mother, Mule Creek, New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade STEVE V. BABINGSAK, 7025366, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces near Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade BABINGSAK, radio sergeant of a forward observer's party working with an Infantry Company, on his own initiative

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left his place of safety to carry his radio through heavy machine gun and rifle fire to the Forward Observer's position. By his daring action, when others were pinned to the ground, he restored desperately needed communications to the Fire Direction Center where wire communication had been cut by the enemy. Technician Fourth Grade BABINCSAK's heroic action and devotion to duty were instrumental in beating off a strong and heavily armed enemy force, and an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Barbara Babincsak, Mother, Twin Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RAY J. BATMAN, 20211549, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 30 April 1945. Home Address: Mr. Joseph Bateman, Father, 13 Williams Street, Middleport, New York.

Staff Sergeant ISAAC D. BREEDLOVE, 6921931, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 5 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson, Mother, 139 East First Street, DeRidder, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant JULIAN J. COHN, 6580440, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 8 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. L. Lipkey, Mother, 847 South Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, California.

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**A.F.O. 25,**  
**1 July 1945.**

**AWARD OF FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.**--by direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to them by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders shown after their name, A Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, for additional wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

29 January 1945

Private First Class PAUL C. JANSSEN, 37144217, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Hartford, South Dakota. (Sec II, page 2, General Orders No. 154, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945).

12 April 1945

Private First Class ERVING L. HALL, 34731431, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: White Bluff, Texas. (Sec II, page 2, General Orders No. 15, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 9 February 1945).

18 May 1945

Private First Class HIRAM A. FONDREN, 30298494, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Foss, Oklahoma. (Sec II, page 2, General Orders No. 64, Headquarters 25th Infantry Division, 18 March 1945).

**Section II**

**AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.**--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

29 January 1945

Staff Sergeant PAUL DULIK, 7025730, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

1 February 1945

Private First Class WILLIAM DEAS, 36688008, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Toronto, Canada.

3 February 1945

Technical Sergeant RA DOLPH R. VARGAS, 38084748, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fort Collins, Colorado.

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13 April 1945

Sergeant MORRIS E. BEECHAM, 34525699, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Beverly, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant CARMELO FARAFAGLIA, 32837606, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fulton, New York.

14 April 1945

Technical Sergeant ALFRED T. ATKINSON, 37529919, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Shawnee, Kansas.

15 April 1945

Private First Class ROY A. MILLER, JR., 39334036, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Myrtle Point, Oregon.

17 April 1945

Staff Sergeant ROY W. UDY, 39679077, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Farmington, Utah.

22 April 1945

Private First Class MIKE G. KOUTAVAS, 37567295, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Faribault, Minnesota.

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Section I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant VICTOR A. BIEGANOWSKI, 12023166, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Pimienta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 29 January 1945. In the face of an enemy artillery barrage and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant BIEGANOWSKI, went to the aid of a wounded comrade and carried him to a place of cover in a nearby ditch. After making the wounded man as comfortable as possible, he then returned to his platoon as a guide. When the enemy artillery barrage shifted to the ditch in which the wounded man lay, Staff Sergeant BIEGANOWSKI again entered the barrage area and carried the wounded man 150 yards away to where a litter squad could care for him. During the entire action, Staff Sergeant BIEGANOWSKI's coolness and calmness under fire was an inspiration to his entire platoon. Home Address: Mr. George Bieganowski, Father, 111 Gertrude Avenue, Salvoy, New York.

Section II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT W. MASON, 38518539, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Karintalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade MASON, attached as an aid man to a rifle company, had accompanied two previous attacks that day which had failed to take the hill. On the third attack, during a particularly concentrated barrage, Technician Fifth Grade MASON heard the faint cry of a wounded man. With disregard for his own personal safety, he left his foxhole and dashed fifty yards across an open space in which artillery and mortar shells were landing. Half way across the clearing, he was knocked to his knees by the concussion of an exploding shell, but he continued on to the side of the wounded man. His prompt first aid controlled a serious hemorrhage and saved the wounded man's life. While he was dressing the man's wounds, two artillery shells burst within forty feet of his position, but he courageously continued his work and then assisted in the evacuation of the casualty. Technician Fifth Grade MASON's devotion to duty in saving the life of a wounded man was an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Ethel Mason, Mother, Route 2, Lillie, Louisiana.

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**SOLDIERS MEDAL.**—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul 8, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) CHARLES B. ALLEN, 39023155, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN and two fellow soldiers were driving down a highway when an explosion occurred in a truck at a nearby waterpoint. He and the two other soldiers drove to the scene of the accident. Five wounded men were lying beside a burning truck loaded with demolitions. With utter disregard for his own safety in the face of grave danger, he assisted in removing the five men and placed them in a jeep where one of the soldiers sped them to a hospital. While one soldier attempted to summon help, Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN and another soldier dragged the other injured men away from the burning truck. Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN's exemplary behavior in the face of imminent danger at the risk of his life is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Odelia A. Allen, Wife, 1534 Harvard Street, Santa Monica, California.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain EDWARD G. SCHLEIGER, 0411304, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March to 29 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. J. G. Schleiger, 418 West 19th Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Corporal JAMES A. SEABOLT, 18064033, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 February 1945. Word was received in an Aid Station that several men lay wounded in an exposed position beyond the friendly lines. With disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal SEABOLT unhesitatingly volunteered to go forward in a litter jeep to attempt to evacuate the seriously wounded men. As Corporal SEABOLT and another soldier advanced in their jeep, they drew fire from both tank and small arms, but were able to reach and evacuate the wounded men. They then repeated the act by returning to the scene and picking up the remaining wounded men. Corporal SEABOLT's heroic actions and devotion to duty above and beyond the call of duty aided in saving the lives of several wounded men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Vatty Seabolt, Mother, Route 4, Abilene, Texas.

