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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD E. BILLS, 13131925, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 23 May 1945. After completing an extremely difficult foot march of approximately fifty miles over rugged terrain, while carrying a forty pound radio with little relief, Technician Fifth Grade BILLS volunteered, despite his weariness, to supplement the artillery liaison section of an infantry battalion which was badly in need of additional personnel to execute a flanking movement of a strong enemy position. In the ensuing action, Technician Fifth Grade BILLS, with utter disregard for his own safety constantly exposed himself to heavy accurate enemy mortar and rifle fire in moving his radio, the sole means of communication between the infantry and the supporting artillery, so that fire orders could be transmitted clearly in bringing neutralizing artillery fire on the enemy. His extreme courage and tenacity of purpose in the face of heavy enemy fire resulted in the steady advance of the infantry and in the saving of the lives of many of his comrades. This act reflects great credit upon Technician Fifth Grade BILLS and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Jenny Mae Manning Bills (Mother), Box 254, Boston, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES G. PICKERING, 32504524, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. When his battalion was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage just after it had moved into position, Private First Class PICKERING, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, after unloading ammunition crossed open terrain, exposed to the bursting shells, to help man the guns. By his quick, cool and fearless action he helped silence the enemy artillery thus saving many lives. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class PICKERING and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Adelaide Pickering (Mother), 38 North Cottage Street, Valley Stream, New York.

Corporal MARVIN G. ROBERTSON, 34021713, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. When his battalion was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage and a grass fire broke out which threatened one of the howitzer ammunition piles, Corporal ROBERTSON, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety left his comparatively safe position and exposed to the bursting shells helped combat the spreading fire. By his quick, cool and fearless action he un-

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doubtedly saved the lives of some of his comrades and a valuable store of ammunition. This service reflects great credit upon Corporal ROBERTSON and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Willie Edna Robertson (Mother), 2212 16th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Private First Class FRED C. VARGAS, 37704425, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Maramag, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 6 May 1945. When the company to which he was assigned was pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire Private First Class VARGAS, taking the place of his wounded squad leader, and armed with a BAR held a forward position covering the evacuation of casualties. When a squad of the enemy suddenly jumped from their holes and charged several of our wounded men he remained in his position and opened fire killing a number of the enemy and driving the others back. He then jumped from the protection of his foxhole and under enemy fire assisted a wounded comrade to a place of safety. Because of his great courage, unflinching devotion to duty, and his unselfish desire to help other, the lives of several wounded men were saved. This act reflects great credit on Private First Class VARGAS and the Service. Home address: Mr. John Vargas (Father), Route #2, West Farm, Lamar, Colorado.

Chief Warrant Officer WILLIAM A. WHEELER, W2116248, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. When his battalion was twice subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Chief Warrant Officer WHEELER, battalion personnel officer, volunteered to help evacuate wounded even though intense artillery fire was being laid down on the positions. Although his duties were with the rear echelon Chief Warrant Officer WHEELER left the comparative safety of the rear installations in order to help his wounded comrades. This act reflects great credit on Chief Warrant Officer WHEELER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Winnifred J. Wheeler (Wife), 909-A California Avenue, Santa Monica, California.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal STANLEY R. HUTCHINSON, 32027937, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. Corporal HUTCHINSON, as battery clerk of a field artillery battery, left his comparatively sheltered position, crossed open terrain and helped operate a howitzer which was highly instrumental in silencing the Jap artillery which was being placed on his battery. By his courage and devotion to duty he undoubtedly saved many lives and much valuable equipment. This act reflects great credit on Corporal HUTCHINSON and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Hayward H. Hutchinson (Mother), 64 South Main Street, Bainbridge, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN E. McLEOD, 32492229, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Silao, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 30 May 1945. Technician Fourth Grade McLEOD with utter disregard for his own personal safety under intense, accurate enemy mortar and rifle fire, although the infantry was withdrawing, exposed himself in order to disassemble and retrieve a SCR 610 radio, the only means of communication of the infantry unit. Because of Technician Fourth Grade McLEOD'S coolness and bravery in the face of heavy enemy fire he prevented the sole means of communications with the supporting artillery from falling into the hands of the enemy, enabled the artillery forward observer to contact the artillery and neutralize the heavy and destructive enemy fire thereby saving the lives of many of his comrades. This act reflects great credit on Technician Fourth Grade McLEOD and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Clara A. McLeod (Mother), 202 Stanford Avenue, Schenectady, New York.

Private First Class EMIL OLASIN, 42001831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Anamo Trail, Aitape, British New Guinea, on 20 July 1944. Private First Class OLASIN as a member of a patrol encountered a dug-in enemy force and in the ensuing fire fight one man from the patrol was hit and lay wounded in an exposed position. Then, without hesitation or regard for his own safety, he crossed an open area still receiving fire, and made his way to the side of the wounded man and was successful in removing him to a protected position, then assisted in the evacuation of the stricken man. Private First Class OLASIN'S quick actions in removing the wounded man from the trail and his later volunteering to carry the litter, were instrumental factors in the saving of this man's life. This action reflects great credit upon Private First Class OLASIN and the Service. Home address: Mr. Charles Olasin (Father), 58 Terhune Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey.

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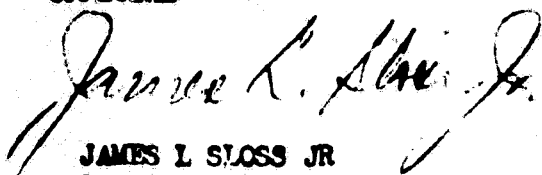
Technician Fourth Grade HOWARD L. SHERER, 34021807, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. When his battery was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade SHERER, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety left his comparatively safe position and exposed to the bursting shells helped man the guns. By his quick, cool and fearless action he helped silence the enemy artillery thus saving many lives. This act reflects great credit upon Technician Fourth Grade SHERER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Howard L. Sherer (Wife), 1806 12th Avenue, West, Jasper, Alabama.

Private First Class NICHOLAS C. VASILE, 12225892, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Silae, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 30 May 1945. While acting as lead scout of a rifle company. Private First VASILE, upon hearing men moving to his front, halted the company and advanced alone to determine whether the troops were friendly. After crawling through dense underbrush, he suddenly encountered two Japs, whom he killed. Despite heavy enemy small arms fire, he withdrew and gave the position of the enemy, on the basis of his information heavy artillery fire was delivered, routing the enemy and enabling the company to continue on its mission. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class VASILE and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Vasile (Mother), 115 Second Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class FRANK E. WITHERSPOON, 34736820, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Silae, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 31 May 1945. When an ammunition and ration carrying party was ambushed by Japs from a well-concealed machine gun position, Private First Class WITHERSPOON, with no thought of his own safety, advanced in full sight of the enemy under heavy machine gun fire and threw two hand grenades, silencing the machine gun. By this courageous act Private First Class WITHERSPOON probably saved the lives of his comrades and enabled the carrying party to complete its mission. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class WITHERSPOON and the the Service. Home address: Mrs. Ruby J. Witherspoon (Wife), 220 Hays Avenue, Jackson, Tennessee.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain JOHN V. AZEVEDO, JUNIOR, 01291385, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 20 July 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen Azevedo (Wife), Box 82, 5th Street, Gustine, California.

Staff Sergeant JULIUS A. CAMPBELL, 20422871, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 April 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Lou Campbell (Mother), Route #1, Box 346, Seffner, Florida.

Corporal HARVEY A. DEAS, 34402441, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 April 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Rufus G. Deas (Father), Route #4, Opelika, Alabama.

Corporal CONSTANTINO U. FERNANDEZ, 34024935, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 April 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Fernandez (Wife), 1938 1/2 Spruce Street, Tampa, Florida.

Sergeant CLIFFORD L. FRY, 17024931, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 April 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris H. Fry (Wife), Pavillion, Wyoming.

Captain LAWRENCE W. HALL, 0279542, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 21 July 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara M. Hall (Mother), Route 2, Iva, South Carolina.

Sergeant CLEVELAND HICKS, 20421446, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Talomo Trail, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 25 May 1945 to 12 July 1945. Home address: Mr. William C. Hicks (Father), Route #2, Andalusia, Alabama.

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Sergeant HAYWARD D. MICHELS, 37115451, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Talomo Trail, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 25 May 1945 to 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lola F. Michels (Wife), 826 Forest Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa.

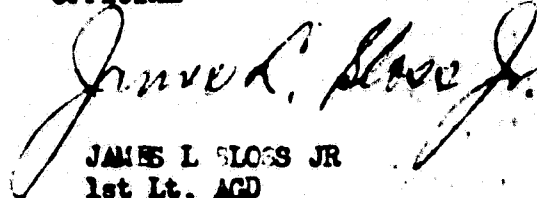
Corporal HAROLD R. PERRY, 6858666, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Talomo Trail, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 25 May 1945 to 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hubert T. Cote (Sister), Jefferson, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES D. WHITFIELD, 20423425, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kabacan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 3 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maude Spiller Whitfield (Mother), Route 3, Moultrie, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM H. WILKINS, 36406523, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 April 1945 to 11 August 1945. Home address: Mr. John D. Wilkins (Father), RFD #4, Bronson, Michigan.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # *195*

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Section I

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DAN G. LEBAKOS, 39135140, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Florence Lebakos (Mother), 347 Alameda Avenue, San Anselmo, California.

Private First Class GEORGIA A. TUCKER, 34477966, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Belle Tucker (Mother), Route 2, Steale, Missouri.

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Missinsiman, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 2 May 1945. When, as a rifle company was advancing up Sayre Highway and met heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, a mortar section moving forward to give support to the rifle platoon suffered several casualties, one man being seriously wounded and lying in an open position, these two men moved from their covered positions with complete disregard for their own safety carrying the wounded man to cover for medical aid. Then, after returning to the mortar section, it was found that the ammunition was running short these two men volunteered to go across open terrain to another company to secure more ammunition. They secured the ammunition and returned to the mortars, enabling the section to continue supporting the front line. Their act reflects great credit upon these two men and the Service.

Section II

AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

Captain ALFRED WOHL, 01310014, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 10 June 1945 to 8 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Janka Wohl (Mother), 3029 35th Street, Long Island City, New York.

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Section III

AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25 WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order Number 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49 WD 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant PRESTON G. FORS, O1177799, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over the Wakde-Sarmi Area, Dutch New Guinea, from 15 August 1944 to 10 September 1944. During this period First Lieutenant FORS performed with distinction and merit services above and beyond the call of duty. With complete disregard for his own safety, he flew on numerous occasions in an L-4, liaison plane from improvised landing strips under all weather conditions, being frequently subjected to hostile ground fire. He spent much time expertly studying the terrain and objectives for artillery support fire and gun positions and made frequent and extended reconnaissances of enemy positions and enemy held territory. This service reflects great credit upon First Lieutenant FORS and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude L. Fors (Wife), 525½ Townsend Street, Lansing 15, Michigan.

Major J. R. WOODRUFF, JUNIOR, O342442, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 April 1945 to 15 September 1945. During this period Major WOODRUFF, with complete disregard for his own safety, flew numerous engineer reconnaissance missions in an L-4 liaison plane from improvised landing strips under all weather conditions over enemy held territory where enemy fire was probable and expected. These missions were flown over sections of the Sayre Highway to determine the condition of the road and bridges. The engineer intelligence obtained from these flights was of vital importance to the rapid advance of the division and during the period of maintenance. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Major WOODRUFF reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Marcella E. Woodruff (Wife), 1517 North 22d Street, Boise, Idaho.

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Section I

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, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain AUBREY C. GRIFFIN, 0417824, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on the Driniumor River, Aitape, British New Guinea, on 16 July 1944. When the rear company of an infantry battalion was ambushed and cut off, Captain GRIFFIN, as commanding officer of the isolated company, after reconnoitering the surrounding terrain started to organize a perimeter when he was wounded and another man killed. Remaining cool and calm he dispatched a runner to bring up the 60 mm mortars while he and the others attempted to flank the enemy machine gun. When one of the men was wounded in the attempt he ordered a BAR man to establish a base of fire while he and two others went forward and removed the man from his exposed position to a point where first aid was administered. Again displaying his indomitable courage he returned to a forward position, observed the enemy fire and orally directed the fire of the mortars till the enemy gun was knocked out. This act reflects great credit upon Captain GRIFFIN and upholds the highest traditions of the Service. Home address: Mrs. Clyo R. Griffin (Wife), 639 Arrowhead Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

Section II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul 8 WD 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class FRANK J. BENEDETTI, 33440122, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism near Mailag, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 1 August 1945. When a member of the patrol that he was accompanying attempted to cross a river, which Private First Class BENEDETTI had just crossed, he was swept off his feet and carried by the swift current downstream. As the man was unable to swim due to his heavy equipment and was in danger of drowning, Private First Class BENEDETTI, with complete disregard for his own safety removed his clothing, dived into the rapid flowing river and after a brief struggle managed to bring his comrade to the safety of the shore thus saving his life. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class BENEDETTI and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Benedetti (Mother), 4071 Lafayette Boulevard, Lincoln Park, Michigan.

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Section III

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal LEON W. FOGLESONG, 36404299, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Shirley L. Fogle song (Wife), RFD #4, Bronson, Michigan.

Sergeant LOUIS KOSS (then Corporal), 31389342, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Koss (Mother), 9 Courtland Road, Mattapan, Massachusetts.

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, on 16 July 1944. As a litter train was being organized on the infantry front lines to carry casualties to the rear, several enemy machine guns began firing at the organizing group. The personnel scattered in seeking cover and as a result of the temporary confusion one seriously wounded soldier was left in an exposed position. These two men as members of an artillery forward observer party upon seeing the wounded man lying in the open, left the safety of their fox holes, ran through the open field which was exposed to the murderous machine gun fire, and without regard for their own personal safety, picked up the litter patient and ran through the open field bringing him to safety. As a result of this act, above and beyond the call of duty, the life of a wounded man was saved. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these two men reflects great credit on them and the Service.

Section IV

REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS.—So much of Section II (Awards of the Bronze Star Medal), General Orders Number 189, Headquarters 31st Infantry Division, 13 October 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class JOSEPH H. MORAN, 33464875, Medical Department, United States Army, is revoked.

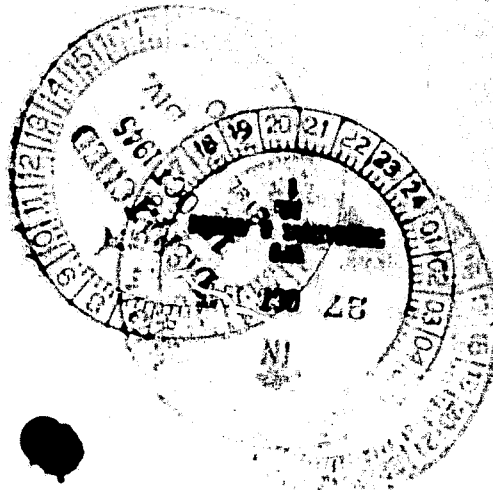
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JERRY DAMORA, 42005364, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Concetta Damora (Mother), 139 Johnston Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey. ✓

Private First Class WOODROW HUMPHREY, 34671974, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Eva Humphrey (Mother), Route 2, Box 12, Jacksonville, North Carolina. ✓

Private First Class MAX MAKAREWICH, JUNIOR, 36584298, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Talka Makarewicz (Mother), Willis, Michigan. ✓

Private First Class HARVEY G. MASON, 38404171, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Mason (Mother), Box 115, Pockasset, Oklahoma. ✓

Private First Class ROBERT RUIZ, 38458948, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Antonia Ruiz (Mother), Box 18, Nursery, Texas. ✓

Private First Class ZEBULON W. SHOPE, 14133644, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Melvina Shope (Mother), Star Route, Prentiss, North Carolina. ✓

Private First Class EVERETT H. SOUTHERLAND, 30572599, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Doris Southerland (Wife), 3303 Pershing Avenue, San Bernardino, California. ✓

Private First Class WILBUR L. WALKER, 36818470, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Aurelia Walker (Mother), Box 329, Princeton, Wisconsin. ✓

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Linabo, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 26 May 1945. When Jap counterbattery fire began to fall on all sides of their battery position, these eight men, although no direct order was given to maintain fire, with complete disregard for their own safety and in the face of the enemy barrage remained at their exposed positions and continued to fire their piece until the enemy gun was neutralized. By their determination and great devotion to duty, these men were able to stop the enemy fire which threatened their entire battery area, and at the same time relieve the infantry which they were supporting from further fire from the enemy weapon.