Corporal JOHN D. SHEAFFER, 15325109, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 March 1945. Hearing that a number of casualties were lying in an exposed position, Corporal SHEAFFER volunteered as a member of a litter squad to attempt to reach and evacuate the wounded men. Despite heavy enemy small arms fire, he succeeded in reaching the side of the wounded soldiers, administered first aid and started to bring them back to the Aid Station. On the return trip, the squad was brought under accurate small arms fire, and two members of the squad were wounded. Despite this, Corporal SHEAFFER and the other members of his squad carried on bringing the wounded back to safety. Corporal SHEAFFER's heroic actions and devotion to duty above and beyond the call of duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Craig R. Sheaffer, Father, High Point, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Private First Class JOHN W. SINGER, 35254105, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations

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against the Japanese forces at Lupao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 February 1945. On learning that a number of casualties were awaiting evacuation at a line company CP to the front of the Aid Station, Private First Class SINGER volunteered to attempt to drive his jeep to the wounded men in order that they might be more speedily removed from danger and given treatment. He succeeded in reaching the company CP, but immediately after he parked his jeep, an enemy tank previously unspotted opened fire. Realizing that it was his vehicle that was drawing fire and endangering those in the CP and that the jeep was vitally needed in the evacuation of the wounded, he unhesitatingly made his way to the jeep and despite the fact it was under fire from tank artillery, drove it out of range. As the jeep was backing out, a 47mm shell struck the spot on which the jeep had just been standing. Private First Class SINGER's heroic actions and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving both the jeep and in removing a source of great danger to the wounded men in the CP, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Katie Singer, Mother, Route 3, Milton, Kentucky.

Captain BERNARD M. SINGERMAN, O304307, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March to 11 March 1945. Home Address: Mr. Michael Singerman, Father, 7756 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant DAYTON L. SPANGLER, 7020225, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 10 January 1943 to 6 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. S. W. Spangler, Mother, Floyd, Virginia.

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30 June 1945.

Section I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR OAK LEAF CLUSTER (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant KENNETH K. KELLER, 38023292, as published in General Orders No. 24, this headquarters, 30 May 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, ID, 1944).

Technical Sergeant KENNETH K. KELLER, 38023292, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 17 January to 16 March 1945. Home Address: Iva A. Keller, Mother, Beaver, Oklahoma.

Section II

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, ID, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN D. BENTLEY, 12011981, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 17 January to 15 May 1945. Home Address: Mr. Lewis Bentley, Father, Miles Avenue, Fairview Park, Trenton, New Jersey.

Corporal GEORGE P. COLLINS, 14037265, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 1 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Emma Collins, Mother, Route #5, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Corporal LEO R. EPPES, 6957753, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Minuli, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 April 1945. During an infiltration of the battery area by enemy soldiers attempting to destroy gun emplacements, Corporal EPPES, with total disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself in the light of a blazing ammunition fire started by a hand grenade, to engage the enemy in a brief but fierce fire fight. Corporal EPPES' heroic actions and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving valuable equipment, an inspiration to all, and in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Mark J. Eppes, Brother, 2411 Sta Rosa Street, Austin, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN W. FERRIS, 019097, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against

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the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 23 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Helen K. Ferris, Wife, 7307 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Maryland.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES A. KRILL, 13027364, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January to 1 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Elmira Exner, Sister, Stedman Avenue, Lehighnton, Pennsylvania.

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\* First Lieutenant RICHARD P. SNEAD, 01173781, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at San Isidro, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 February 1945. First Lieutenant SNEAD volunteered to land his plane on the front lines, in full view of the enemy, and within range of enemy artillery, to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. The selected landing strip, a plowed field, was very narrow and short, but in spite of the handicap a successful landing was made. When attempting to take off, due to wind conditions and additional weight of the wounded passenger, he was unable to gain enough altitude to clear the trees. He skillfully crash-landed the plane and prevented further injury to his passenger, although receiving slight injuries himself. First Lieutenant SNEAD's heroic action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. E. L. Sneed, Mother, 3706 Fordham Rd., Washington, D. C.

Corporal JOHNNIE D. THORNELL, 14046436, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 17 January to 20 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Roxie Thornell, Mother, Route #1, E. Tallassee, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM E. VAN SANT, JR., 6946500, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 17 December 1942 to 22 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Mary E. Van Sant, Mother, Route #2, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

**AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous).**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), and letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant KONG CHONG LU, COWFM First Company, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 June 1945. Lieutenant LU was in command of a patrol which advanced along an open trail on a jungle-covered ridge leading to the objective. Suddenly the scout was seriously wounded by rapid grazing enemy machine gun fire coming from a bamboo thicket to the flank of the trail. Seeing that the progress of the group was stopped, Lieutenant LU advanced to the head of the column and engaged the concealed enemy machine gun nest with rifle fire as he necessarily moved into the open to evacuate his stricken scout. While so occupied, he cautioned and directed his men to take cover and prepare to envelope the resistance. Soon he suffered a severe wound in his hip. Ignoring the pain from the wound, he continued to engage the enemy in a violent fire fight while other friendly troops advanced to recover the stricken scout. As he continued his heroic protective fire, diverting attention from the rescue work, he was mortally wounded by the murderous enemy machine gun. Second Lieutenant LU's gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. De La Paz, c/o Ku Chim Kun, 504 Santo Cristo Street, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Section II

**AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43, WD, 1918), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant TIAN CHONG LIM, Chinese Pekek Company, Squadron 399 ICAF, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Sante Fe, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 May 1945. Technical Sergeant LIM was leader of a maneuvering force ordered to assault a network of enemy caves built into the vertical walls of a river valley. As he led his men against the

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murderous cross fires of an enemy machine gun and supporting rifle fire, he suffered a serious wound. Four other casualties were suffered in the engagement. When an officer started to administer first aid to him, with gasping breath and in severe pain, requested that he be put aside until other casualties were treated first. Technical Sergeant LIII's fearless and courageous leadership inspired his men to complete the mission and destroy the fortified enemy position and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant PEDRO MOSTRALES, Pangasinan Scouting Squadron, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces near Balete Pass, Philippine Islands, on 4 May 1945. While reconnoitering a heavily wooded and bushy draw, a 15 man patrol, of which Staff Sergeant MOSTRALES was squad leader, was suddenly fired on by enemy riflemen and machine guns. In the ensuing fire fight, a member of his squad was seriously wounded and fell down the hill toward the enemy positions. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant MOSTRALES crawled 35 yards through concentrated enemy fire to the wounded man. Seeing that it was impossible to drag the soldier back up the hill because of the seriousness of his wound, he picked him up and carried him back up the hill through enemy fire. Staff Sergeant MOSTRALES' gallant actions and devotion to duty helped save the life of a wounded man, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Clitilde Velasco, Evangelista, Umingan, Pangasinan, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, ED, 1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th. Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant JOVENIAL F. ALDABA, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Prisca Ejajard, Mother, San Antonio, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Captain AQUILINO C. AQUILISAN, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Loreto C. Aquilisan, Sister, San Antonio, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Second Lieutenant VISIA M. JUSTAMANTE, ANC-IGAF, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant BERNARDO S. CALITA, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Aurelia Gonzales, Wife, Minoz, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Technical Sergeant HENG TAK CUA, Pekek Company, Squadron 399, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 February 1945 to 15 June 1945.

First Sergeant SUAN T. CO, COWHM First Company, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 June 1945. A Chinese combat reconnaissance patrol was sent to investigate approaches to Kapintalan Hill, a Japanese strongpoint. As the patrol advanced along an open trail up a wooded ridge, lead elements were suddenly brought under rapid close range enemy machine gun fire, seriously wounding three men. At this time, First Sergeant CO, upon hearing of the critical situation confronting the patrol, hurried to the scene of action. Disregarding personal safety, he advanced to the head of

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the column where friendly troops were pinned down by the continued enemy machine gun fire. First Sergeant CD fearlessly crawled towards the casualties in an attempt to evacuate them, but as he pushed forward, he too was seriously wounded. His heroic efforts above and beyond the duties normally assigned to him reflected high credit upon himself and his unit. Home Address: Suan Tieh Co, Brother, 894 O'Donnell Street, Manila, Philippine Islands.

First Lieutenant BENJAMIN W. LUN, Pekek Company, Squadron 399, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 February 1945 to 15 June 1945. Home Address: 1206 Magdalena Street, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Technical Sergeant TIAM PENG ONG, Pekek Company, Squadron 399, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 February 1945 to 15 June 1945.

First Lieutenant PRICILO T. PARNAS, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Mercedes Manuel, Wife, Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Major CHARLES SUN, COWHM First Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 February 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant PEDRO SUQUI, First Provisional Battalion, First Pangasinan Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Balete Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 14 April 1945 to 10 June 1945. During final stages of operations against the powerful enemy Balete Pass garrison, Company B was assigned to the mission of securing the west flank of the regimental zone of attack by patrolling from Banzai Ridge along the Villa Verdi Trail. While serving as co-leader of a combat reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant SUQUI and his men discovered an enemy bivouac area. Lieutenant SUQUI made a quick, tactically sound estimate of the situation, and helped lead a surprise assault on nine Japanese in the installation killing them all without suffering a single casualty among his own troops. His vigorous action and sound tactical judgment were important factors in destroying the last elements of Japanese resistance in the Skyline Ridge Area.