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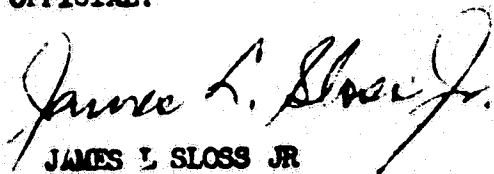
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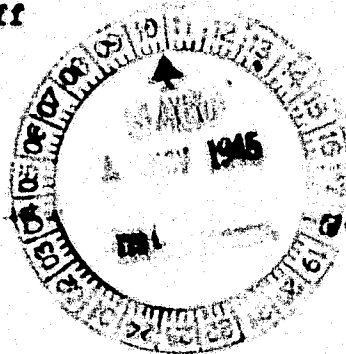
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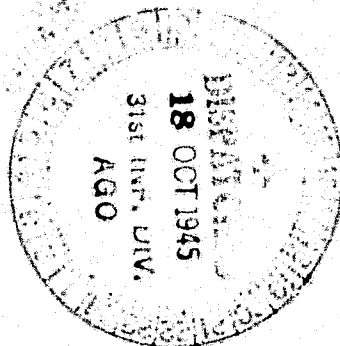


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Section I

*General
by B. Jones
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Eul 43 WD 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant WILSON GORDON, 01323121, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sta Tomas, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 11 August 1945. First Lieutenant GORDON was in charge of elements of a heavy weapons company which were supporting a guerrilla unit when intense enemy artillery fire commenced falling in the immediate vicinity of his troops. He immediately proceeded to a position occupied by his communication sergeant to direct mortar and artillery fire upon the enemy gun positions by radio, however, radio communications had been disrupted by artillery bursts in the area. While still being subjected to a continuous enemy artillery fire, with complete disregard for his own safety and with the aid of his communication sergeant he moved through the area being shelled and tapped in on a telephone line which led to his rear mortar and artillery positions and established necessary communications. He proceeded to lay a telephone line to a vantage point in the area being shelled and directed mortar and artillery fire upon the enemy gun positions until they were silenced. First Lieutenant GORDON'S courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and upholds the highest traditions of the Service. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Lee Gordon (Wife), Stella Route, Florida, Alabama.

Sergeant STEARL SPARKS, 35866793, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sta Tomas, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 11 August 1945. Sergeant SPARKS, communication sergeant for the forward elements of a heavy weapons company, was occupying his position by a radio during a heavy artillery bombardment from enemy guns which were scoring direct hits in the immediate area. When the officer in charge came to Sergeant SPARKS' position to use the radio to direct mortar and artillery fire on the enemy guns, it was discovered that the enemy artillery bursts had disrupted radio communication with the rear mortar and artillery emplacements. While still under heavy enemy artillery fire, Sergeant SPARKS with utter disregard for his own personal safety left his position to accompany the officer to the open area that was being shelled, where he tapped into a telephone line and from there strung wire to a vantage point, which enabled the officer to direct mortar and artillery fire on the enemy gun positions. Although still subjected to the enemy artillery fire, Sergeant SPARKS remained in this position until the enemy guns were silenced. The fearless conduct and outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit upon Sergeant SPARKS and upholds the highest traditions of the Service. Home address: Mrs. Marion Jane Sparks (Wife), Route #1, Malta, Ohio.

Section II

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the

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provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RENEALDO S. CASAREZ, 38458732, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Brulia Casarez (Mother), General Delivery, Kenedy, Texas. ✓

Corporal DAVID S. UNDERWOOD, 14167300, Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Shellie T. Underwood (Mother), Route #1, Trinity, North Carolina. ✓

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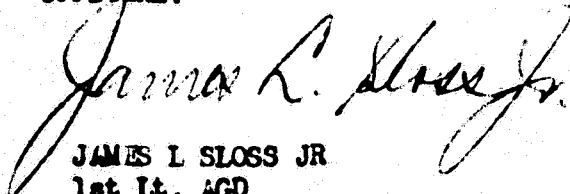
For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Silae, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 1 June 1945. These two men as members of an artillery forward observer party attached to an infantry battalion, with complete disregard for their own personal safety, left their comparatively safe position and exposed themselves to heavy enemy machine gun fire to remove a badly wounded infantryman from an exposed position to safety. Later the same day, they volunteered to act as litter bearers to aid a small group of men in evacuating casualties from their position to the battalion aid station. By their devotion to duty and deep concern for the welfare of others they were highly instrumental in saving the life of at least one man. This act reflects great credit upon themselves and the Service.

Section III

REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS.—So much of General Orders Number 154, Headquarters 31st Infantry Division, 19 September 1945, (AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL), as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant WILSON GORDON, 01323121, Infantry, United States Army, and Sergeant STEARL SPARKS, 35866793, Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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GENERAL ORDERS
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Section I

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul 8 WD 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class **GEORGE H. HAMA**, 32942848, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism near Aitape, British New Guinea, on 1 September 1944. When a strong current swept him and his companion out from the shore, Private First Class HAMA, immediately went to the assistance of his companion who was not a very strong swimmer and was rapidly becoming exhausted from fighting the water. Despite the frantic efforts of the panic stricken man to lift himself out of the water by submerging him in a strangle hold, Private First Class HAMA, continued to hold on to his companion, not realizing he was dead, until a DUKW arrived and picked them up. This act of heroism in nearly sacrificing his own life in an attempt to save another man's life reflects great credit upon Private First Class HAMA and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Grace Hama (Mother), 249 Robinson Street, Hudson, New York.

Section II

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Third Grade **ELMER L. EGERDAHL**, 37580111, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elmer L. Egerdahl (Wife), Spirit Wood, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade **MELVIN T. HODGE**, 32502754, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Kibawe-Talomo Trail, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 29 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade HODGE, a member of the ambulance platoon, unhesitatingly volunteered, due to a critical shortage of men, to act as a litter bearer with an infantry battalion, although his duties did not require him to go forward of the battalion aid station. With complete disregard for his own safety and while exposed to enemy fire, he moved to the front of an infantry column and evacuated a severely wounded man to the rear, where treatment was given that undoubtedly saved the man's life. This act reflects great credit upon Technician Fifth Grade HODGE and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Hodge (Mother), Livingston Manor, New York.

Corporal **EVERETT C. KNOBLOCH**, 32405631, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 17 August 1944 to 7 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Charles Knobloch (Mother), 35-08 146th Street, Flushing, New York.

Private First Class **VINCENT V. PARISI**, 32827728, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 7 June 1945. When the advancing infantry rifle company to which he was attached as a member of a forward observer section was suddenly attacked and pinned down by a strong enemy force employing mortars, machine guns and rifles, Private First Class PARISI, with complete disregard for his own safety moved out into the open, exposing himself to enemy fire to establish radio

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communication with an artillery liaison plane. By means of this radio communication the infantry was able to get artillery support to make possible their withdrawal. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class PARISI and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Parisi (Mother), 40 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Captain SAMUEL O. SHEAR, 011001677, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 18 July 1944 to 12 September 1945. Home address: Mr. Julius H. Shear (Father), 7647 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Captain ARTHUR E. WUHLAN, 01685277, Dental Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 12 July 1944 to 20 September 1945. Home address: Mr. Arthur E. Wuhlman, Sr., (Father), Fleming, Kentucky.

Section III

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25 WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order Number 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49 WD 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN T. KIZER, 0299586, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 1 May 1945 to 1 July 1945. During this period, Lieutenant Colonel KIZER performed with distinction and merit services above and beyond the call of duty. With complete disregard for his own safety, he flew on numerous occasions in an L-4 liaison plane from improvised and inadequate landing strips under all weather conditions, being frequently subjected to hostile ground fire. He spent much time expertly studying the terrain and selecting suitable drop areas for rations and supplies. This service reflects great credit upon Lieutenant Colonel KIZER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Aileen Martin Kizer (Wife), Senatobia, Mississippi.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class WILLIAM K. CHILDRRESS, 37706459, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sanipon, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 8 June 1945. When a comrade fell, wounded by enemy grenades, in an exposed position and was unable to move, Private First Class CHILDRRESS, without regard for his own safety left his position, crawled forward under intense enemy rifle fire to the side of the wounded man and brought him back to safety, enabling first aid to be administered promptly, thereby saving the man's life. This courageous act reflects great credit on Private First Class CHILDRRESS and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn P. Childress (Wife), 1106 East Fourth Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Technician Fourth Grade IRVING GILBERT, 32980608, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotal Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 1 July 1944 to 30 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor C. Gilbert (Wife), 1360 48th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant ROBERT S. McCLINTOCK, 01170485, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Silae, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 25 May 1945. When the infantry rifle company to which First Lieutenant McCLINTOCK was attached as artillery forward observer was halted along their route of advance by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire and, due to the ruggedness of the terrain the enemy could not be flanked or observed, quickly surmising the situation, with complete disregard for his own safety, he left his covered position and moved under intensified enemy fire to an exposed position from where he could observe and clearly transmit fire orders to the supporting artillery. By his courage, daring and skill in adjusting deadly accurate artillery fire the enemy's position was neutralized. This act reflects great credit on First Lieutenant McCLINTOCK and upholds the highest traditions of the Service. Home address: Mrs. Sallie Lou C. McClintock (Wife), 212 West Alabama Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana.

Corporal CLAY A. ORSBURN, 20423674, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, British New Guinea, on 15 July 1944. Corporal ORSBURN, with utter disregard for his own safety and beyond the call of duty organized a volunteer detail to repair a vital telephone line and recover valuable communication equipment which had been inadvertently left behind. In the execution of his mission he continually exposed himself to intense enemy mortar and sniper fire to repair the vital telephone line and to retrieve the valuable communication equipment. By his outstanding leadership in directing the withdrawal of his detail from the heavy enemy fire, after completing its mission, they successfully reached the artillery battery's perimeter just prior to midnight. This act reflects great credit on Corporal ORSBURN and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Minnie L. Orsburn (Mother), Lake Wales, Florida.

Captain PAUL L. POLK, 0403617, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 1 July 1945 to 10 October 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy S. Polk (Wife), 2428 Oak Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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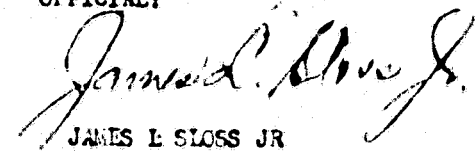
Captain ROBERT ROBINSON, 0534335, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 30 May 1945. While the rifle company to which Captain ROBINSON was attached was advancing up the Silas Trail the company received enemy fire and in the ensuing fire fight two platoons were separated from the command. Under the withering enemy fire, the two platoons sustained severe casualties and evacuation of wounded men presented a serious problem. Captain ROBINSON, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved forward of the battalion aid station under enemy fire, administered medical aid and blood plasma, then supervised the evacuation of the wounded. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain ROBINSON reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Frances Robinson (Wife), 34 Crawford Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

First Sergeant JOSEPH C. SCHNEIDER, 34024332, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Borotal Island, Netherlands East Indies, on 24 March 1945. As a combat patrol led by First Sergeant SCHNEIDER was returning to their perimeter the lead scout accidentally entered an uncharted, heavily mined area and was mortally wounded when an anti-personnel mine exploded. With utter disregard for his own personal safety First Sergeant SCHNEIDER entered the mined area to administer aid to the injured scout. On his arrival he found the scout dead and single handedly removed the body from the area. This act reflects great credit on First Sergeant SCHNEIDER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Gietzen (Sister), 1931 West Cherry Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant AUSTIN W. SMITH, 20462197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Walo, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 29 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. During this period Technical Sergeant SMITH led his platoon on numerous combat and reconnaissance patrols which contributed materially to the success of the operation. On 5 August 1945 he led his platoon on a combat patrol along the Umayan River, contacting the enemy in a bivouac area, he deployed his men and led the assault in such a manner that the enemy was totally surprised. The action resulted in numerous enemy casualties and the capture of several valuable documents and weapons. His expert leadership and sound judgement are a great credit to Technical Sergeant SMITH and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Jewell F. Smith (Wife), 228 8th Street, Dallas, Texas.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES A. BANKS, 20414772, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 7 August 1944 to 31 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irene Banks (Mother), 800 Augusta Street, Mobile, 21, Alabama.

Private First Class JAMES E. CHESTNUT, 35892811, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. When the infantry rifle company to which he was attached as company aid man was subjected to intense accurate enemy artillery fire, causing several casualties, Private First Class CHESTNUT, with complete disregard for his own safety and despite the close proximity of the bursting shells left his comparatively safe position and went to the aid of the wounded. After administering first aid to four of the wounded men he assisted in evacuating the men to the rear over exceedingly difficult terrain. This act reflects great credit on Private First Class CHESTNUT and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Rosa Chestnut (Mother) RFD #2, Bloomington, Indiana.

Private First Class HARRY H. DENGEL, 33344687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. During the shelling of his organization by the enemy Private First Class DENGEL, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to carry casualties back across an exposed area to the ambulances located at the end of the column. Many times while carrying the wounded he was forced to seek protection from the enemy shells for both himself and the patient. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class DENGEL and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Florence J. Dengel (Mother), 48 South Wycombe Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CLYDE D. RICE, 35791764, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. During the shelling of his organization by the enemy Private First Class RICE, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to carry casualties back across an exposed area to the ambulances located at the end of the column. Many times while carrying the wounded he was forced to seek protection from the enemy shells for both himself and the patient. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class RICE and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Viola Mae McCord (Sister), 121 Kentucky Street, Winchester, Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM S. ROBERTSON, 33386416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. During the shelling of his organization by the enemy Private First Class ROBERTSON, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to carry casualties back across an exposed area to the ambulances located at the end of the column. Many times while carrying the wounded he was forced to seek protection from the enemy shells for both himself and the patient. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class ROBERTSON and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Maude C. Robertson (Mother), 1822 Boothwyn Road, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania.

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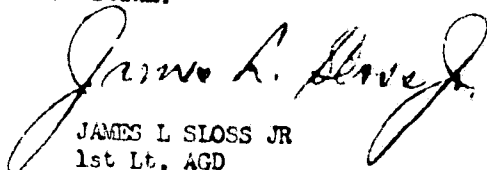
Private First Class JOHN T. SCULLY, 31186868, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Waloc, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 26 July 1945. Private First Class SCULLY volunteered to accompany a guerrilla patrol of twenty-five men and one officer for the purpose of reconnoitering for enemy positions and selecting a base for other American elements coming from the north. Two kilometers east of the objective, the guerrillas encountered an enemy force of approximately seventy-five men, became excited, and commenced a hasty and disorganized withdrawal before contacting the enemy forces. Private First Class SCULLY, one of the two Americans present, assisted in reorganization of the patrol and in the ensuing fire fight twenty of the enemy were killed, many others wounded, and the rest fled in a disorganized rout. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class SCULLY and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth O. Scully (Mother), 12 Carol Avenue, Brighton, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOSEPH G. TOMLINSON, 33469270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. During the shelling of his organization by the enemy Private First Class TOMLINSON, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to carry casualties back across an exposed area to the ambulances located at the end of the column. Many times while carrying the wounded he was forced to seek protection from the enemy shells for both himself and the patient. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class TOMLINSON and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Tomlinson (Mother), 1817 North Marston Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Captain WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS, 024394, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 23 June 1945 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. L. J. Williams (Mother), 57 Summers Avenue, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

BY DEMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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Section I

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bul 3 WD 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class WALTER DUNKER, 32216293, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroism at Binagtawan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 10 July 1945. Private First Class DUNKER while operating a motor boat ferry, with another soldier, noticed a fellow soldier frantically struggling against the swift current of the river. With utter disregard for his own safety Private First Class DUNKER plunged into the water fully clothed and managed to hold the stricken man's head above the water until the motor boat maneuvered into position to pick them up. By his deep concern for the welfare of others and his outstanding courage he undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow soldier. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class DUNKER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Amanda Dunker (Mother), 1302 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York.

Section II

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9417, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant JOHN P. DESMOND, 32628382, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wakde-Sarmi Area, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 20 July 1944 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Desmond (Mother), 140 Violet Avenue, Floral Park, Long Island, New York.