Second Lieutenant KOK TAN, Pekek Company, Squadron 399, IGAF, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Santa Fe, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 May 1945. Following a three day drive north up the Tayug River Valley, the Pekek Company was given the mission of attacking a final strongpoint guarding approaches to Santa Fe and Villa Verdi Trail. Lieutenant TAN's rifle platoon, reinforced by two light machine

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guns, was directed to make the main effort against the enemy's cave fortress by attacking in a direct frontal assault. Spurring on light machine gunners who closed with the enemy in the manner of tommy gunners, he ordered a barrage of white phosphorous hand grenades, and directed rapid rifle fire. Inspired by his personal example of indomitable courage, his men crushed all Japanese resistance in the key strongpoint. His coolness under fire, and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his unit.

First Lieutenant MING SENG TAN, COVHM First Company, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 and 4 June 1945. After two days of bitter fighting, the COVHM Company was able to seize vital Kapintalan Mountain, a hill commanding the upper reaches of the Putlan Valley. During the night of 3 and 4 June 1945, a powerful enemy force counterattacked the COVHM unit as it sought to consolidate its positions. The fanatical Japanese assaulted under cover of rapid grazing machine gun and rifle fire, assaulting friendly positions with a barrage of hand grenades. One key machine gun position had been destroyed and ten casualties were sustained by the friendly force as it fought bitterly to repulse the enemy assault. At this time Lieutenant TAN, in the absence of the Company Commander, took the initiative to assume responsibility for the command of the entire friendly force. Lieutenant TAN, with complete disregard for personal safety, moved about in the darkness regrouping the personnel and encouraging his men to resist at all costs. His courageous leadership at a critical time inspired his force and his devotion to duty in the face of grave danger was an important factor in securing the mountain that was so vital at this time.

Second Lieutenant MARCELINEA TAMATAO, ANC-IGAF, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

First Lieutenant VICTORIANO TOTAAN, First Provisional Battalion, First Pangasinan Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Balote Pass, Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 14 April 1945 to 10 June 1945. During final stages of operations against the powerful enemy Balote Pass garrison, Lieutenant TOTAAN's company was assigned the mission of securing the west flank of the regimental zone of attack by patrolling from Banzai Ridge along the Villa Verdie Trail. After other units had attempted for three weeks to clear the Trail, Lieutenant TOTAAN, fearlessly and aggressively led a combat patrol to eliminate Japanese resistance on this line of communication. In a subsequent action, while serving as co-leader of a combat reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant TOTAAN and his men discovered an enemy bivouac area. He made a quick, tactically sound estimate of the situation and helped lead a surprise assault on nine Japanese in the

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installation, killing them all without suffering any casualties among his own troops. Lieutenant TOTAAN's firm and tireless leadership maintained a high standard of discipline and combat efficiency, and was an inspiration to the men of his unit.

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AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9358, 11 May 1942 (Pub 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9212-A, 21 September 1942 (Pub 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN T. FERRIS, 019097, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 15 January to 4 June 1945. Lieutenant Colonel FERRIS participated in aerial flights to gain information as to the strength and disposition of the enemy forces. The area in which the flights were made is very mountainous with treacherous air currents. Low hanging clouds caused the flights to be made at extremely low altitudes in order to gain observation and conduct artillery fire. Lieutenant Colonel FERRIS' services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Helen K. Ferris, Wife, 7307 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Maryland.

First Lieutenant JOHN L. FLAHERTY, 02043002, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 18 February to 8 April 1945. First Lieutenant FLAHERTY flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. First Lieutenant FLAHERTY's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Joseph D. Flaherty, Father, P.O. Box 1326, South Bend, Indiana.

Captain JOHN R. HOLCOMB, 01172497, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 21 May to 4 June 1945. Captain HOLCOMB flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. Captain HOLCOMB's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Edith Holcomb, Wife, Route #2, Sumrall, Mississippi.

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First Lieutenant JOHN J. KEHOE, 01177864, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 30 January to 23 April 1945. First Lieutenant KEHOE flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. Home Address: Dr. John J. Kehoe, Father, 4145 St. Louis Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL - By Election of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9352, January 3, 1942 (Stat 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9342, 21 September 1942 (Stat 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel DEAN M. BENSON, O22991, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 14 January to 19 April 1945. Lieutenant Colonel BENSON flew and observed in daily operational flights over very mountainous terrain with treacherous air currents. Low hanging clouds caused the flights to be made at extremely low altitudes in order to gain observation and conduct artillery fire. The flights drew enemy ground fire, but heedless of his own safety and with ceaseless effort, he completed all missions. Lieutenant Colonel BENSON's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lois W. Benson, Wife, Edgewood Park, Briarcliff Manor, New York, New York.

Captain GEORGE W. BOLTON, JR., O1365225, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 17 January to 10 May 1945. Captain BOLTON flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. Captain BOLTON's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. George W. Bolton, Sr., Father, Rayville, Louisiana.

Major AUGUST M. BONDI, O326290, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 18 January to 5 March 1945. Major BONDI flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. Major BONDI's services reflects credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Tennie Z. Bondi, Mother, 409 N. Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

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First Lieutenant GERALD H. CLARK, O1169461, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 16 May to 19 May 1945. First Lieutenant CLARK flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. First Lieutenant CLARK's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Cecille V. Clark, Wife, Otter Creek, Maine.

First Lieutenant EDWARD J. DUFFY, O1181232, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 23 January to 1 March 1945. First Lieutenant DUFFY flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. First Lieutenant DUFFY's services reflects credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Sarah M. Duffy, Mother, 76 Stuyvesant Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 1st Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF-USAFPE, for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

4 April 1945

Private CESARIO CASAYURAN, Infantry, "C" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Staff Sergeant ARANDO MALO, Infantry, "C" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

5 April 1945

Captain PACIFICO LANSANGAN, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Private ALBERTO MADAYAG, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: Munoz, Nueva Ecija.

Technical Sergeant CRISTETO SARSONAS, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: Indang, Leyte.

6 April 1945

Private First Class FERNANDO ANCHETA, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

Private First Class RUFERTO BELMONTE, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

Private First Class RICARDO LAURETA, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

Corporal FERNANDO LOPEZ, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: San Pedro, Makati, Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

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Private FAUSTO MATUTINO, Infantry, "L" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

Private FELICIANO ORA, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Laur, Nueva Ecija.

7 April 1945

Private First Class FLORENTINO LAURETA, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Private First Class JULIAN LELUZA, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

8 April 1945

Private First Class FLORENDO JALLOHENA, Infantry, "C" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

9 April 1945

Captain MARCELINO CADA, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Private First Class FLORENTINO CASAYURAN, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: San Quintin, Pangasinan.

Private First Class JAIME CATBAGAN, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Staff Sergeant BENIGNO ENCOMIENDA, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.--Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men of the 1st Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF-USAFPE, for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

9 April 1945

Staff Sergeant ELENO OBILLO, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Sergeant BERNARDO ORTIZ, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

10 April 1945

Private First Class JOSE ANCHETA, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija.

Corporal RODOLFO CONSTANTINO, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: 924 Pennsylvania, Manila.

Private First Class URBANO FERNANDEZ, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

11 April 1945

Staff Sergeant HERMENEGILDO GROSPE, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: Lupao, Nueva Ecija.

14 April 1945

Private First Class FRANCISCO CABUTOL, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Corporal RAYMUNDO GONZALES, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

Staff Sergeant PEDRO MARIANO, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

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15 April 1945

Private HUBEN ASANA, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Gulmba, Nueva Ecija.

Private First Class RODOLFO CALIBOSO, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Burgos, Ilocos Norte.

Private PEDRO DATU, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: La Paz, Tarlac.

Staff Sergeant EPITACIO SALUNGA, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija.

19 April 1945

Private First Class NIPOLITO FERNANDEZ, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija.

Corporal CATALINO LOZADA, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: San Antonio, Nueva Ecija.

Private FRANCISCO PALOMO, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: San Antonio, Nueva Ecija.

Private ABELARDO PAYANAL, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: La Paz, Tarlac.

20 April 1945

Private First Class RUFINO GAMBON, Infantry, headquarters and Headquarters Service Company. Home Address: Gulmba, Nueva Ecija.

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13 April 1945

Second Lieutenant NICETAS ARGENAS, Infantry, "K" Company. Home Address: Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

Private First Class ALBERTO DELA CRUZ, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Laur, Nueva Ecija.

Private TEOFILO DELA CRUZ, Infantry, "K" Company. Home Address: Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

Private BENITO ESTACIO, Infantry, "K" Company. Home Address: Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

Private QUIRINO RAMOS, Infantry, "L" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

1 May 1945

Corporal ESPERIDION ESCUADRO, Infantry, "K" Company. Home Address: Laur, Nueva Ecija.

2 May 1945

Sergeant VICENTE BUADO, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

3 May 1945

Private First Class LAURO BASKEN, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: San Quintin, Pangasinan.

Private First Class SIFLICIO DE GUZMAN, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

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Private First Class ACUSTIN FONACIER, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

First Lieutenant ANSELMO HERNANDEZ, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Private ROBERTO BIAL, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Private First Class CLEMENTE TOMINEZ, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

13 May 1945

Private First Class TEOPHILLO GALOPE, Infantry, "L" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

14 May 1945

Corporal FELIPE MIRANDA, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

18 May 1945

Private CORNELIO BAUTISTA, Infantry, "B" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

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11 April 1945

Private First Class AMANDO CALANNO, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

Sergeant ANDRES JOSE, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Moncada, Tarlac.

13 April 1945

Corporal DIONICIO DELA CRUZ, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Talavera, Nueva Ecija.

Private CATALINO BALBICIANO, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

Sergeant MATEO BELLEZA, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Bangued, Abra.

Private First Class BUENVENIDO PEDRO, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

Staff Sergeant PORFIRIO CALINOSO, Infantry, "L" Company. Home Address: Bangui, Ilocos Norte.

Private ALBERTO CORPUZ, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

Captain ARTEMIO S. FSPIDOL, Infantry, "L" Company. Home Address: Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

Private First Class IRINEO ESTEBAN, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

First Lieutenant PATRICIO G. GANIO, Infantry, "L" Company. Home Address: Rizal, Nueva Ecija.

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Corporal CRISTIANO GARCIA, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija. ✓

Sergeant BONIFACIO GARRA, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Mayantoc, Tarlac.