Technician Third Grade JOSEPH E. POTERA, 33083998, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wakde-Sarmi Area, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 20 July 1944 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Potera (Mother), 24 Bradley Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

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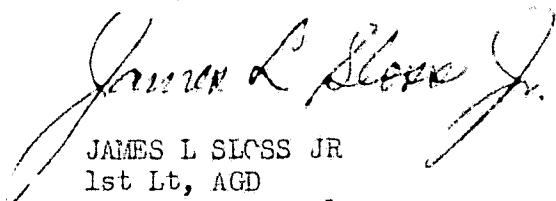
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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9153, 31 May 1942 (Bul 25 WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order Number 9182-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49 WD 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant GEORGE W. WAHLBERG, JUNIOR, 01314206, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement while participating in aerial flights over Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 13 July 1944 to 4 July 1945. During this period, First Lieutenant WAHLBERG performed with distinction and merit services above and beyond the call of duty. With complete disregard for his own safety, he flew on numerous occasions in an L-4 liaison plane from improvised and inadequate landing strips under all weather conditions, being frequently subjected to hostile ground fire. He spent much time expertly studying the terrain and selecting objectives and routes for advancing infantry. He also made frequent and extended reconnaissances over enemy positions and enemy held territory to determine the disposition of enemy troops. This service reflects great credit upon First Lieutenant WAHLBERG and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Irene M. Wahlberg (Mother), 220 Holmes Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

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24 October 1945

Section I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1913 (Bul 43 WD 1913), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class EUSTACE J. SPEAKMAN, 32753596, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bindogowan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 10 July 1945. Private First Class SPEAKMAN as a member of a combat patrol encountered the enemy on the north bank of the Adgaoan River and on his own initiative with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward firing his rifle rapidly killing two Japs. While reloading his rifle, an enemy machine gun opened fire and killed him instantly. Private First Class SPEAKMAN'S aggressive action and determination to accomplish the mission, reflects great credit upon him and upholds the highest traditions of the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Marion Speakman (Mother), 1020 43rd Street, NE, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Section II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1913 (Bul 43 WD 1913), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel VERNIL S. ADKINS, 0224734, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Malaybalag, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. Lieutenant Colonel ADKINS, commander of an assaulting infantry battalion, displayed outstanding courage and leadership when his battalion was subjected to direct enemy artillery fire, which fell on his troops while exposed in open plains near this town. Disregarding his own personal safety, Lieutenant Colonel ADKINS immediately exposed himself to the sustained enemy concentration, which was falling perilously close, in order to assure himself that his battalion was properly dispersed and casualties evacuated. Time and again he left his covered position to reassure himself that the troops were taking the utmost advantage of the meager cover afforded them. The fire lasted two and one half hours and during this time he exposed himself to the fire to select the safest and most suitable route of approach for his unit to continue on with their assigned mission. Lieutenant Colonel ADKINS' coolness and determination under fire was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit on himself and upholds the highest traditions of the Service. Home address: Mrs. Nora S. Adkins (Wife), 506 Catalpa Street, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

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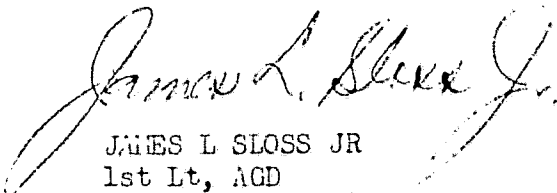
Section III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous).--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant DENNIS E. McHENRY, 33342962. Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 20 May 1945. During a battalion advance the infantry rifle company to which Sergeant McHENRY was assigned was subjected to a heavy accurate enemy artillery barrage inflicting many casualties. With utter disregard for his own safety amidst the bursting shells he moved from his covered position and carried medical supplies forward to where they were most urgently needed. He then assisted in the administration of first aid and blood plasma to the wounded men and helped evacuate them to a place of greater safety. At a later date while again displaying great courage and outstanding devotion to duty, he was killed by enemy artillery fire. His outstanding leadership and performance of duties reflected great credit upon Sergeant McHENRY and the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Dennis McHenry (Wife), 5718 Stewart Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By Jirection of the President, under the provisions of executive Order Number 7,129, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following, named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN W. BEAL, 36478454, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 3 July 1945 to 4 July 1945. During the hours of darkness, Private first Class BEAL and a fellow soldier, as members of a motorboat team, received an urgent call to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. Realizing the difficulty that would be encountered in locating the isolated outpost he nevertheless voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety navigated the treacherous river which was dangerously flooded by recent rains to reach the wounded soldier and carried him to the nearest hospital twenty miles downstream. The route of travel at all times between friendly lines and the enemy where he was subject to attack from the enemy and in danger of fire from friendly troops who were unaware of his mission. His skill in handling his light craft during the hours of darkness and fearless courage far beyond the call of duty resulted in saving the wounded soldier's life. This act reflects great credit on Private First Class BEAL and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Cordie Beal (Mother), 1905 Parsons Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Private First Class HENRY T. BORN, 36645335, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 3 July 1945 to 4 July 1945. During the hours of darkness, Private First Class BORN and a fellow soldier, as members of a motorboat team, received an urgent call to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. Realizing the difficulty that would be encountered in locating the isolated outpost he nevertheless voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety navigated the treacherous river which was dangerously flooded by recent rains to reach the wounded soldier and carried him to the nearest hospital twenty miles downstream. The route of travel was at all times between friendly lines and the enemy where he was subject to attack from the enemy and in danger of fire from friendly troops who were unaware of his mission. His skill in handling the light craft during the hours of darkness and fearless courage far beyond the call of duty resulted in saving the wounded soldier's life. This act reflects great credit on Private First Class BORN and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Born (Mother), 2107 North LaForte, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class DONALD V. FYFE, 31308474, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Maragan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 6 May 1945. When the infantry rifle company to which he was attached encountered stiff enemy resistance in heavily forested woods and the lead scout was seriously wounded, Private First Class FYFE with complete disregard for his own safety crawled forward to the side of the wounded man. Realizing that blood plasma was necessary to save the man's life he administered the plasma under intensely accurate enemy fire, as evidenced by the bullet hole through his sleeve, then aided in the evacuation of the wounded man. By his great courage and deep concern for the welfare of others he undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow soldier. This act reflects great credit upon Private first class FYFE and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Sophie V. Fyfe (Mother), 32 Cherry Street, Somerville, Massachusetts.

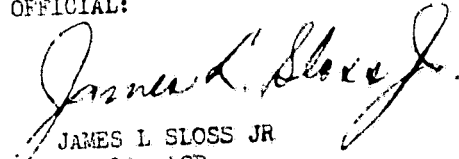
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Technical Sergeant WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, 34029133, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Apusan Valley, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 27 July 1945. Technical Sergeant HAMILTON in command of two rifle squads, a mortar squad and 35 guerrillas was given the mission of establishing an important trail block which would cut off two Jap companies from the main body of troops. Upon reaching the trail junction he hastily established a well organized perimeter which during the night was repeatedly attacked by the enemy in superior numbers. After five hours of continuous fighting in which he skillfully and courageously conducted his defense and directed the fire of his mortars numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy, forcing them to withdraw. Technical Sergeant HAMILTON'S excellent judgment in the organization of the position and his determined leadership were contributing factors in the success of the mission. This act reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle T. Hamilton (Mother), Route #1, Ofahoma, Mississippi.

Second Lieutenant LLOYD E. STREET, 02007764 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, on 1 February 1945. Commanding the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon of a regiment, Second Lieutenant STREET was assigned the mission of scouting for enemy troops ensconced in a village garden. Taking four men he worked his way into enemy territory and while surrounded by numerous enemy, he made accurate plottings of every disposition. While attempting to return to their area they ran head-on into an enemy patrol. By his gallant leadership, he and his men attacked the enemy and dispersed them then later he took the remainder of his platoon back to the enemy territory and killed 25 of the enemy. Second Lieutenant STREET'S leadership and courage were an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Home address: Mr. George E. Street, (Father), General Delivery, Ripley, Mississippi.

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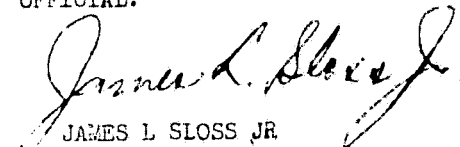
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Section I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain JOSEPH J. MILHISLER, O1293814, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kibawe, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. When approximately forty of the enemy launched a fierce banzai attack with fixed bayonets during the early morning against his company's perimeter, Captain MILHISLER coolly and calmly waited till the precise moment then ordered all guns to open fire simultaneously. As a result of this daring action most of the attackers were killed outright, however, when some managed to get within ten yards of the gun position Captain MILHISLER with complete disregard for his own safety stood up, exposing himself, and killed the nearest enemy soldiers with his carbine. This act reflects great credit upon Captain MILHISLER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Della Milhisler (Mother), McKean Co., Row City, Pennsylvania.

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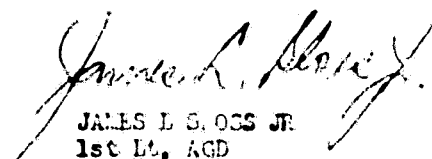
AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

Lieutenant Colonel LESLIE L. EVANS, O246332, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Pulangi River, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 4 June 1945 to 18 June 1945. During this period Lieutenant Colonel EVANS commanded an infantry battalion with the mission of destroying all enemy forces entrenched along the river. The advance was extremely dangerous due to the dense jungle growth and precipitous mountain trails which were covered by enemy fire, making control of the attacking elements a difficult problem. Although Lieutenant Colonel EVANS had been injured in a plane crash while flying reconnaissance missions for his troops he did not permit himself to be evacuated since he was badly needed on the operation. Disregarding his own personal safety and injuries he was constantly forward with the leading elements, directing operations and encouraging the men. He was an inspiration to the troops, consistently showing great courage and stamina. By his personal sacrifices and disregard for his own safety he was instrumental in completing the assigned mission of his command. This act reflects great credit upon Lieutenant Colonel EVANS and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Sara J. Evans (Wife), 301 Dobson Street, Canton, Mississippi.

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7 November 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

✓ Lieutenant Colonel MILTON E. HULL, 0242659, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 12 December 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances F. Hull (Wife), 205 Thomas Street, Box 991, Plant City, Florida.

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AWARDS OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officers by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

✓ Lieutenant Colonel ROY H. BENTON, 0403503, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 16 November 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret W. Benton (Wife), 151 Macy Street, Mobile, Alabama.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel JOSEPH W. FORD, 0311088, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 15 September 1944 to 30 July 1945. Home address: Doctor W. F. Ford (Father), Gadsden, Alabama.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel JOHN T. KIZER, 0299586, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 15 September 1944 to 31 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Aileen Martin Kizer (Wife), Senatobia, Mississippi.

✓ Captain PHILIP E. LONG, 01030688, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 15 September 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cathryn M. Long (Wife), Wellington, Missouri.

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✓ Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES P. LYKES, 0404538, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 13 October 1944 to 31 July 1945. Home address: Mr. J. M. Lykes (Father), c/o Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, Houston, Texas.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD F. PEACOCK, JUNIOR, 0405978, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 4 November 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mr. E. F. Peacock (Father), c/o Bank of Clarksdale, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE W. SAGIN, 0274399, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 15 September 1944 to 31 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Sagin (Wife), 5609 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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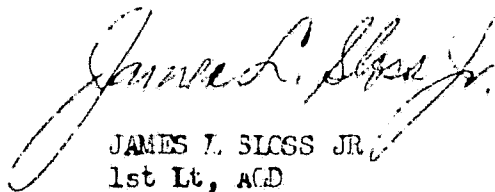
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AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

Colonel LEROY S. GRAHAM, O15053, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 17 May 1945 to 31 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clay Holland (Sister), Alpine, Texas.

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17 November 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.---By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

- ✓ Sergeant GLENN L. CHURCH, 37744492, Infantry, United States Army.
Home address: Mrs. Evelyn M. Church (Wife), 1609 Benton Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
- ✓ Sergeant SAMUEL MOREO, (then Private First Class), 42177936, Infantry, United States Army.
Home address: Mrs. Olga R. Moreo (Wife), 61-81 77th Place, Elmhurst, New York.
- ✓ Private First Class GEORGE T. KRANOCK, 32033638, Infantry, United States Army.
Home address: Mrs. Kathryn Kranock (Wife), 108 South 12th Street, Olean, New York.

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 3 June 1945. While advancing up the Silae Trail a soldier from one of the companies of an infantry regiment was wounded. It was imperative that the wounded man be evacuated and volunteers were called for by the unit commander to escort the litter carriers to a hospital in the rear. These three men volunteered to escort the litter to the rear area. While moving down the Silae Creek bed, enemy snipers fired upon them. Knowing that the wounded man was in grave danger the litter escorts walked straight into the enemy positions spraying the woods as they moved forward. As a result of this action the litter bearers were able to move the wounded man to a secluded position. Two of the enemy were killed and the litter bearers were able to carry the litter to the rear without any further disturbance from the enemy. This heroic action and bravery on the part of these three men reflects great credit upon them and the Service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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AFO 31
18 November 1945

Section I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous).—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class HANSON L. ADAMS, 34476071, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kabacan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 1 May 1945. When the rifle company to which he was assigned was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class ADAMS, a runner, moved back through enemy fire to the mortar section which was approximately 400 yards behind. As a result of first hand observation he was able to direct accurate mortar fire upon the enemy, destroying the ambushing forces so that the platoon could continue to advance. His courage and devotion to duty, which later resulted in his death, was largely responsible for the successful completion of his unit's immediate mission. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class ADAMS and the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Nettie Adams (Mother), Route 2, Box 320, Greenwood, Mississippi. AK

Section II

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class FRED A. CHRISTIAN, 36135882, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Fana R. Christian (Mother), Roderfield, West Virginia.

Private First Class WAYNE R. FISHER, 37078003, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Anton Fisher (Father), Leadlow Grove, Nebraska.

Private First Class BYRON JOHNSON, 31261501, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Clara Johnson (Mother), 138 High Street, Leominster, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant LEE W. LINDSEY, 34018531, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. June W. Lindsey (Wife), Route 2, Collins, Mississippi.

Private First Class HARVEY BYRNS, 34477864, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Abe Byers (Father), Route 1, New Albany, Mississippi.

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Malaybalay, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 30 May 1945. The above enlisted men, while the remainder of the company was pinned down by enemy mortar and machine gun fire, advanced under heavy enemy fire to high ground and engaged the numerically superior force to allow the company to evacuate casualties and reorganize. Despite the fact that they were cut off from the remainder of the company these men continued to place heavy fire on the enemy, inflicting many casualties, until the company could reorganize and relieve them. This act reflects great credit upon these men and the Service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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AFO 31
17 November 1945

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 "D" 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

✓ First Lieutenant HARRY JACOBS, 01322223, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 1 May 1945. When the infantry battalion to which he was assigned was stopped in its advance by enemy machine gun and rifle fire, First Lieutenant JACOBS immediately reconnoitered for an observation post from which to direct mortar fire. Because of natural obstacles, it was necessary for him to establish his post in the front line, and, although within sight of the enemy and exposed to their fire, he directed mortar fire until mortally wounded. Through his aggressiveness and devotion to duty enemy resistance was overcome and the continuous advance of our troops was assured. This act reflects great credit upon First Lieutenant JACOBS and the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Lillian C. Jacobs (Wife), 127 Elm Street, Branford, Connecticut.

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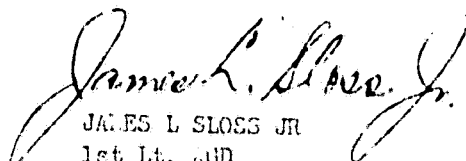
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 "D" 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

✓ First Lieutenant MARION E. AVRETT, 01686368, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wakde-Sarai Area, Dutch New Guinea; Aerotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 15 July 1944 to 15 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jimmie E. Avrett (Wife), South Johnson Street, Sarsen, Alabama.

✓ Staff Sergeant MARVIN C. PELTON, 38049648, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Laramag, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 7 May 1945 and 8 May 1945. When his company was cut off behind enemy lines, Staff Sergeant PELTON volunteered to lead a patrol to make contact with the battalion and to bring back badly needed medical supplies. He worked throughout the night to pass the enemy's lines, only to be set early in the morning by an enemy concentration and forced to return to our lines. Almost immediately he again went out, taking a larger patrol, and this time succeeded in penetrating the enemy's positions and in making contact with battalion headquarters. As a result of his courage and perseverance, medical supplies and reinforcements were secured for his company. This act reflects great credit upon Staff Sergeant PELTON and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Doris I. Pelton (Wife), Route #3, Box 498, Waco, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II B-1 3 AD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class MINOR D. DUVAL, 39572565, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Fegan Island, Santa Group, on 15 November 1944. During an amphibious assault landing on enemy held shores, Private First Class DUVAL drove an amphibious tank loaded with infantry troops directly on to a beach in the face of heavy machine-gun fire. After landing the tank, when it was discovered that an enemy machine-gun nest located nearby would make it impossible for the troops to unload without sustaining heavy casualties, Private First Class DUVAL, without regard for his own safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to attack the machine-gun nest with hand grenades and rifle fire. As a result of his courageous, aggressive action the machine-gun nest was effectively neutralized and subsequently destroyed, making it possible for the troops to continue on their mission. This act reflects great credit upon Private First Class DUVAL and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Savilla I. DuVal (Mother), 879 18th Street, San Bernardino, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MATTHEW:

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21 November 1945

AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--
By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously
awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer
by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of
Executive Order Number 9119, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

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★ Lieutenant Colonel FRANK C. PAUL, 0200257, Field Artillery, United States
Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations
against the enemy on Morotai, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao,
Philippine Islands, from 15 September 1944 to 11 August 1945. Home address:
Mrs. Frank C. Paul (Wife), 2516 Prospect Road, Tampa, Florida.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

✓ Technician Fourth Grade DENVER FROST, 35130414, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1^o January 1945. The battery to which Technician Fourth Grade FROST was attached as aid man was attacked by an enemy force of approximately eighty men, armed with flame throwers, knee mortars, machine guns, grenades, mines, and demolition kits. During the attack several of the defenders were killed and wounded. With total disregard for personal safety, and repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade FROST went from section to section, at times going outside the battery perimeter to give medical aid and evacuate the wounded. This courageous act, which was largely responsible for the prompt and efficient evacuation of the wounded, thus minimizing loss of life, reflects great credit upon Technician Fourth Grade FROST and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Della Dozier (Mother), Morning View, Route #1, Kentucky.

Section II

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9153, 11 May 1942 (Bul 25 WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order Number 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bul 49 WD 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

✓ First Lieutenant FORREST C. BARRIGER, 01173153, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, during the period 29 April 1945 to 10 July 1945. As a field artillery liaison air observer, First Lieutenant BARRIGER made numerous reconnaissance flights over dangerous territory, many times under enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire, gathering information of the enemy locations and installations and adjusting artillery fire on critical enemy targets. His accurate adjustments resulted in disrupting enemy concentrations and the destruction of many enemy installations. His coolness and courage under enemy fire and determination to complete his mission under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon First Lieutenant BARRIGER and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine M. Barriger (Wife), 4582 Bell Avenue, Bell, California.

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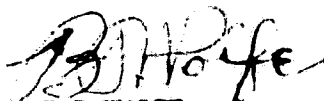
AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President. in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

First Lieutenant JAMES L. SLOSS, JUNIOR (then Second Lieutenant), 02007469, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 20 September 1944 to 10 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sloss (Wife), 45 South Rockmill Road, Webster Groves, Missouri.

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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), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class **JOSEPH F. BENNETT**, 35623623, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary Bennett (Mother), 368 Hubbard Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class **CARL W. FUCHS**, 35683367, Military Police Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. May Fuchs (Mother), 1110 2d Avenue, Dayton, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade **BERNARD L. LAGER**, 36475118, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Lager (Mother), Summerfield, Illinois.

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, on 6 July 1944. These men, composing the crew of a quadruple .50 caliber machine gun mounted on the stern of a PT boat, successfully destroyed two enemy barges while under heavy fire from enemy shore guns. During the run on the barges, the PT boat, when less than 200 yards from shore, was hit by an exploding shell knocking out one of the engines and starting a fire in the engine room. All guns on the boat except the quadruple mount operated by these men were out of action placing the entire crew in imminent danger of complete destruction or capture. Remaining constantly fully exposed to the enemy bullets and shells that were landing on and all around the small boat, they calmly and deliberately placed intermittent accurate bursts upon succeeding shore guns as they opened up while the crippled boat moved slowly out of danger. By exercising remarkable judgment and skill in the firing of the weapon and by cool and precise execution of the related functions, they were able to keep the superior enemy fire sufficiently interrupted and harrassed to permit the boat to escape complete destruction and to later be towed to its base with but two minor casualties. This courageous act reflects great credit upon these men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant **PAUL E. DEIBLER**, 33237873, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Stella Deibler (Mother), RFD #1, Elizabethville, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade **ROY L. DUBOIS**, 38395924, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jane DuBois (Mother), Route #1, Orceonot, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade **DANIEL W. PAULUS**, 36543060, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Paulus (Wife), 1001 N. Fayette, Saginaw, Michigan.

ROBERT E. PAYNE, 38340820, Coast Artillery Corps

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 17 June 1945 to 19 June 1945. Although unfamiliar with the tactics of scouting and patrolling these men unhesitatingly volunteered for an infantry mission of ambush far behind the enemy lines. Traveling over rugged, mountainous, jungle-covered terrain, passing through the enemy lines in the darkness in imminent danger of discovery and destruction, and overcoming swift, cold mountain streams this patrol emplaced itself in a position to attack a supply trail within 300 yards of the bivouac of a large group of the enemy. Waiting until a party of the enemy was within pointblank range, they opened fire and killed the entire group. Despite the threat of immediate retaliation by the main body of the Japanese the members of the patrol searched the bodies for documents and other items of intelligence value before withdrawing. They then proceeded to rejoin their unit having spent more than two days behind enemy lines in a position fraught with constant danger, without sleep and with little food. By its audacious and unexpected penetration of the enemy's lines and attack at his rear this patrol so disorganized the enemy that they evacuated an almost unassailable prepared position, thus materially contributing to the subsequent successful completion of operations. This courageous act, performed voluntarily under extremely adverse conditions, reflects great credit upon these men and the Service.

First Sergeant WILLIAM G. CANNELL (then Staff Sergeant), 35530117, Coast Artillery Corps, United States. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Finschafen and Aitape, British New Guinea, and Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 15 April 1944 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice Cannell (Wife), 1449 West 111th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM D. CARLANDER (then Sergeant), 36724357, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, and Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 22 April 1944 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Carlander (Mother), 1818 North Kimball Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade JOHN G. FREEMAN, 38119413, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, and Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 23 April 1944 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Blanche F. Freeman (Mother), Kosse, Texas.

Private JOHN E. KAUTCHICK, 33680548, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 30 June 1945 to 13 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lenore Coast (Mother), Route 3, Emlenton, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JAMES F. PRINTZ, 01050870, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. James F. Printz (Wife), 29 Blue Ridge Avenue, Luray, Virginia.

Corporal CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, 35530291, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, from 23 April 1944 to 15 September 1944. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Williams (Mother), 332 Kinney Street, Bellevue, Ohio.

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AWARD OF THE PRESIDENT'S Distinguished Service MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3, 77 Stat. 1000) the Distinguished Service Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class ROBERT C. ABEL, 36173319, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Valaire Abel (Mother), 208 Park street, [redacted]

Private First Class HAROLD J. AHO, 36240187, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Alina Aho (Mother), Route 1, Box 93, [redacted]

Private First Class THOMPSON W. BRADLEY, 35647981, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Edith E. Bradley (Wife), Cadmus, [redacted]

Private First Class ELDER W. BRUMFIELD, 34234556, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Elmer W. Brumfield (Brother), Route 3, [redacted] Louisiana.

Private First Class SERGEANT ENGLE, 35647606, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Leslie Engle (Father), Route 2, Bowlingtown, Kentucky.

Private First Class ALEX FORRAY, JUNIOR, 35542023, Military Police Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Forray (Mother), Route 5, Box 10, South Bend, Indiana.

Private First Class ELLIS P. HALL, 35793794, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mossie Hall (Mother), Route 1, Bimble, Kentucky.

Private First Class TILMAN E. JONES, 37604325, Military Police Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Margaret L. Jones (Mother), Route 2, Mountainview, Missouri.

Corporal WALTER E. KATENBRINK, 35794018, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Walter Katenbrink (Father), 1237 Sassafras Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES MAGGARD, JUNIOR, 35683282, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Maggie Maggard (Mother), Cumberland, Kentucky.

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Private First Class WILLIAM H. MOORE, JUNIOR, 35530310, Military Police Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Goldie Moore (Mother), RFD #1, Burghill, Ohio.

Private First Class ERVIN L. SARVER, 35794044, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Sarver (Mother), 3901 Tappan Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sergeant HERMAN R. VANNATTER, 35647913, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Alma Vannatter (Mother), Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Corporal ROBERT E. WASH, JUNIOR, 35794716, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Marlys Maxine Walsh (Wife), Route 10, Dawson Road, Kenwood, Ohio.

Private First Class SHADE C. WHITE, 35647923, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Julia White (Mother), Wolfcoal, Kentucky.

The citation is as follows:

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies on 31 October 1944. These men, composing an antiaircraft gun section, were intensively strafed while manning their guns by a fast low flying enemy fighter plane. When the plane, appearing suddenly over the tree-line from the west of their position near the tip of Cape Gila Peninsula, turned directly toward them and began firing, although these men could not identify the plane in the dim pre-dawn light, they engaged with accurate systematic fire from both guns immediately upon seeing tracers coming at them. Even though the plane sustained its strafing for a distance in flight of over 1000 yards placing tracers all round both positions, each man remained at his post, fully exposed to the fire of the enemy plane, performing with outstanding composure and courage his coordinated part of the simultaneous action with the split-second precision that resulted in complete destruction of the plane when it was only 100 yards from the gun section. The deliberate, combined action of these men under extremely dangerous conditions reflects great credit upon them and the Service.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant RAYMOND E. BORGLAN, 35794082, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, and Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 23 April 1944 to 11 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara Borgman (Mother), 1684 Glen Parker Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

First Sergeant WILLIAM J. GRAY (then Sergeant), 32069444, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Gray (Mother), 457 Mantua Avenue, Faulkboro, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. KLINGENSMITH, 01052427, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emergene A. Klingensmith (Wife), 215 Byall Avenue, Bowling Green, Ohio.

First Sergeant GERALD J. LACHER (then Staff Sergeant), 36297945, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, and Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 20 August 1944 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Lacher (Mother), 3215 North 47th Street, Milwaukee, 10, Wisconsin.

First Sergeant STANLEY J. LOJKO, 31359426, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 1 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Lojko (Mother), 40 Northend Avenue, Salem, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE F. MARINO (then Corporal), 36724177, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esmeralda Jean Marino (Mother), 2429 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOHN T. SCHMIDT (then Sergeant), 35023186, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea; Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies; and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 22 April 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Geneva C. Schmidt (Mother), New Bloomington, Ohio.

First Lieutenant HAROLD F. SCHULTES, 01284772, Finance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, and on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 5 November 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alvina M. Schultes (Wife), 447 Teaneck Road, Ridgely Park, New Jersey.

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Sergeant JAMES E. SMITH (then Corporal), 35622910. Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 15 September 1944 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Delbert Smith (Father), 442 Uncapher Avenue, Marion, Ohio.

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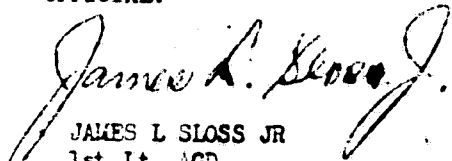
AWARDS OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-- By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named officer and selected man by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944):

Major HOWARD C. BEEDE, 0345744, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 15 September 1944 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mr. G. H. Beede (Father), 102 East 13th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Technical Sergeant ALFRED F. BOEH, 35794079, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, British New Guinea, and Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, from 22 April 1944 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Boeh (Mother), 4580 Innes Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 31st Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant RICHARD G. LYNCH, 01018127, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 January 1945. When a scouting patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, sustaining two casualties, while searching for mines or possible ambushes, First Lieutenant LYNCH, as commander of a platoon of tanks, cognizant of the patrol's dire predicament directed the fire of the tanks on the enemy stronghold and ordered the tanks forward to relieve the beleaguered group. Approximately 50 yards from the patrol's position the tanks were halted by an impassable ditch. With complete disregard for his own safety he dismounted from his tank, reconnoitered the area and upon finding a suitable by-pass directed his tanks across and vigorously pressed the attack allowing the men to withdraw and the wounded to receive vital medical attention. By his boldness and deep concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers he undoubtedly was responsible for saving the lives of several of the men. This act reflects great credit upon First Lieutenant LYNCH and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Louise Lynch (Wife), 827 8th Avenue N, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

First Lieutenant ZENO HEMPHILL, 0519784, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bicayao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. When a medium tank was slightly damaged during a combined tank and infantry attack against an enemy stronghold situated on a dominating hill, First Lieutenant HEMPHILL, under withering enemy artillery and mortar fire directed his maintenance tank across open terrain to the side of the disabled tank. With complete disregard for his own safety he dismounted in the face of continued fire and while attaching a cable to the damaged tank he was wounded by shell fragments, which momentarily stunned him. Despite the excruciating pain he continued to work in an exposed position until the cables were secured and the disabled tank removed. By his coolness and courage he saved valuable and vitally needed government property. This act reflects great credit upon First Lieutenant HEMPHILL and the Service. Home address: Mrs. Joe M. Hemphill (Wife), Box 854, Coleman, Texas.

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN:

OFFICIAL:

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

GERALD O. CABLE, 36155197, Technician V Grade, Service Company, 123th Infantry, Army of the United States, for gallantry in action.

Corporal CABLE was the first man in this Division to die for his country as a result of direct enemy action. While on the William Dawes, a ship carrying military impedimenta of the Division, he was serving at a gun station, for which duty he had volunteered because of a need for ammunition passers. He was killed when a torpedo struck the ship. Less than ten seconds before his death he sought to warn the other men on board of their imminent danger by giving the alarm when he sighted the approaching torpedo. His death was simultaneous with the ringing of the first warning bell. His unswerving attention to duty in the face of peril was a gallant action in the finest tradition of the military service.

His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Ruth Odessa Cable, RFD #6, Battle Creek, Michigan.

By command of Major General HARDING:

JOHN W. MOTT
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ M. O. Thrower
M. O. THROWER,
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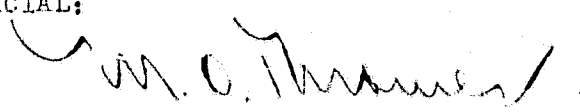
Under the provisions of AR600-45, 2 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action, to the following named officer:

ROBERT B. WINKLER (O-419741) First Lieutenant, Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division. For gallantry during action with enemy aircraft units near Cape Sudest (Buna Area), New Guinea on 16 November 1942. After being forced with other officers and enlisted men to take to the water from a small ship set on fire by enemy aircraft, he displayed courage and disregard of personal danger above the call of duty in aiding men to make the beach through approximately three quarters of a mile of open water which the enemy continued to strafe and bomb. Home Address: William K. Winkler (father) 1929 N. Buffum St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

JOSEPH S. BRADLEY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 60C-45, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officer and enlisted men:

PAUL L. SCHWARTZ, 01283325, Second Lieutenant, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea on December 2, 1942. During the attack on Buna Village, 2nd Lieutenant SCHWARTZ was outstanding in initiative, leadership, and courage. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he led reconnaissance missions and conducted mopping up operations with such untiring energy that he was an inspiration to all the men of his unit. Home Address: Mrs. Katherine Schwartz (mother), 521 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, New York.

RONALD L. ALBERT, 20115464, Corporal, Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Dobodura, New Guinea on November 30, 1942. During an enemy bombing attack and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal ALBERT, with quick presence of mind and exceptional courage, voluntarily ran seventy yards across the field to man a twin fifty-calibre machine gun, instead of jumping into a nearby foxhole as the rest of the men did who were with him. During the action, his guns jammed several times, but he cleared them each time, remaining with the guns during the entire action, and scoring a number of hits on enemy planes. Home Address: Mrs. Catherine M. Albert (mother), 7 Norris Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

LIONEL R. ANDERSON, 36112175, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on December 5, 1942. During the attack on Buna Village, Private First Class ANDERSON, was outstanding in his initiative and courage. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in caring for the wounded, not only of the company to which he was attached, but also for the wounded of other companies that were adjacent. Home Address: Mrs. Lionel R. Anderson (wife), Rickford, Michigan.

THEODOR I. WIERCINSKI, 36111482, Private First Class, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy near Hariko, New Guinea, on November 18, 1942. During an attack by Japanese bombers on the Command Post of the Warren Force near Hariko, New Guinea, during the afternoon of November 18, 1942, Private WIERCINSKI, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, was running to the assistance of a wounded man when he was struck by the fragment of an exploding bomb. Private WIERCINSKI, following the attack, assisted other wounded men before he would

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allow anyone to take care of his own wounds. Private WIERCINSKI continued his fine work around the command post and his calmness during this and subsequent air attacks has been an inspiration to other members of his company. Home Address: Mrs Mary Wiercinski (mother) 1943 McPherson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

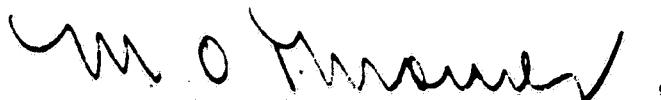
II. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

GEORGE L. LIEUNGH, 20638020, Private, Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism in Australia on 17 October 1942. Residence at enlistment: Escanaba, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

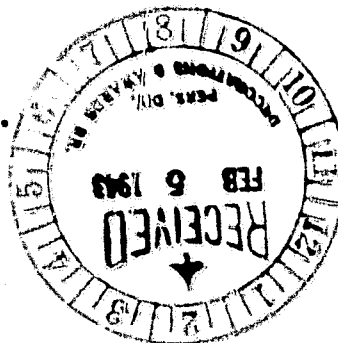
JOSEPH S. BRADLEY,
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I. General Order No 51, this headquarters, dated 1 January 1943 is revoked.

II. General Order No 52, this headquarters dated 3 January 1943 is revoked.

III. General Order No 53, this headquarters dated 13 January 1943 is revoked.

IV. General Order No 54, this headquarters dated 14 January 1943 is revoked.

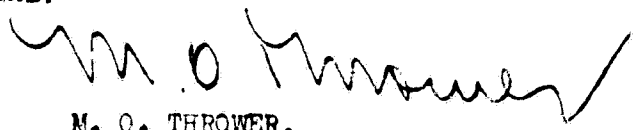
V. Lieutenant Colonel RALPH T. BIRKENESS, 0268584, General Staff Corps Headquarters 32d Infantry Division is announced as AC of S, G-4, effective 1 January 1943.

VI. Lieutenant Colonel SIMON WARMENHOVEN, 0381217, MC, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division is announced as Division Surgeon, effective 1 January 1943.

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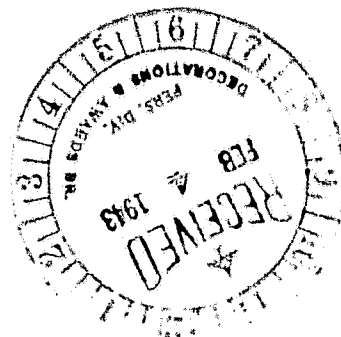
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 3 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32nd Infantry Division for gallantry in action to the following named (listed men:

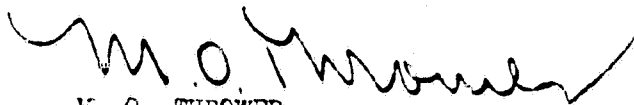
RICHARD J. FEH, 20634268, Corporal, Company B, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 16, 1942. Home Address: Deerfield, Michigan.

ELMER R. BUCHANAN, 20634225, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 16, 1942. Home Address: Blissfield, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

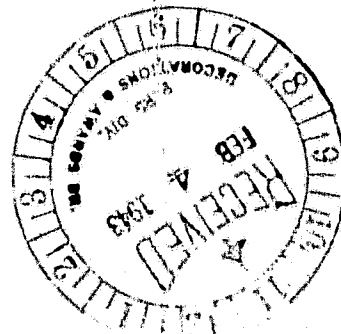
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Chief of Staff.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

CLARENCE M. TOPLINSON, 014809, Colonel, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 6, 1942 to December 20, 1942, inclusive. Home Address: Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

CHESTER M. BEAVER, 0020887, Lieutenant Colonel, then Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, November 16, 1942. Home Address: Yankton, South Dakota.

LESTER TAYLOR MOONEY, 0411477, First Lieutenant, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 26, 1942. Home Address: Norman, Oklahoma.

GEORGE PRAVDA, 20634954, First Sergeant, Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home Address: Spring Lake, Michigan.

EDGAR C. MARSH, 20633541, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, prior to and on December 2, 1942. Home Address: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ROBERT E. FIECHTER, 20650663, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sinemi Plantation, Buna Track, New Guinea, November 18, 1942. Home Address: Monroe, Wisconsin.