Private CONSTANCIO MEMORE, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija. ✓

Private GAUDENCIO NICOLAS, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija. ✓

Private JOSE TUMBOLON, Infantry, "I" Company. Home Address: Tunoz, Nueva Ecija. ✓

15 April 1945

Corporal ESTACIO BASILIO, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Staff Sergeant MANUEL CASIO, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan.

Technical Sergeant CEFERINO BELESARIO, Infantry, "A" Company. Home Address: Umingan, Pangasinan. ✓

23 April 1945

Private ELADIO AGANON, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija. ✓

Private First Class CIPRIANO FERIA, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija. ✓

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.—Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men of the 1st Guerrilla Regiment, LCAF-USAFPC, for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

23 April 1945

Staff Sergeant ADARNO L. GONG, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Escalante, Negros Occidental.

Private First Class ANGEL IACANLALAY, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

24 April 1945

Private MERCEDES BARTIDO, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija.

Staff Sergeant PACIFICO DELA CRUZ, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija.

Private First Class JOSE GRANADEL, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Sto. Domingo, Nueva Ecija.

7 May 1945

Private First Class CARLOS VERA, Infantry, "H" Company. Home Address: San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

29 May 1945

Private First Class TIRSO DUNAGS, Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company. Home Address: Calasiao, Pangasinan.

31 May 1945

Private First Class FEDERICO COSTALES, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija.

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Private First Class ERIBERTO MANAWAYA, Infantry, "D" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

3 June 1945

Private MARCOS TAGUBANZA, Infantry, "C" Company. Home Address: Tarlac, Tarlac.

5 June 1945

Private JUSTINO CASTILLO, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija.

Private APOLONIO GALINCO, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: San Antonio, Nueva Ecija.

7 June 1945

Private PEDRO DATU, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: La Paz, Tarlac.

Private First Class FLORENTINO BERNAN, Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

10 June 1945

Private APOLINARIO SANTIAGO, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

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3 June 1945

Private BARCOS TAGUBANZA, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Tarlac, Tarlac.

5 June 1945

Private JUSTINO CASTILLO, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija.

Private APOLONIO GARCINO, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: San Antonio, Nueva Ecija.

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Private PEDRO DATU, Infantry, "G" Company. Home Address: La Paz, Tarlac.

Private First Class FLORENTINO MANAYAN, Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

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Private APOLINARIO SANTIAGO, Infantry, "E" Company. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

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Section I

A.P.O. 25,  
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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant WALTER J. KERR, 01180570, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 6 March 1945 to 24 April 1945. First Lieutenant KERR flew and observed in operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. First Lieutenant KERR was seriously wounded in action at a later date while serving as Forward Observer with an Infantry Battalion and died as a result of these wounds. First Lieutenant KERR's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Marian Kerr, Wife, 510 North M Street, Aberdeen, Washington.

Section II

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Major PAUL A. ENGBRETSON, 0444137, as published in General Orders No. 63, this headquarters, dated 17 March 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49, WD, 1942).

Major PAUL A. ENGBRETSON, 0444137, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 17 February to 15 May 1945. Major ENGBRETSON untiringly supervised the establishment and maintenance of air liaison and observation for the division artillery. In addition he participated in day and night missions as pilot. The superior manner in which Major ENGBRETSON controlled the operations of pilots and observers, as well as his actual participation in the same missions, contributed materially to the successful employment of artillery fire on enemy strong points. Home Address: Mrs. June Engbretson, Wife, Webster, South Dakota.

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**AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25, ID, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49, ID, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant DORANCE P. ALQUIST, O1178644, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 22 January to 7 May 1945. First Lieutenant ALQUIST flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. First Lieutenant ALQUIST's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. Oscar F. Alquist, Father, 4115 39th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Major DAVID L. BAKER, O330727, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 16 February to 10 April 1945. Major BAKER flew and observed in daily operational flights over extremely dangerous enemy positions, directing and adjusting artillery fire on vital enemy targets. His superior professional skill and his ability to think clearly and act quickly under hazardous conditions has been of inestimable value in the reduction of enemy strong points by well directed artillery fire. Major BAKER's services reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Eleanor E. Baker, Wife, 821 8th Street, Nevada, Iowa.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, 1D, 1918), and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant HONG GUI YEE, Chinese Overseas Wartime Hsuckan Military Organization, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Putlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 3 and 4 June 1945. During the night a powerful enemy force counterattacked the COWHE unit of which Second Lieutenant YEE was rifle platoon leader, as it sought to consolidate its positions. The fanatical enemy assaulted under cover of rapid grazing machine gun, rifle, and hand grenades. All three members of one key machine gun position were killed and the weapon destroyed by a hand grenade. Second Lieutenant YEE, with disregard of his own personal safety, rushed through the darkness and ran to occupy it single-handedly. After the dash in the face of continued machine gun and grenade fire, he found the gun could not be operated. As 8 enemy soldiers continued to assault the position, he killed four with his .45 caliber pistol and repulsed the others. Even though he was seriously wounded and in great pain, he refused to be evacuated until the next morning when he was ordered to do so. Second Lieutenant YEE's gallant actions and devotion to duty were a paramount factor in securing the important mountain, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Sanidad Tan Yee, Wife, 901 O'donnol, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Section II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.—Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

10 March 1945

Private First Class LOUIS J. CHESNIK, 33424808, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

25 April 1945

Technical Sergeant JACOB B. GONGER, 39380416, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Clarkston, Washington.