IVAN J. YEARMAN, 20650238, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 21, 1942 to December 19, 1942. Home Address: Baraboo, Wisconsin.

ROMER D. MCGETTIGAN, 20650679, Technician Grade IV, Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sinemi Plantation, Buna Track, New Guinea, November 18, 1942. Home Address: Darlington, Wisconsin.

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FRANK H. REESE, 36209693, Corporal, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sinomi Plantation, Buna Track, New Guinea, November 18, 1942. Home Address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT J. TAPPEH, 20638101, Corporal, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 19, 1942. Home Address: Menominee, Michigan.

GLENN P. BINGHAM, 36111895, Technician Grade V, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For Gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 10, 1942. Home Address: Dearborn, Michigan.

JOHN JUBERA, JR., 35033254, Technician Grade V, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 21, 1942. Home Address: Powhatan Point, Ohio.

CLEVIS T. DARNELL, 18044795, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action prior to and on December 3, 1942, near Buna Village, New Guinea. Home Address: Longview, Texas.

WILLIAM L. GAUTHIER, 36211798, Private First Class, Medical Detachment 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, 21 November 1942. Home Address: Ishpeming, Michigan.

VICTOR L. OLSON, 20648846, Private First Class, Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. Home Address: Colfax, Wisconsin.

JAMES J. ELLIOT, 37130522, Private First Class, Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. Home Address: Perry, Missouri.

DALE F. WIMER, 36207611, Private, Company M, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 20, 1942. Home Address: Cassville, Wisconsin.

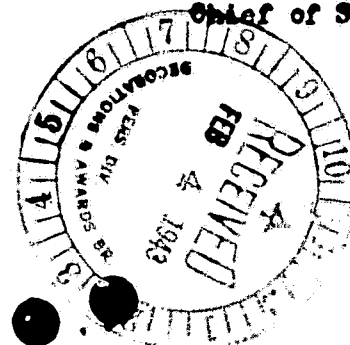
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officer and enlisted men:

HERBERT A. SMITH, 0189961, Lieutenant Colonel, 2d Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 16, 1942. Home address: Oshkosh, Wisconsin

LAWRENCE A. ROWE, 20634117, Corporal, Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 23, 1942. Home address: Angola, Indiana.

WILBUR G. TIRRELL, 31029722, Corporal, Company B, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 8, 1942. Home address: South Weymouth, Mass.

ALBERT C. BURGHARDT, 36112562, Technician Grade V, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, prior to and on December 5, 1942. Home address: Temperance, Michigan.

WILLIAM J. JACOBS, 36155144, Corporal, Company B, 126th Infantry United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 8, 1942. Home address: Grand Rapids, Michigan

NATHAN FREEMAN, 39016542, Private, Medical Detachment, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea prior to and on November 29, 1942. Home address: Trenton, New Jersey.

By command of Brigadier General **BAKER**:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIVISION SIGNAL OFFICER SECTION
CITATIONS FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION. I.
II.

I. Captain FRANK J. LIDKE, 0262052, SC, 32d Signal Company is announced as Division Signal Officer, effective this date, vice Major WORDEN, relieved.

II. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

WILLIAM D. HAWKINS, 0320689, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 28 December 1942. Residence: Bronxville, New York.

OLIVER O. DIXON, 0283807, Major (then Captain), 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 10 December 1942. Residence: Bedford, Indiana.

LEONARD E. GARRETT, 0380615, Captain, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, on 28 December 1942. Residence: Beaumont, Texas.

ROBERT A. DIX, 0888193, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters 32d Division Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 24 December 1942. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RAE H. SMITH, 0888419, Second Lieutenant, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mundarupi Village, New Guinea, on 8 December 1942. Residence: Carlton, Minnesota.

MURDOCK E. MAC PHERSON, 31019568, Sergeant, Company C, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, on 23 December 1942. Residence: Quincy, Massachusetts.

IRVING H. LAWRENCE, 31018225, Technician Grade IV, Company C, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 23 December 1942. Residence: Bedford, Massachusetts.

WALLACE I. VAN COR, 31018229, Technician Grade V, Company C, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 23 December 1942. Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JAMES J. BOORMAN, 36207455, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Residence: Madison, Wisconsin.

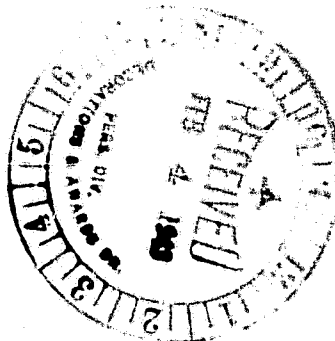
WILLIAM M. KURGAN, 36308916, Private, Company K, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 15 December 1942. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIVISION INSPECTOR GENERAL
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I. Major WALDEMAR A. OLSON, 0264100, AGD, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division is announced as Acting Division Inspector General, effective 19 January 1943.

II. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division for gallantry in action to the following named enlisted men:

DUDLEY M. BRICE, 20648967, Sergeant, Company B, 128th Infantry United States Army, For gallantry in action near Cape Endaiadrer, New Guinea, November 26, 1942. Home address: Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

JAMES K. BROWER, 20635163, Sergeant, Company G, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Muskegon, Michigan.

JOHN (NMI) CARSKADON, 20634981, Sergeant, Company F, 126th Infantry United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Ferrysbert, Michigan.

ROBERT L. SMITH, 39015627, Technician V Grade, Headquarters, Company 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, November 16, 1942. Home address: Long Beach, California.

CLYDE J. CHAPMAN, 35251031, Private First Class, Company E, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 3, 1942. Home address: Lafollett, Tennessee.

EDWARD A. MODRZEJEWSKI, 36112547, Private First Class, Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Roseville, Michigan.

ROBERT F. STRONG, 36112335, Private First Class, Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Mount Clemens, Michigan.

WILLIAM H. OLIVER, 18044806, Private First Class, Company G, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Phoenix, Ariz.

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O'DONNELL (NMI) O'BRIEN, 20635224, Private Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Muskegon, Michigan.

BENNIE B. RICHELL, 20635144, Private, Company G, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Chicago, Ill.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT I.

I. Captain ROBERT B. BAIRD, 0413016, Inf, Headquarters Company, 32nd Infantry Division is announced as Headquarters Commandant, effective 22 January 1943.

II. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted man:

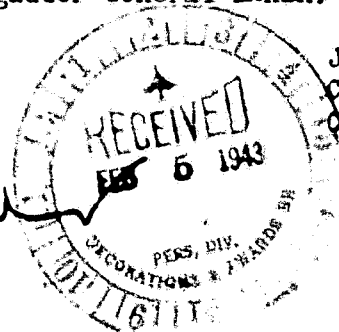
EDWARD H. SANDELL, 0385301, Captain, Chemical Warfare Section, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, on November 30, 1942. Captain SANDELL displayed exceptional courage and heroism by swimming Entrance Creek for the purpose of observing enemy action prior to the crossing of a small reconnaissance unit by boat which later was able to obtain valuable information. Captain SANDELL, was killed in action on January 2, 1943. Next of kin: Mrs Elizabeth Newton Sandell, (wife) 107 Seventh Street, Chillicothe, Illinois.

BERNARD F. CLARK, 36155596, Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near the Soputa-Sanananda Track, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant CLARK voluntarily went to an open place forward of the company position, with an officer of his company, in an effort to rescue an officer of Company I, 126th Infantry, who had been severely wounded. They reached the officer and then Sergeant CLARK returned to obtain a medical aid man to dress the wounds of the officer before trying to bring him back to a safer position. After the medical aid man dressed the wound, the enemy discovered their position and opened fire on them. Sergeant CLARK was killed during this action. Next of kin: Mrs. Theresa Clark (mother), 617 State St., Saint Joseph, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER	I
AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR	II
AWARDS POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR	III

I. Under the provisions of paragraph 14, AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Sergeant George Pravda, Company F, 126th Infantry by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published on page 1, General Orders No 3, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, 1943, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him for gallantry in action.

GEORGE PRAVDA, 20684954, First Sergeant, Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 1, 1942. Home Address: Spring Lake, Michigan.

II. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, The Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officer and enlisted men:

HAROLD A. SPRAETZ, 0277877, Captain, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pongani, New Guinea, October 18, 1942. Home Address: Madison, Wisconsin.

SHELBY M. ROOF, 38062705, Private First Class, Company G, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pongani, New Guinea, October 18, 1942. Home Address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

VERNON E. DIEGEL, 36208238, Private, Medical Detachment, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pongani, New Guinea, October 18, 1942. Home Address: Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

III. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, The Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

ERWIN A. BONESS, 20647498, Sergeant, Company I, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, December 22, 1942. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Boness volunteered along with four other enlisted men to undertake a dangerous mission over unknown terrain. This mission consisted of locating an enemy pill box which was harassing their platoon on their right flank and pinning the men down on the river bank. After crossing an engineer's bridge, these men crawled up the river bank and worked their way forward on their stomachs through buffalo grass for a distance of thirty yards. Upon reaching a trail which had to be crossed and which was covered by enemy snipers from both sides of the trail, Sergeant Boness halted his men and gave them orders on how to continue the mission. They then advanced up the trail and shortly thereafter Sergeant Boness was severely wounded by enemy machine gun fire. He was reported missing in action and his body was recovered at a later date. Next of Kin: Mrs Anna Boness, (mother), 525 Congress Street, Neenah, Wisconsin.

LELAND L. SHARP, 36113030, Sergeant, Company D, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, December 27, 1942. During an attack of Japanese positions by the mortar platoon of Company D, 127th Infantry, Sergeant Sharp was in the forward position at the head of his section. A withdrawal was ordered. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Sharp although he was severely wounded by enemy grenade and rifle fire, ordered his men to abandon him so that they might save themselves. Nevertheless, he was brought out and died shortly after at an aid station. Next of Kin: Mrs. Eva Sharp (mother), R.F.D. #1, Montgomery, Michigan.

GEORGE D. RAWSON, 20648163, Corporal, Company M, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, December 31, 1942. During an attack on Buna Mission, Corporal Rawson and his squad were pinned down by heavy enemy grenade and sniper fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Rawson and another enlisted man, in the face of heavy enemy fire, moved forward where they could fire on the snipers. Contact being lost with the rest of his unit, an order was given for the squad to withdraw. In order that his men could do so safely, Corporal Rawson and the other enlisted man fired heavily on the enemy, killing five snipers and allowing a safe withdrawal. Corporal Rawson died from wounds received in this action. Next of Kin: Mrs. Francis Rawson (mother), 200 South Military Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

VICTOR A. BURT, 36163706, Private First Class, Company I, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, December 31, 1942. At about 9:00 PM Private First Class Burt volunteered to take a message to a non-commissioned officer in a front line position. He fully realized that the terrain through which he had to travel was extremely dangerous, especially at night, due to heavy enemy grenade fire. Private First Class Burt advanced about 75 yards up between Company I, 127th Infantry and Company B, 127th Infantry before he was shot by the enemy. He lived just long enough to deliver the message in detail to the non-commissioned officer. Private First Class Burt displayed extreme courage and intelligence during the entire Buna campaign. Next of Kin: Mrs. Bernice M. Burt (mother), R.F.D., No. Lincoln, Michigan.

WILLIAM E. VIDER, 36110949, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. After having brought one wounded man back from a position ahead of the front lines, Private First Class Vider and the other members of his litter squad set out on a similar mission. This squad moved towards the enemy lines over open ground in the face of heavy enemy sniper fire and with no protective fire from our own troops. They reached the wounded man, placed him on a litter and started to return to their own lines. When they had moved about twenty yards, the enemy snipers opened fire and Private First Class Vider, who was in the rear of the litter, was shot and died instantly. During this action, he demonstrated exceptional leadership and courage. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Vider (mother), Rauch, Minnesota.

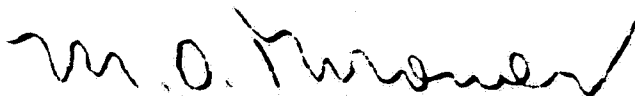
ROBERT J. PACKARD, 20647744, Private, Company I, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, December 15, 1942. While aiding in the support of an attack made

by Company K, 127th Infantry, Private Packard was wounded when his gun was put out of action by enemy fire. Under orders, he reported back for medical treatment and then returned to his machine gun, put it back into action, and materially assisted the advance. Again he was sent back as a casualty, but he returned the following day and immediately manned a machine gun and was of vital assistance in returning a wounded man to the rear lines. Private Packard was killed in action on a later date. Next of Kin: Mrs. Clara Strohmeier, (grandmother), 1111 South 8th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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GENERAL ORDER)
NO. 12)

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR II

I. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, The Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

EDMUND C. BLOCH, 0382301, Captain, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Giruwa, New Guinea, 19 January 1943. Home Address: Neenah, Wisconsin.

BILL MULLEN, 0438792, Second Lieutenant, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 25 December 1942. Home Address: Omaha, Nebraska.

HOWARD A. GOLDING, 35280122, Private First Class, Company D, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 27 December 1942. Home Address: Montpelier, Ohio.

REX N. PURK, 36162260, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 25 December 1942. Home Address: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

LOUIS OCHOA, 18044491, Private, Company A, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 24 December 1942. Home Address: Tucson, Arizona.

II. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, The Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

PETER GEELHOED, 36155 08, Private First Class, Company F, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 2 January 1943. Home Address: Byron Center, Michigan.

JOE H. RAINWATER, 38079148, Private First Class, Company D, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 4 January 1943. Home Address: Eden, Texas.

AARON A. SCHABO, 20646557, Private First Class, Company D, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 4 January 1943. Home Address: Appleton, Wisconsin.

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GENERAL ORDER)
NO. 14)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32nd Infantry Division to the following named officer:

ROBERT BOVMAN WINKLER, 0419741, Captain (then First Lieutenant) FA,
Aife-Camp, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, United States Army.
For wounds received in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea on
November 15, 1942. Home Address: Mr William K. Winkler (father),
1929 North Buffum Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1931, The Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

LOREN L. GHEINER, 0246176, Lieutenant Colonel, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Coconut Gardens, Buna Area, New Guinea, 25 December 1942. Home address: Waupaca, Wisconsin.

JOHN T. BOETT, 0386057, Major (then Captain), Medical Corps, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, 5 December 1942. Home address, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GEORGE W. BUGSLEY, 0356234, Captain, Medical Corps, 22d Portable Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Bayard, Nebraska.

WILLIAM H. FLANAGAN, 0392442, First Lieutenant, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 28 December 1942. Home address: Meridian, Mississippi.

PAUL H. MAURER, 0399145, First Lieutenant, Dental Corps, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near H riko Village, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Sidney, Ohio.

LEONARD J. MCGAREK, 0416845, First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, 22d Portable Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM F. CHERRY, 35003040, Staff Sergeant, 22d Portable Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Columbus, Ohio.

VICTOR J. WRIGHT, 20649267, Sergeant, Company C, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 19 November 1942. Home address: Marshfield, Wisconsin.

MARCELYN HOFFMAN, 20618356, Sergeant, 22d Portable Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

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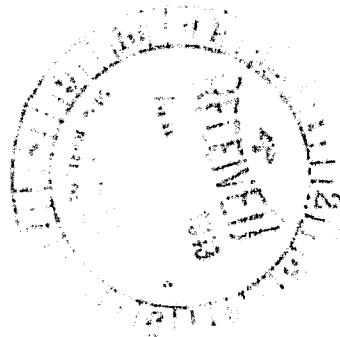
ROBERT H. SIMONS, 20646030, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Government Gardens, Buna Area, New Guinea, 25 December 1942. Home address: Kiron, Wisconsin.

LEONARD E. HAIT, 20618205, Technician Fourth Class, 22d Portable Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Forest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

HEROLD J. WILLS, 20618089, Private First Class, 22d Portable Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Forest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Saskatchewan, Canada.

By command of Brigadier General B. J. F.:

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I. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, The Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

EDWARD W. WALTERS, 38083252, Private First Class, Company C, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 1 January 1943. Next of Kin: Mr Edward Walters, (father) 115 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado.

II. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, The Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

ALFRED C. HARDRATH, 20646694, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tarakena, New Guinea, 10 January 1943. Home Address: Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

MAX G. KNOWLES, 20648834, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 28 December 1942. Home Address: Eau Galle, Wisconsin.

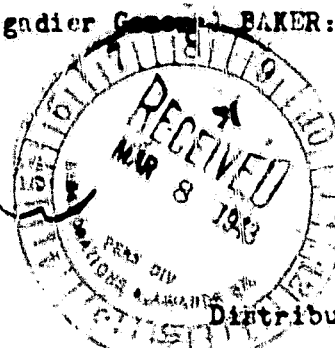
III. Under the provisions of paragraph 14, AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Captain EDMUND C. BLOCH, 127th Infantry by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published on page 1, General Orders No 12, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, 1943, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him for gallantry in action.

EDMUND C. BLOCH, 0382301, Captain, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tarakena, New Guinea, 5 January 1943 to 8 January 1943. Home Address: Neenah, Wisconsin.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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I. DISBANDMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS: Pursuant to VOCG, Sixth Army, March 2, 1943, the following organizations are disbanded, effective as of midnight this date:

107th Quartermaster Battalion, T/O 10-15. All personnel (less Ordnance Maintenance Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, T/O 10-16 and Medical Detachment, T/O 10-15), equipment and prorata share of unit funds are transferred to 32d Quartermaster Company, 32d Infantry Division. All personnel, equipment and prorata share of unit funds, Ordnance Maintenance Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 107th Quartermaster Battalion are transferred to 732d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company. All personnel, equipment and prorata share of unit funds, Medical Detachment, 107th Quartermaster Battalion are transferred to 107th Medical Battalion.

Ordnance Section, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, T/O 7-1 and 7-2. All personnel, equipment and prorata share of unit funds are transferred to 732d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company.

II. ACTIVATION OF ORGANIZATIONS: Pursuant to VOCG, Sixth Army, March 2, 1943, the following organizations are activated within this Division, effective March 2, 1943:

Organization	Applicable T/O
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III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AF 600-45, August 2, 1932, The Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

GEORGE C. BOND, (0174205), Major 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Adrian, Michigan.

PETER L. DALPONTE, 0379617, Captain, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, December 9, 1942. Home address: Three Rivers, Michigan.

MARLEITH M. HUGGINS, 0367960, Captain, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, November 30, 1942. Home address: Seiler, Oregon.

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WALTER B. BLISS, 0340919, First Lieutenant, 116th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, December 2, 1942. Home Address: Houston, Texas.

JOHN F. O'DONOVAN, 0444455, First Lieutenant, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, December 4, 1942. Home address, Bedford, Massachusetts.

BENJAMIN J. YONGE, 20625032, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 116th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, December 2, 1942. Home address: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

WILLIAM A. GILES, 20634229, Sergeant, Company B, 116th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soguta, New Guinea, November 18, 1942 to December 13, 1942, inclusive. Home Address: Cuyahoga, Michigan.

By command of Major General GILL:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

SECTION

I.
II.

I. Lieutenant Colonel ERNEST A. BARLOW, 016116, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, is announced as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, vice Major ALEX J. ROBINET, 0358288, Infantry, relieved as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, effective this date.

II. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men for singularly meritorious acts of essential service:

HENRY W. KLUTE (36155957) Sergeant, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Company G, 127th Infantry). For wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea on January 6, 1943.

CLAUD O. JACKSON (20635363) Corporal, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Company H, 126th Infantry). For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea on December 1, 1942.

CHARLES A. MARR (20651053) Corporal, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry). For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea on January 1, 1943.

RAYMOND M. FRANK (20647953) Private First Class, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Company L, 127th Infantry). For wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea on December 23, 1942.

WILLIAM E. MEYER, JR. (39015618) Private First Class, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Company G, 127th Infantry). For wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea on January 8, 1943.

MAXEY J. RAY (35250065) Private First Class, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Company E, 127th Infantry). For wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea on January 4, 1943.

ELMER F. RAPP (20649265) Private First Class, Detachment of Patients, 118th General Hospital, APO 927, (formerly Company C, 126th Infantry). For wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea on November 20, 1942.

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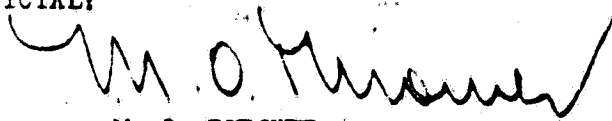
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JOSEPH C. STRZESZEWSKI (20648319) Private, Detachment of Patients,
118th General Hospital, APO 9-7, (formerly Medical Detachment, 127th Infantry).
For wounds received in action at Buna, New Guinea on January 8, 1943.

By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, The Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

ZINA R. CARTER, 0306308, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on the Soputa-Sanananda Trail, New Guinea, 14 December 1942. Home Address: St. Petersburg, Florida.

JOSEPH M. STEHLING, 0348518, Captain, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 16 December 1942. Home Address: Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

BERNARD P. HOWES, 0402765, First Lieutenant, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on the Soputa-Sanananda Trail, New Guinea, 22 November 1942. Home Address: Hugo, Oklahoma.

ANTHONY W. KUCERA, 0382037, First Lieutenant, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 18 December 1942. Home Address: Lakeville, Illinois.

DANIEL J. HERR, 0888380, Second Lieutenant (then Warrant Officer Junior Grade) Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home Address: New York City, New York.

CARLTON H. HUEBNER, 20647482, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company I, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 24 December 1942. Home Address: Meenah, Wisconsin.

HANS M. JENSEN, 20648771, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 15 December 1942. Home Address: Menominee, Wisconsin.

DALE F. BOOTH, 20649422, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company D, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 5 December 1942. Home Address: Cumberland, Wisconsin.

GLENN W. FOLLETT, 36155839, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company I, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 24 December 1942. Home Address: Benton Harbor, Michigan.

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FRANK G. FREIBERG, 20649860, Sergeant, Company F, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 2 January 1943. Home Address: Pardeeville, Wisconsin.

DONALD J. MILTON, 20647544, Sergeant, Company E, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Government Gardens, New Guinea, 24 December 1942. Home Address: Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

AARON MEYERS, 37130488, Sergeant, Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 15 December 1942. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

VICTOR OLSEN, 20648846, Sergeant, Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 25 December 1942. Home Address: Colfax, Wisconsin.

DONALD ATCHINSON, 36155536, Technician IV Grade, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 22 November 1942 to 26 November 1942 inclusive. Home Address: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

OSCAR L. HANSON, 36207588, Corporal, Antitank Company, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home Address: Woodford, Wisconsin.

DONALD R. MUENCH, 20651003, Corporal, Company M, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 26 November 1942. Home Address: Lancaster, Wisconsin.

MATTHEW SUSJLE, 36114641, Corporal, Company M, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 26 November 1942. Home Address: Nokomis, Illinois.

CHARLES O. ELY, 35208053, Technician V Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 8 December 1942. Home Address: Morgantown, West Virginia.

CHARLES E. AGNER, 36112563, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 19 December 1942. Home address: Milan, Michigan.

WALTER J. CAMPBELL, 20639357, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

CARL O. CHRISTENSON, 36110979, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 19 December 1942. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

JOSEPH R. FREIBURGER, 20635908, Private First Class, Company L, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 25 November 1942. Home Address: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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✓ GERALD MASSEY, 35251024, Private First Class, Company K, 126th Infantry United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 22 December 1942. Home Address: Greentown, Indiana.

✓ ROBERT M. SHEARER, 34133128, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 2 December 1942. Home Address: Indianola, Mississippi.

✓ ROBBIE H. SCHEEF, 37139132, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 2 December 1942. Home Address: Millard, Nebraska.

✓ KARL SKYEE, 36155698, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 2 December 1942. Home Address: Boyne City, Michigan.

✓ WILBUR C. BAUMAN, 35015358, Private, Company L, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 22 November 1942. Home Address: Whitehouse, Ohio.

✓ WILLIAM R. BRIGGS, 39383185, Private, Antitank Company, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home Address: Onalaska, Washington.

✓ EZRA DAVIS, 36155429, Private, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 2 December 1942. Home Address: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

✓ ERNEST D. ERICKSON, 37111294, Private, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 18 November 1942. Home Address: Hardy, Iowa.

✓ LEROY JOHNSON, 34154178, Private, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 22 December 1942. Home Address: Oakdale, Louisiana.

✓ ERNEST J. WEBER, 20649478, Private, Company D, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 5 December 1942. Home Address: Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

II AWARDS POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, The Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ BEN G. McKNIGHT, 0422961, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 16 December 1942. Next of Kin: Thomas C. McKnight (father), Box 499, Elkin, North Carolina.

✓ SIDNEY DeVRIES, 20635906, Sergeant, Company L, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 23 November 1942. Next of Kin: Jennie DeVries (mother), 1144 McReynolds Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

General Order 28, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division, 6 April 1943, cont'd.

WALTER LaFAUNCE, 20635754, Sergeant, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 26 November 1942. Next of Kin: Margaret Avery (mother), 1410 Alpine, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GEORGE L. MAY, 36155253, Sergeant, Company I, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 30 November 1942. Next of Kin: Daniel Carey May (father), RFD #1, Edmore, Michigan.

JAMES V. BURROWS, 20635901, Corporal, Company L, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 30 November 1942. Next of Kin: Annie Ferguson (mother), Route #1, Cassopolis, Michigan.

CHARLES H. HALLOCK, JR., 36112151, Corporal, Company L, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 2 December 1942. Next of Kin: Mrs. Charles H. Hallock, Jr., (wife), Route #1, North Branch, Michigan.

MERL W. HOLM, 37111202, Private First Class, Company K, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 26 November 1942. Next of Kin: Andy Holm (father), RFD #1, Lake City, Iowa.

HYMIE Y. EPSTEIN, 37139327, Private, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 22 November 1942. Next of Kin: Morris Epstein (father), 1608 Willis Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

JOHN R. GOODWIN, 37102830, Private, Antitank Company, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Spudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Next of Kin: Jennie Whisenhunt (aunt), Parks, Arkansas.

JACK M. WILLIAMS, 14055919, Private, Company I, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 1 January 1943. Next of Kin: Rittie Williams (mother), 100 May Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

III AWARDS OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, The Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

FRANK EYLE, 39382956, Private, Company I, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Ondora, New Guinea, 12 November 1942. Home Address: LaCenter, Washington.

PETER F. PAGET, 36111883, Private, Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism near Coolangatta, N.S.W., Australia, 11 February 1943. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR II

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

STANLEY W. HOLLENBECK, O353446, Major, 107th Medical Battalion (then 14th Portable Hospital, attached to 128th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Embago, New Guinea, 16 and 17 November 1942. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PAUL KEENE, JR., O106850, First Lieutenant, 732d Ordnance Company (then Second Lieutenant, Ordnance Section, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 27 December 1942. Home Address: Bardstown, Kentucky.

JOHNEY B. WAX, O378833, First Lieutenant, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 23 November 1942. Home address: Denham Springs, Louisiana.

PHILLIP S. WINSON, O402988, First Lieutenant, 32d Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 23 December 1943. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

HUGO H. VOELKLI, W2114636, Chief Warrant Officer (then Warrant Officer Junior Grade), 128th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1943. Home address: Monroe, Wisconsin.

RUSSELL C. HUNTINGTON, 36156588, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 28 December 1942. Home address: Mason, Michigan.

EMIL RANINEN, 36106807, Staff Sergeant, 732d Ordnance Company (then Ordnance Section, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Government Gardens, New Guinea, 30 December 1942. Home Address: Detroit, Michigan.

RUSSELL E. SIGWELL, 20650823, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, 18 November 1942. Home address: Beloit, Wisconsin.

General Orders 32, Hq 32d Inf Div, 10 April 1943.

PAUL FROHMAN, 33039439, Technician Fifth Grade, 37th Ordnance Company (then attached to 127th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 27 December 1942. Home address: Donora, Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE V. EKDAHL, 38069929, Private First Class, 37th Ordnance Company (then Ordnance Section, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 16 December 1942. Home address: Lueders, Texas.

JACK C. MOORE, 37086918, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gerwa, New Guinea, 19 January 1943. Home address: Powell, Wyoming.

PAUL T. PHILLIPS, 36161728, Private First Class, 37th Ordnance Company (then Ordnance Section, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 16 December 1942. Home address: Niles, Michigan.

II. AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR.

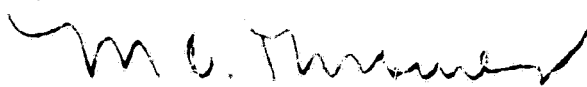
Under the provisions of AR 600-15, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

JEAN F. BEHRENDT, 20646484, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tarakena, New Guinea, 11 January 1943. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Behrendt (mother) 135 Main Street, Kinberley, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

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REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

I REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

a. So much of General Order No. 21, dated 3 March 1943, as pertains to the awarding of The Silver Star to PETER L DAL PONTE, 0379617, Captain, 126th Infantry and to MEREDITH M HUGGINS, 0367960, Captain, 126th Infantry, is revoked.

b. So much of Section I, General Order No. 28, dated 6 April 1943, as pertains to the awarding of The Silver Star to VICTOR OLSEN, 20648846, Sergeant, Company A, 128th Infantry, is revoked.

II AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

Under the provisions of paragraph 14, AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Sergeant VICTOR L OLSON, Company A, 128th Infantry, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published on Page 2, General Order No. 3, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division, dated 17 January 1943, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded. The citation is as follows:

VICTOR L. OLSON, 20648846, Sergeant, Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 25 December 1942. Home address: Colfax, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

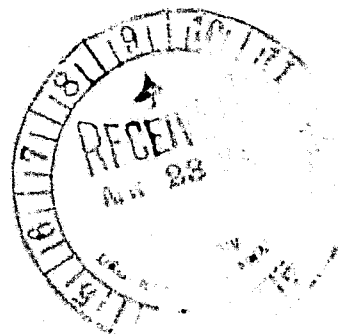
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF SOLIER'S MEDAL II

I AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 3 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 52d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

WILLIAM R WASHINGTON, 0380382, Captain, 14th Portable Hospital (then attached to 128th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Emboga, New Guinea, 16 and 17 November 1942. Home address: Corvallis, Oregon.

WILLIAM J DVONCH, 0420226, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), 14th Portable Hospital (then attached to 128th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Emboga, New Guinea, 16 and 17 November 1942. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

ALFRED C MEYER, 0427250, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), 14th Portable Hospital (then attached to 128th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Emboga, New Guinea, 16 and 17 November 1942. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES KANAPAUX, 0327083, First Lieutenant, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 29 November 1942. Home address: Charleston, South Carolina.

JOHN A PINKOWSKY, 0404151, Second Lieutenant, 32d Quartermaster Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Har'p, New Guinea, 23 December 1942. Home address: Clintonville, Wisconsin.

WHEELER G BOWMAN, 20634410, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on the Soputa Trail, New Guinea, 5 December 1942. Home address: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

JOSEPH P DORAN, 20116005, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home address: Nahant, Massachusetts.

ELMER P PETERSON, 20651990, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Detachment of Patients, 105th General Hospital (then Cannon Company, 126th Infantry) United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 26 December 1942. Home address: Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

STANLEY B BEAUGRAND, 20634430, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company C, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 25 November 1942. Home address: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

General Orders No 37, Hq 32d Inf Div, 28 May 1943.

CHARLES I MAYKOR, 20647536, Sergeant, Company I, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 24 December 1942. Home address: Neenah, Wisconsin.

DUANE E LEAD, 39016556, Sergeant, Detachment of Patients, 47th Station Hospital (then Company G, 128th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 24 November 1942. Home address: Dryden, New York.

HOWARD P JOHNSON, 37102832, Sergeant, Co A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 29 December 1942. Home address: Rogers, Arkansas.

WYNDST B SEAPFOSS, 36114846, Sergeant, Company M, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Government Gardens, New Guinea, 1 January 1943. Home address: Hemlock, Michigan.

EDWARD I WERREHOLM, 20638414, Sergeant, Detachment of Patients, 105th General Hospital (then Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home address: Negaunee, Michigan.

FRED K ROBINSON, 31023219, Corporal, Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home address: Haverhill, New Hampshire.

SYDNEY E ANDERSON, 36207718, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 28 December 1942. Home address: Madison, Wisconsin.

EDWARD V MC GREGOR, 36110210, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 107th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES V WRIGHT, 36207123, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Hariko, New Guinea, 16 November 1942. Home address: Columbus, Wisconsin.

WALTER J ZINCHUK, 31025929, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home address: South Windham, Maine.

ALONZO ENOS, 38070759, Private First Class, Company C, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 1 December 1942. Home address: Mesa, Arizona.

MILO C MANKS, 20634470, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 5 December 1942. Home address: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

WILLIAM F MILLS, 31029708, Private First Class, Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home address: Somerville, Massachusetts.

General Orders No 37, No 32d Inf Div, 23 May 1943.

ALBERT J ELATYNSKI, 6984492, Private First Class, Detachment of Patients, 2d Field Hospital (then Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Samarang, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Home address: Hamilton, Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 3 August 1932, the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

GILBERT J FARWELL, 37134906, Corporal, Company I, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Tweed Heads, N.S.W., Australia, 12 May 1943. Home address: Manover, Kansas.

By command of Major General GILL:

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

ORIGINAL:

s/ W. G. Thrower
W. G. THROWER,
Lt. Col., A.C.D.,
Adjutant General.

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AWARDS POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, The Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

NORMAN J BLAND, 20634432, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, 1 December 1942. Next of kin: Roland R Bland (father), 626 Florence Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ROBERT F. DANENBERG, 20651957, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda Point, New Guinea, 26 December 1942. Next of kin: Mrs. A. V. Danenberg (mother), 9 South Cuiver Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

VICTOR S GLENN, 20650001, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Mission, New Guinea, 18 December 1942. Next of kin: Mrs. Verena Glenn (mother), 3154 Lindbergh Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

DONALD N REA, 36155344, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda Point, New Guinea, 26 November 1942. Next of kin: Joyce M Rea (wife), 2013 Ruddiman Avenue, North Muskegon, Michigan.

MERLE G. TASKER, 36156188, Corporal, Company M, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Government Gardens, New Guinea, 1 January 1943. Next of kin: Mrs. Nettie Tasker (wife), New Caledonia, Michigan.

CLARE T LATHAM, 36110697, Private, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, 15 December 1942. Next of kin: Evelyn Latham (wife), 910 Goethe Street, Detroit 14, Michigan.