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Private First Class RICHARD L. STOUTENBERG, 37567722, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Fairmont, Minnesota.

Section III

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.—Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended and Letter AG 220.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men of Guerrilla organizations indicated, for wounds received in action against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, under date indicated:

8 May 1945

Private DIASDADE DIZEN, Infantry, "E" Company, 1st Anderson Battalion, LGAF-USAFFE. Home Address: Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private CORNELIS MENTA, Infantry, "E" Company, 1st Anderson Battalion, LGAF-USAFFE. Home Address: Luzon, Philippine Islands.

10 June 1945

Private PY TAI CHAN, Infantry, COWHM, LGAF-USAFFE. Home Address: Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private CUA HO CHO, Infantry, COWHM, LGAF-USAFFE. Home Address: Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private ANG BAN SUAN, Infantry, COWHM, LGAF-USAFFE. Home Address: Luzon, Philippine Islands.

11 June 1945

Private SY CHIH KEE, COWHM, LGAF-USAFFE. Home Address: Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RUPERTO BELMONTE, First Guerrilla Regiment LGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private First Class BELMONTE held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay his hand on. Next day he was found in his foxhole wounded. Private First Class BELMONTE's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance was an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Dolores Castaneto, Wife, San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class RICARDO C. LAURETA, First Guerrilla Regiment LGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private First Class LAURETA held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay his hand on. Next morning he was found wounded lying in his foxhole. Private First Class LAURETA's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Apolonia Custodio, Mother, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Corporal FERNANDO C. LOPEZ, First Guerrilla Regiment LGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and fire power, Corporal LOPEZ held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and what-

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ever hard objects he could lay his hand on. Next day he was found wounded in his foxhole. Corporal LOPEZ's gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Paz Carillos, Mother, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class FAUSTO A. MATUTINO, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and fire power, Private First Class MATUTINO held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay his hand on. Next day he was found wounded in his foxhole. Private First Class MATUTINO's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance was an inspiration to all reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Juan Matutino, Father, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class FELICIANO ORA, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private First Class ORA held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay his hand on. Next day he was found wounded in his foxhole. Private First Class ORA's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance was an inspiration to all, reflecting credit on himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Cresencio Tucay, Wife, Laur, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class BERNARDO LEYDA, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force both in number and in fire power, Private First Class LEYDA held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. Private First Class LEYDA died of bayonet wounds in his foxhole with one dead enemy soldier lying beside him. Private LEYDA's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Feliciano Leyda, Father, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class JOSE PASCUAL, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private First Class PASCUAL held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. Private First Class PASCUAL died of bayonet wounds in his foxhole with one dead enemy soldier lying beside him. Private First Class PASCUAL's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Maria Tucay, Wife, Laur, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class PAULINO SANTI, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly

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superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private First Class SANTI held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay his hand on. Private First Class SANTI died of bayonet wounds in his foxhole with one dead enemy soldier lying beside him. Private First Class SANTI's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Lucena Felipe, Wife, San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Section II

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress 9 July 1918, (Pub 43, 70, 1918), and Letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal FERNANDO G. ANCHETA, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and fire power, Corporal ANCHETA held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. The next morning he was found wounded in his foxhole. Corporal ANCHETA's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Adriana Gonzales, Mother, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress 9 July 1918, (Bul 43, WD, 1918), and letter AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ENIEGO BAGSIC, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. An enemy force of between 250 and 300 strong attacked a hill defended by 115 officers and enlisted men of which Staff Sergeant BAGSIC was a member, and tried to break through that point of the defense perimeter. Against overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Staff Sergeant BAGSIC held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. Staff Sergeant BAGSIC died of a saber wound in the forehead. An enemy officer was found dead beside him in his foxhole. Staff Sergeant BAGSIC's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Donato Bagsic, Father, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Staff Sergeant FELIPE CASTANETO, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by an overwhelmingly superior enemy force both in number and in fire power, Staff Sergeant CASTANETO held his ground and, with the help of 12 other men, checked the rapid advance of the enemy "Banzai" attack. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. Staff Sergeant CASTANETO died of bayonet wounds in his foxhole with one dead enemy soldier lying beside him. Staff Sergeant CASTANETO's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Esteban Castaneto, Father, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private CATALINO FERNANDO, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior

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enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private FERNANDO held his ground and with the help of 12 other men, checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. Private FERNANDO died of bayonet wounds. In his foxhole was found a dead enemy soldier lying beside him. Private FERNANDO's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Fermina Marquez, Mother, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Private EDNIFACIO GARCIA, First Guerrilla Regiment IGAF-USAFFE, for gallantry in action against the Japanese forces at Cauco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 and 7 April 1945. During an attack by overwhelmingly superior enemy force, both in number and in fire power, Private GARCIA held his ground and with the help of 12 other men checked the "Banzai" attack of the enemy. Greatly outnumbering the friendly forces, part of the enemy were able to penetrate and rushed to his foxhole. Due to lack of bayonets, he engaged the enemy in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, using the butt of his rifle and whatever hard objects he could lay hands on. Private GARCIA died of bayonet wounds in his foxhole, with one dead enemy soldier lying beside him. Private GARCIA's gallant actions and devotion to duty in checking the enemy advance were an inspiration to all, reflecting credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Juana dela Cruz, Mother, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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**AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant DOMINADOR BRIONES, Squadron 223, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 22 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Sergeant ENRIQUE BULOSAN, 122nd Battalion, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private KENG TUAN CO, COWHM First Company, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Santa Fe, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 May 1945. Private CO took part in an assault against a reinforced enemy rifle company entrenched in concealed caves on a steep, open hill. Braving emplaced enemy machine guns, Private CO bravely took the lead, singlehandedly assaulting a key enemy emplacement. From 15 yards distance, he destroyed its occupants with a hand grenade. The devotion to duty in the face of grave danger displayed by Private CO were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and contributed materially to the successful operations of the unit to which he was attached.

Major FEDERICO ESTIPONA, 677239, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Veronica Estipona, Sister, Lupao, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Major BURGOSINO R. FUSTO, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Romana Esperancilla, Wife, Taygu, Pangasinan, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Major SANTOS S. GARCIA, 01595, First Guerrilla Regiment, IGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Dionicio Garcia, Father, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.



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First Lieutenant BENITO GO, COMHM First Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 February 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Third Lieutenant PEDRO GUIMBONGAN, 122nd Battalion, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Captain JOVITO A. GUBRAIN, 6739318, First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Josefa V. Diocson, Wife, Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Staff Sergeant ADURCENIO CURRA, 122nd Battalion, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Major ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Catalina Mallari, Mother, Umingan, Pangasinan, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Captain ANGELO JAI AMEZ, Squadron 1, Philippine Guerrilla Forces, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Captain EDUARDO JOSON, Squadron 213, Philippine Guerrilla Forces, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Captain DOMINADOR LABERINTO, First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Leonor A. Laberinto, Wife, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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Section I

**AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR (Posthumously).**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant **KEK LIONG CHENG**, Chinese Pekek Company, Squadron 399, LGAF, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Sante Fe, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 May 1945. Staff Sergeant **CHENG** was making preparations with his company for a final assault on a group of caves dominating a stream. Prior to assaulting over a necessarily exposed area covered by cross fire of concealed Japanese machine guns, Staff Sergeant **CHENG**, on his own initiative and disregarding his own personal safety, left the cover of the stream and rushed to the opening of an enemy cave. Inside he observed two Japanese soldiers. After attempting to urge surrender and meeting with no results, he quickly killed the enemy. Immediately following the firing, a machine gun from a cave to the flank killed him with a series of rapid bursts. His devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety displayed by Staff Sergeant **CHENG** were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and contributed materially to the successful operations to the unit to which he was attached.

Private **LENG TIAO SY**, Chinese Pekek Company, Squadron 399, LGAF, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces at Sante Fe, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 May 1945. Private **SY** was making preparations with his company for a final assault on a group of caves dominating a stream. Prior to assaulting over a necessarily exposed area covered by cross fire of concealed Japanese machine guns, Private **SY**, on his own initiative and disregarding his own personal safety, left the cover of the stream and rushed to the opening of an enemy cave. Inside he observed two Japanese soldiers. After first attempting to urge surrender and meeting with no results, he quickly killed the enemy. Immediately following the firing, a machine gun from a cave to the flank killed him with a series of rapid bursts. The devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private **SY** were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and contributed materially to the successful operations of the unit to which he was attached.

Section II

**AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD,

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1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal BONIFACIO ALIBANG, 122nd Battalion, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 11 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Captain HIPOLOPO ANDRADA, Company K, 57th Infantry, Philippine Guerrilla Forces, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 12 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel ALFONSO V. AREILANO, First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Major RICARDO P. BAHIA, First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Guimba, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Captain PASCUAL G. BAUTISTA, 6735193, First Pangasinan Scouting Squadron, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 January 1945 to 25 June 1945. Home Address: Filisa Ortiz, Wife, Umingan, Pangasinan, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

First Lieutenant FLORENCIO BERNARDO, JR., First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 20 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Mary Acosta, Wife, Laur, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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**AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), and Letter, AG 200.6, Subject: "Awards of Filipino Personnel", Headquarters Sixth Army, dated 1 June 1945, a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain AFONIANO M. CORRALES, Squadron 101, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 January 1945 to 25 January 1945.

Captain CARLOS N. LAYUG, First Guerrilla Regiment, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 30 March 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home Address: Julita Eugenio Platero, Wife, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Lieutenant Colonel HAY JO LEE, COMTHM, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 February 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Captain LAM HENG LIM, Chinese Pekek Company, Squadron 399, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 31 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Corporal MAURICO WABONG, 122nd Battalion, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 28 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Sergeant ARTEMIO NAPIGUE, 122nd Battalion, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 28 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant FLORENTINO NGAYA, 122nd Battalion, LGAF, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 March 1945 to 25 June 1945.

First Lieutenant LEOPOLDO QUIJANO, Squadron 102, Philippine Guerrilla Forces, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese forces on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 25 January 1945 to 25 June 1945.

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