ALBERT L RUSSELL, JR, 33118558, Private, Company A, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action

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near Sanananda, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Next of kin: Mrs. Louella Russell (mother) 92 Slagle Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General GILL:

JOHN A HETTINGER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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/t/ M. O. THROWER,
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of paragraph 14, AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Colonel JOHN J CAREW, O126433, by the Commanding General, 5th Division, as published in General Orders No. 21, Headquarters 5th Division, dated 21 May, 1919, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded. The citation is as follows:

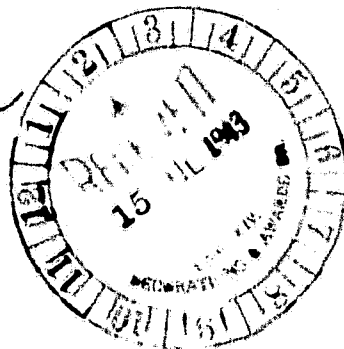
JOHN J CAREW, O126433, Colonel, Headquarters Sixth Army (formerly 114th Engineer Battalion). For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, 23 December 1942. Home address: Medford, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General GILL:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NO.....47)

AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL I
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS II

I AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, 4 May 1943, and upon the recommendation of the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded, for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity, to the following named enlisted men, organizations as indicated. Only the appropriate service ribbon will be presented, pending the availability for issuance of the medal after the cessation of hostilities.

Headquarters 32d Infantry Division

EDWARD T HART	36113099	Master Sergeant
LEWIS E SHANNON	20647948	Sergeant
LOUIS L COLEMAN	20630012	Technician Grade IV
CLEO HUIZENGA	36155541	Technician Grade V

Headquarters Battery, 121st Field Artillery Battalion (formerly Headquarters 32d Infantry Division)

MERWYN M SCHULTZ	36207780	Technician Grade IV
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II AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders No. 3, this headquarters, dated 17 January 1943, as awards the Silver Star to FRANK H REESE, 36209693, Corporal, Company K, 128th Infantry, is amended to read: FRANK H REESE, 36209691, Corporal, Company K, 128th Infantry.

By command of Major General GILL:

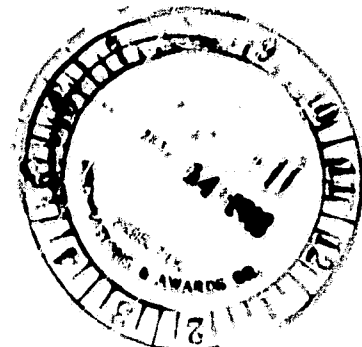
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- ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICER I
- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR II
- AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL III

I ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICER

Verbal orders of the Commanding General, 11 June 1943, are confirmed and made of record: Lieutenant Colonel LYLE A CLOUGH O223461, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, is announced as Division Chemical Warfare Officer.

II AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officer:

BEVIN D. LEE, O230970, Major (then Captain), 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Semananda, New Guinea, 22 November 1942. Home address: Gaffney, South Carolina.

III AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, 4 May 1943, and upon the recommendation of the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded, for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity, to the following named enlisted men, organizations as indicated. Only the appropriate service ribbon will be presented, pending the availability for issuance of the medal after the cessation of hostilities.

- Headquarters 32d Infantry Division
- CHARLES C BRANZ, 36154856, Master Sergeant
 - KENNETH C COLES, 36104735, Master Sergeant
 - JOHN K KING, 19064689, Master Sergeant
 - WENDELL J VAN RIPER, 20630009, Master Sergeant
 - JAMES W DARR, 33134377, Technical Sergeant
 - LEROY P EVANS, 33106785, Technical Sergeant
 - ROBERT A MALSTROM, 20638021, Technical Sergeant
 - SHELDON D ROSECRANS, 20633543, Technical Sergeant
 - HAROLD LEMHOFF, 36109237, Staff Sergeant
 - LELAND M SCORE, 20648860, Staff Sergeant
 - ADRIAN A STRANSKY, 36207547, Staff Sergeant
 - EDWIN J ARPE, 36209415, Technician Grade III
 - DELBERT J CLAVETTE, 20645860, Technician Grade III
 - FRANCIS P DICKSON, 36111857, Technician Grade III
 - CORNELL J GEHL, 20646899, Technician Grade III
 - ALVIN J HERTZBERG, 36208759, Technician Grade III

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RALPH C HILL, 20630019, Technician Grade III
HADRIAN A KOSBUCKI, 36209299, Technician Grade III
WILBERT J RAUCH, 36204874, Technician Grade III
HAROLD J RUOFF, 32202060, Technician Grade III
JOHN M TAYLOR, 20630031, Technician Grade III
RAYMOND F DASMANN, 19064579, Sergeant
JACK F HOWIE, 36110639, Sergeant
JOHN H MIEDEMA, 20633563, Sergeant
RAYMOND A COLLETTE, 31059770, Technician Grade IV
DEAN E COOK, 36110747, Technician Grade IV
EDWARD L DUNN, 36111783, Technician Grade IV
DAVID B HUIE, 36208779, Technician Grade IV
PAUL F JOHNSON, 36156618, Technician Grade IV
WALTER F KOSINSKI, 36106359, Technician Grade IV
EDWARD A KRANEWSKI, 36110227, Technician Grade IV
JOHN E LACY, 38062253, Technician Grade IV
RAYMOND R LYONS, 36208355, Technician Grade IV
PETER A MASON, 36155408, Technician Grade IV
BERNARD J MUELLER, 36208650, Technician Grade IV
WILLIAM J NICHOLS JR, 20630024, Technician Grade IV
NOLAN R PLUKE, 20649276, Technician Grade IV
GORDON M POOR, 36156621, Technician Grade IV
SYLVESTER C SEIPEL, 36204878, Technician Grade IV
MERRITT C SCHWENK JR, 36111216, Technician Grade IV
THAD M TAYLOR, 20634857, Technician Grade IV
GILBERT H WENDT, 39175071, Technician Grade IV
ROBERT F CLEMENT, 32186518, Technician Grade V
LLOYD J KNUTSON, 39383194, Technician Grade V
GORDON J ROBERTSON, 37111519, Technician Grade V

Detachment of Students, Officer Candidate School (formerly Headquarters
32d Infantry Division)

HARRY G BEEBY, 36154807, Master Sergeant
MARION W CZMER, 20630014, Master Sergeant
LELAND W CHENOWETH, 20645066, Staff Sergeant
JAMES H F COLLINS, 20632480, Technician Grade IV
ROBERT L HASCALL, 20653543, Technician Grade IV
REGINALD T MASON, 37111235, Technician Grade IV
CLAYTON E METZLER, 20650421, Technician Grade IV
WILLIAM H ROBINSON, 20630027, Technician Grade IV
LEE SCHWARTZ, 39015858, Corporal

Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division


ARTHUR WAGNER, 20630111, Staff Sergeant
MARVIN R VAN HORN, 20630106, Sergeant
THO R ALEXANDER, 36104638, Technician Grade IV
EVERETT BOISSONNEAULT, 36112264, Technician Grade V
LESTER A ROBBINS, 36207054, Technician Grade V
GEORGE BREEN, 38070812, Private First Class

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICERS · I
AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF SILVER STAR II

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICERS:

The following staff appointments are announced:

a. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM A DUNCAN, 0245857, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, as Division Inspector General, vice Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD W HENDRICK, 0266601, Inspector General's Department, transferred.

b. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM T POWERS, 0108455, Judge Advocate General's Department, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, as Division Judge Advocate, vice Lieutenant Colonel NORMAN J BAKER, 0250430, Judge Advocate General's Department, transferred.

c. Chaplain (Major) EDGAR R COCHRAN, 0175905, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, as Division Chaplain, vice Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) LESTER C DOERR, 0275724, Chaplain Corps, transferred.

II. AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF SILVER STAR:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

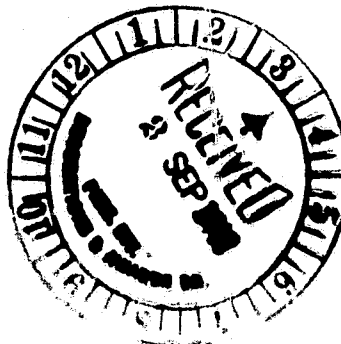
— STEVE E. FULLER, Staff Sergeant, 20635707, Cannon Company, 126th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Sanananda Point, New Guinea, 6 December 1942. Next of kin: Aubrey B. Fuller (wife), 526 Valley Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By command of Major General GILL:

JOHN A. HETTINGER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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SECTION
I

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 8 August 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32nd Infantry Division for gallantry in action to the following named enlisted men:

RICHARD J. FIEH, 20634268, Corporal, Company B, 126th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 16, 1942. During an operation against three enemy pill boxes that were about three hundred (300) yards in enemy territory, Corporal FIEH, who was second in command of a patrol that was operating in short elephant grass and was under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, was outstanding in leadership and courage. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal FIEH, after having one of the members of his patrol killed and another wounded, stealthily worked his way forward to the enemy positions by creeping, and threw a hand grenade into one of the enemy pill boxes. He then returned and attempted to reorganize the patrol for further assault on the enemy positions, but heavy enemy machine gun fire drove them back. Home Address: Mrs. Luie Fieh (mother) Deerfield, Michigan.

ELMER R. BUCHANAN, 20634225, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 126th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 16, 1942. During an attack on three enemy pill boxes that were about three hundred (300) yards in enemy territory, Staff Sergeant BUCHANAN, leading a patrol which was constantly under heavy machine gun and sniper fire was outstanding in leadership and courage. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant BUCHANAN, after having one of his men killed and another wounded, repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire in an attempt to reorganize his patrol for further assault on the enemy positions, but heavy machine gun fire drove them back. Home Address: Mr. Walter Buchanan (father), 507 North Street, Blissfield, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1942, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ CHARLES M. TOMLINSON, 014200, Colonel, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an enemy near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 8, 1942 to December 20, 1942, inclusive. Colonel TOMLINSON, commanding the Urbana Forces on the Buna Front, by his exemplary courage and conduct was an outstanding example and inspiration to his troops. Immediately after the attack on Buna village on December 12, 1942, he personally led officers and men through the village in mop-up operations at Girua Village. Colonel TOMLINSON, on numerous occasions, made visits and gave words of encouragement to men in the most forward positions. Home Address: Mrs. Blanche Tomlinson (wife), Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

✓ CHESTER M. BLAVIER, Grade 7, Lieutenant Colonel, then Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna village, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. Lt. Col. BLAVIER was generally responsible for the successful surprise of the enemy. Later in the afternoon he was instrumental in reorganizing the Cannon Company, 126th Infantry, which was on the left flank of the front lines. He was also with a patrol which crested through water and mud in an attempt to capture an enemy position. Lt. Col. BLAVIER'S actions were far above the call of duty and were an inspiration to the men who were with him. Home Address: Mrs. Gladys M. Beaver, (mother), 402 East Ninth Street, Yankton, South Dakota.

✓ MUSTIE TAYLOR MOONEY, 0411277, First Lieutenant, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 20, 1942 and December 5, 1942. First Lieutenant MOONEY was placed in command of Company K, 126th Infantry, on November 25, 1942. The following day, this company, along with the other companies of the battalion were ordered to attack. On both of these occasions First Lieutenant MOONEY displayed courage far beyond the ordinary call of duty and his leadership was exceptional. Home Address: 450 College Street, Norman, Oklahoma.

✓ GEORGE PRAVIA, 21634954, First Sergeant, Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 1, 1942. On December 1, 1942, First Sergeant PRAVIA led a small party of men into Buna mission with the intention of holding it. After a brief reconnaissance, he discovered that his force was too small to hold this ground so he withdrew his troops. Later, on the same day, when his company was ordered to make a bayonet charge through the village of Buna, First Sergeant PRAVIA rallied and encouraged his men to advance heedless of the heavy concentrated enemy fire. The enemy machine gun fire halted the attack, but First Sergeant PRAVIA continued to encourage the men until he was wounded and forced out of

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action. Through his actions, the company averted demoralization and a commanding officer was able to establish a holding line. Home Address: Mrs. Pauline Prava (wife), R.F.D. No. 2, Box 47, Spring Lake, Michigan.

ELMER C. MARSH, 2063541, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action prior to and on December 3, 1942, near Buna Village, New Guinea. After Company F, 128th Infantry, had moved forward and the wire communications were broken in four places by enemy machine gun fire between the company and the Battalion Command Post, Technical Sergeant MARSH, starting from Company E and another enlisted man starting from the Battalion Command Post worked their way along the line while being constantly under enemy fire and made the necessary repairs; then, only, after reporting communications complete, Technical Sergeant MARSH returned to the company. Home Address: Francis W. Marsh (father) 543 Franklin Ave., SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

HERBERT L. FICHNER, 20650663, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Simemi Plantation, Buna Tract, New Guinea, November 18, 1942. Staff Sergeant FICHNER with two other non-commissioned officers and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to accomplish a mission which consisted of locating an enemy ambush reported to be 1500 yards from the battalion area and on the proposed route of advance of the battalion the following day. The three non-commissioned officers, by surreptitiously avoiding and by passing enemy outposts due to the utilization of a very narrow track which was encircled by impenetrable swamp on both sides, located the ambush containing machine guns on both sides of the Simemi Plantation, Buna Tract. They approached to within 25 yards of the position and preceded volley of hand weapon fire on it so successfully that no return fire was received. They then returned to their unit. When the battalion approached the position on the following day it was found that the ambush had been completely evacuated of enemy troops. Home Address: 1107 10th Ave. Monroe, Wisconsin.

IVAN J. YRAMEN, 20650328, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 21, 1942 to December 19, 1942, inclusive. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant YRAMEN in performing his duties as a mess sergeant supplied rations to his company up on the front lines, as well as other units in the immediate vicinity. During one trip on December 12, 1942, he shot a Japanese sniper and, while on another trip on December 16, 1942, when our troops were at seeing the enemy in the coconut grove near Buna Mission, he was fired on by a patrol of Japanese soldiers. During these rations trips, Staff Sergeant YRAMEN, personally, carried rations on one shoulder and his rifle on the other shoulder. Home Address: 216 Quarry St., Baraboo, Wisconsin.

HOLMER L. MCCOTTIGAN, 20650679, Technician Grade IV, Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Simemi Plantation, Buna Tract, New Guinea, November 18, 1942. Technician Grade IV MCCOTTIGAN with two other non-commissioned officers, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to accomplish a mission which consisted of locating an enemy ambush reported to be 1500 yards from the battalion area and on the proposed route of advance of the battalion the following day. The three non-commissioned officers, by surreptitiously avoiding and by passing

enemy outposts due to the utilization of a very narrow track which was canalized by impassible swamp on both sides of the Sineri Plantation, Buna Track. They approached within 25 yards of the position and placed a volley of hand weapon fire on it so successful that no return fire was received. They then returned to their units. When the battalion approached the position on the following day it was found that the ambush had been completely evacuated of enemy troops. Home Address: 414 Garret Ave., Darlington, Wisconsin.

✓ FRANK H. REEST, 31406693, Corporal, Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sineri Plantation Buna Track, New Guinea, November 18, 1944. Corporal REEST with two other non-commissioned officers and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to accomplish a mission which consisted of locating an enemy ambush reported to be 100 yards from the battalion area and on the proposed route of advance of the battalion the following day. The three non-commissioned officers, by surreptitiously avoiding, and by passing enemy outposts due to the utilization of a very narrow track which was canalized by impassible swamp on both sides, located the ambush containing machine guns on both sides of the Sineri Plantation, Buna Track. They approached to within 25 yards of the position and placed a volley of hand weapon fire on it so successful that no return fire was received. They then returned to their unit. When the battalion approached the position on the following day it was found that the ambush had been completely evacuated of enemy troops. Home Address: 3154 No. 3rd St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ ROBERT J. TAPPIN, 20638101, Corporal, Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 19, 1944. When the squad, of which Corporal TAPPIN was a member, was cut off from its platoon by enemy fire and had lost contact with its unit, Corporal TAPPIN, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to try to get into contact with his company. In doing so, he took Private ARTHUR E. LOBICK, 20011477, who was seriously wounded, with him for medical treatment. This act was successfully accomplished in the midst of heavy enemy fire. Corporal TAPPIN then returned to his squad and directed it to safety. Home Address: 1525 State Rd., Menominee, Michigan.

✓ GLENN P. BINGHAM, 3011187, Technician Grade V, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 10, 1944. After a Japanese gun had fired several volleys through the front lines, a sergeant from Company E rushed to the Command Post and stated that one of his men had been wounded by the enemy. He also stated he could not get anyone to assist him in taking the wounded man to safety as the men considered it too dangerous a mission to attempt. Technician Grade V BINGHAM who was busy at the Command Post phone at that time, dropped the phone, and, with utter disregard for his own personal safety went with the sergeant to assist the wounded man. He crawled forward through the grass in the face of the enemy and helped place the wounded man on a stretcher and remove him to an aid station. Technician Grade V BINGHAM'S actions are far beyond the ordinary call of duty and are an inspiration to the men of Company E, 128th Infantry. Home Address: Bridget Bingham (Mother) 2340 Cleveland Ave., Dearborn, Michigan.

✓ JOHN JUBERA, JR., 35033474, Technician Grade V, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 21, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Grade V JUBERA, attached to Company A, 126th Infantry, and a member of a litter squad, voluntarily and repeatedly, crawled out in front of the forward lines to perform his duty of bringing injured men back to the aid station. He performed this duty under heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Home Address: Theresa Jubera (mother) Box 190, Powhatan Point, Ohio.

✓ CLEVIS T. DARNELL, 18044795, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 23 Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action prior to and on December 3, 1942, near Buna Village, New Guinea. After Company E, 126th Infantry, had moved forward and the wire communications were broken in four places by enemy machine gun fire between the Battalion Command Post and the Company. Private First Class DARNELL, starting from the Command Post and another enlisted man starting from Company E, worked their way along the line while being constantly under enemy fire and made the necessary repairs; then, only, after reporting communication complete, Private First Class DARNELL returned to the Battalion Command Post. Home Address: William Darnell (father) Longview, Texas.

✓ WILLIAM L. GAUTHIER, 30411738, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, 21 November 1942. Private First Class GAUTHIER was a member of a litter squad and was attached to Company A, 126th Infantry, for duty. In performance of his duty, he, voluntarily and repeatedly, crawled out in front of the forward lines, while under heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, and brought injured men back to the aid station. Home Address: Delia Gauthier (mother) 375 W. Division St., Ishpeming, Michigan.

✓ VICTOR L. OLSON, 20048840, Private First Class, Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. Private First Class OLSON volunteered to go forward with another enlisted man, as a litter squad, to carry a wounded man back to the medical aid station. This act was performed under constant heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, the wounded man receiving another wound while he was being carried back to the medical aid station. Private First Class OLSON and the other enlisted man, previously had volunteered and recovered the bodies of three men who had been killed in action. This was also done under constant enemy machine gun fire. Home Address: R.F.P. #1, Colfax, Wisconsin.

✓ JAMES J. ELLIOT, 37130522, Private First Class, Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 5, 1942. Private First Class ELLIOT volunteered to go forward with another enlisted man, as a litter squad, to carry a wounded ^{back} man to the medical aid station. This act was performed under constant heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, the wounded man receiving another wound while he was being carried back to the medical aid station. Private First Class ELLIOT, and the other enlisted man, previously had volunteered and recovered the bodies of three men who had been killed in action. This was also done under constant enemy machine gun fire. Home Address: Peary, Missouri.

DALE F. WIMER, 36207611, Private, Company M, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 20, 1942. Private WIMER, Platoon Aid Man, rendered service above and beyond his normal call of duty by administering first aid to not only members of his own platoon, but also to injured men of adjacent platoons. These valorous acts were carried on in the midst of continuous heavy enemy fire. Home Address: Cassville, Wisconsin.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, for gallantry in action to the following named officer and enlisted men:

HERBERT A. SMITH, 0189961, Lieutenant Colonel, 2d Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 16, 1942. Lieutenant Colonel SMITH'S mission was to capture a coconut grove which was of vital importance in clearing a line of communication forward, to a line of departure for offensive action in the direction of Girapa Point. With the aid of a heavy mortar barrage, he and approximately eighty (80) officers and enlisted men at his disposal from Companies E and H, and the Cannon Company, 128th Infantry were able to work forward to the edge of the village where they were halted due to heavy enemy automatic fire from prepared enemy emplacements. Early the next morning, these men were ordered to advance into the village and capture the enemy strong points. When the junior leaders were unable to work their men forward, Lieutenant Colonel SMITH, realizing he could no longer aid his troops from the Command Post, and realizing the extreme importance of his mission, moved to the foremost position of Company E, and, with utter disregard for his own safety and personal risk, directed the capture of the village with this company. Home Address: Evelyn D. Smith (wife) 857 Main St., Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

LAWRENCE M. ROWE, 20634117, Corporal, Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, November 23, 1942. Corporal ROWE, while up in the front lines that were being held up by enemy sniper fire from the coconut trees and sweeping machine gun fire, located an enemy machine gun emplacement. By crawling and creeping, Corporal ROWE worked his way forward to within a few yards of the enemy emplacement and threw a hand grenade into it. Corporal ROWE then fired several bursts from his automatic weapon into the enemy machine gun emplacement and, in doing so, narrowly escaped being wounded as one of the shots fired at him by the enemy pierced the top of his helmet. Home Address: Mrs Bertha Rowe, RR#2, Angola, Indiana.

WILBUR G. TIRRELL, 31029722, Corporal, Company B, 114th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 8, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal TIRRELL, advanced with a flame thrower strapped to his back, to within fifteen yards of an enemy fortification. Due to the malfunctioning of the apparatus, his efforts were not a success. However, he made repeated attempts to complete his mission while under heavy enemy fire. After discharging the entire contents of his flame-throwing machine, he returned to his unit. Corporal TIRRELL

was wounded twice during this action. His coolness and courage were exceptional as this was the first time Corporal TIRRELL had been in action against the enemy. His efforts were an inspiration to all officers and men witnessing his actions. Home Address: Prince H. Tirrell, 167 Pleasant St. South Weymouth, Mass.

ALBERT C. BURGHARDT, 36112562, Technician Grade V, Medical Detachment, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, prior to and on December 5, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety Technician Grade V BURGHARDT, repeatedly went into the front lines under heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to wounded men. Because of his determination and exceptional courage, he was responsible for saving the lives and relieving the suffering of many men that had been wounded in action. Technician Grade V BURGHARDT was seriously wounded during this action. Home Address: Mrs Emma Burghardt, (mother) R.F.D.#2, Box 109, Tonerance, Michigan.

WILLIAM J. JACOBS, 36155144, Corporal, Company B, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, December 8, 1942. Corporal JACOBS, after being in enemy territory all the previous night as a voluntary member of a patrol, located an enemy pill box and with full knowledge that the enemy snipers were in that area, stood upright and fired his weapon into the enemy pill box. Corporal JACOBS, after being injured in the left forearm, continued firing his gun until a second enemy bullet injured the third finger of his left hand. The other two members of his patrol having been killed he crawled back to his own front lines. Home Address: Mrs Maymie Jacobs (mother), 759 7th St. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

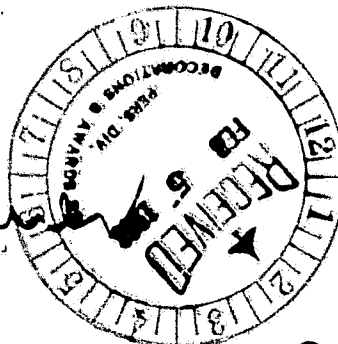
NATHAN FREEMAN, 39016542, Private, Medical Detachment, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna Village, New Guinea prior to and on November 29, 1942. Private FREEMAN performed his duties as an aid-man in an exceptional and excellent manner. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private FREEMAN remained in waist deep water for nearly two days attending a wounded soldier as litter squads were unable to get through to the wounded man. While under heavy enemy fire in the front lines in the actions of November 28-29, Private FREEMAN attended the wounded of his own platoon and of other platoons besides the one to which he was assigned. His constant good humor and humorous remarks contributed greatly to the morale of the officers and enlisted men of Company G, 126th Infantry. Home Address: Gertie Freeman (mother) 627 Princeton Ave., Fronton, New Jersey.

By command of Brigadier General BAKER:

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS II

I AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officers are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decorations:

Captain (then First Lieutenant) CLIFFORD P. HANNUM, (0403934), 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 29 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Helen C. Hannum, (wife), 474 Randolph Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) HARRY L. RICHARDSON, JR. (0376415), 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soputa, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Home address: Mr. Harry L. Richardson, Sr., (father), Bagby, Virginia.

II AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders No. 58, this headquarters, 18 August 1943, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to CLEMENT L. LESTER, 20634826, Sergeant, Detachment of Patients, 105th General Hospital (formerly Company E, 126th Infantry), is amended to award the Good Conduct Medal to CLEMENT L. LESTER.

By command of Major General GILL:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL I
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II

I ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL

Captain MAX E COOPER, O355372, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, is announced as Acting Inspector General.

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, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private JOHN W ADAMS, (34104760), Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 28 December 1942. Home address: Mr. Frank T. Adams, (uncle), Route #1, Silas, Alabama.

By command of Major General GILL:

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL II

I AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officers are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD D. BOEREM, (0253957), 127th Infantry (then Major, 126th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Soruta, New Guinea, on 26 November 1942. Home address: Mrs. Helen I. Boerem, (wife), 125 La Fayette Boulevard, Owosso, Michigan.

Captain WILLIAM W. BRAGG JR, (0364973), 1st Replacement Battalion, APO 926 (then First Lieutenant, 127th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Buna Mission, New Guinea, on 31 December 1942. Home address: William W. Bragg, Sr., (father), 1212 George Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

II AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, W.D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant PETER J. ALFANO, (0391533), 120th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroism at Camp Cable, Queensland, on 14 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Aileen Alfano, (wife), 438 West 5th Street, Junction City, Kansas.

By command of Major General GILL:

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AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class BARNEY A. CYBERSKI, (36156152), First Replacement Battalion (formerly 32d Quartermaster Company), United States Army. For wounds received in action near Pongani, New Guinea, on 18 October 1942. Home address: Charles C. Cyberski, (father), 1006 Second Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Colonel MERLE H. HOWE, (0131962), Infantry, 127th Infantry, (then Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division), United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna Village, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Home address: Mrs Virginia M. Howe, (wife), 621 Deming Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By command of Major General GILL:

JOHN A. HETTINGER,
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART I
REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private ROBERT E RAYMAN, (35280084), Military Police Platoon, 32d Infantry Division, (then Company B, 127th Infantry), United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Sama~~, New Guinea, on 30 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Rayman, (mother), RFD #1, Perrysburg, Ohio.

II. REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

So much of General Orders 84, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, 19 November 1943, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to the following named enlisted men, Company B, 114th Engineer Battalion, is revoked:

T/5 gr WILLIAM J CLARK 20116115 T/5 gr ROBERT J MC CARLEY 20116136

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AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private ERNEST G DEMETER, (35008410), Company H, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 30 December 1942. Home address: Catherine Demeter, (mother), RFD #1, Clinton, Ohio.

Private First Class (then Private) PAUL P GONZALES, (38070578), Company F, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 17 December 1942. Home address: Leontina P Gonzales, (mother), 734 West Sonora Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Private ERWIN D GRABBARGE, (36153008), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Home address: Bertha G Grawbarger, (wife), Saranac, Michigan.

Private First Class OTTO L HANSON, (20650017), Company G, 128th Infantry, (then Company F, 128th Infantry), United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 31 December 1942. Home address: Roy W Hanson, (brother), Ridgeway, Wisconsin.

Private LEROY HENSLEY, (37091571), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 29 December 1942. Home address: Bernice Hensley, (wife), RFD #2, Jonesville, Virginia.

Private First Class (then Private) RALPH L LARKIN, (39003532), Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 21 November 1942. Home address: Edith Larkin, (mother), 645 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, California.

Private First Class (then Private) JASPER PAVICK, (37096033), Company F, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 18 December 1942. Home address: Jasper Pavick, (father), Hinckley, Minnesota.

Sergeant (then Private) THOMAS R REED, (33142224), Company A, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 28 December 1942. Home address: Viola M Reed, (mother), 539 East Westmoreland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant (then Corporal) JIMMY J SAYE, (36208312), Company E, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 30 November 1942. Home address: Angeline Saye, (mother), 1339 Annie Court, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

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Corporal ARTHUR M SCHWIGER, (20649664), Company E, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 16 November 1942. Home address: Arthur Schweiger, (father), 309 South Lincoln Avenue, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Corporal (then Private) GEORGE O STERNBERGER, (38063850), Company B, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 19 November 1942. Home address: Leda G Sternberger, (mother), R.R. #2, Hardtman, Kansas.

Private First Class LOUIE H WENDEL, (37025451), Company H, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Home address: Marv Wendel, (mother), TFD #2, De Smet, South Dakota.

By command of Major General GILL:

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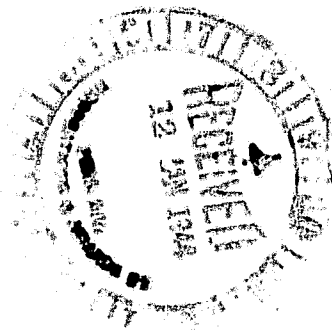
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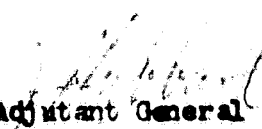
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1. So much of General Orders 87, Headquarters, 32d Infantry Division, dated 30 December 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Erwin D. Grawbarger, 36 153 003, is revoked.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to this serviceman by General Orders 3, Headquarters, 128th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, dated 29 December 1943.

By Order of Wilbur M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:


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AWARDS OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, W.D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal MARVIN G GUNN, (37372770), Anti-Tank Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 January 1944. Home address: Mr. William J Gunn, (father), 5923a Lotus, St Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class BURTON L HILL, (17074952), Anti-Tank Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 January 1944. Home address: Mr. Elmer B. Hill, (father), 2320 South Tenth Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private FRANCIS H STASIEWICZ, (36111026), Company A, 107th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroism near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 January 1944. Home address: William T Stasiewicz, (brother), 4435 31st Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant ROY A VLADICK, (36271924), Headquarters Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Gama River, New Guinea, on 10 November 1943. Home address: Mrs. Valentine Vladick, (mother), 1117 Single Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

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AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

HENRY J BOSS, (36156033), Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 11 January 1943. Home Address: Mr. Jacob Boss, (father), 1111 Evergreen Street, Southeast, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

WALTER CZECK, (33114426), Private, Company K, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 30 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Rosa Czeck, (mother), Evertsville, West Virginia.

STANLEY DUCHNOWSKI, (36163634), Private First Class, Company G, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 8 January 1943. Home Address: Mr. John Duchnowski, (father), 615 Grace Street, Lansing, Michigan.

FRANCIS R. MOLAND, (38062142), Private First Class, Company F, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 25 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Nelly Moland, (mother), Route 1, Box 229, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM POELING, (19062333), Private First Class, Company K, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 29 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Nettie Pooling, (mother), 4662 Clara Street, Bell, California.

FRANK L. FROELWITZ, (37086901), Technical Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company H, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 30 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Lena L. Froelwitz, (mother), Endicott, Nebraska.

JOSEPH SIEGEL, (36309076), Private First Class, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Fifth Replacement Depot, (formerly Company D, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 27 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Pearl Siegel, (mother), 4803 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

ERVIN SIPLA, (20647165), Private First Class, Company G, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near ~~Buna, New Guinea~~, on 8 January 1943. Home Address: Mr. Antoni Sipla, Jr., (father), Box 283, Friendship, Wisconsin.

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GEORGE J. TOMSHA, JR., (36113143), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, (then Company E), 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 20 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Dorothy Tomsha, (mother), 1940 Lawley Street, Detroit, Michigan.

GEORGE W. WHITE, (39168782), Private, Company B, 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 18 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Dora White, (mother), Beaumont, California.

GALBERT G. WHITE, (6257841), Private, Headquarters Company, (then Company I), 127th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 24 December 1942. Home Address: Mrs. Roxie White, (mother), Sparks, Oklahoma.

By command of Major General GILL:

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- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER I
- AWARD OF OAK LEAF-CLUSTER II
- AWARDS OF SILVER STAR III
- AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART IV
- REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL V

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant VICTOR L. OLSON, Company A, 126th Infantry, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published on page 2, General Orders No. 3, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 17 January 1943, and the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 12 April 1943, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant VICTOR L. OLSON, (20648846), Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Next of kin: Carl J. Olson, (father), R.F.D. # 1, Colfax, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant HOWARD P. MORRISON, Company A, 126th Infantry, by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 28 May 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant HOWARD P. MORRISON, (37102832), Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Morgan Morrison, (father), R.F.D. #6, Rogers, Arkansas.

III. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officer and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

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Technical Sergeant DONALD W. HAYBALL, (20630387), 32d Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Saidor, New Guinea, on 3 January 1944. Home address: Mrs Lena Hayball, (mother) R.F.D. #7, Jackson, Michigan.

Sergeant GEORGE ICKES, (20635000), "Rotation Detachment", 32d Signal Replacement Depot, (Formerly Company F, 126th Infantry), United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yagomi, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mrs Lillian Ickes, (wife), Box 88, Ferrysburg, Michigan.

Corporal ARNOLD D. MAHON, (37102858), Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Bobbie Mahon, (mother), Hickory Ridge, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) EDWARD C. MILLER, (37129086), 32d Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Saidor, New Guinea, on 3 January 1944. Home address: Mary E. Miller, (sister) 1965 Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant JOHN L. MOHL, (02035432), Infantry, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yagomi, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mr. Winifred L. Mohl, (father), Whitopine, Montana.

Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), FRANK C. PASSARELLI, (36618230), Company G, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yagomi, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mr. Rosario Passarelli, (father), 3111 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS R. REED, (33142224), Company A, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Viola M. Reed, (mother), 539 East Westmoreland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PAUL L. REYNOLDS, (34036800), Company E, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yagomi, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Tela Reynolds, (mother), Troy, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant JOHN VAN WILGEN, (6128160), Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yagomi, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Van Wilgen, (wife), 13E Saltonsall Parkway, East Haven, Connecticut.

IV. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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General Order No. 19, Hq 32d Inf Div, 15 March 1944, Section IV, cont'd.

Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) CECIL E. BARDEN, (20360622), Company L, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. E. C. Barden, (mother), 2008 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Private First Class (then Private) ANDREW BAXTER, (35251144), Cannon Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 1 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Baxter, (mother), R.R. #1, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant JAMES C. BROWN, (37130546), Company L, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Mr. William A. Brown, (father), Route #1, Campbell, Missouri.

Private PEDRO M. CHEVINA, (39018507), Company I, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Miss Romana Ballesteros, (sister), General Delivery, El Paso, Texas.

Private EDWARD COVENY, (20634983), Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Home address: Mr. Albert Coveny, (father), R. R. #2, Spring Lake, Michigan.

Private First Class CHARLES DANNER, (36112496), Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 24 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Augusta Danner, (mother), R. R. # 2, Box 601, Utica, Michigan.

Private ADAM F. GIAMBARTOLOMIE, (37230053), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Cape Cretin, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mack Giambartolomie, (father), 548 Campbell Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Captain ORLEN E. HELDT, (0309566), Field Artillery, 120th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. Home address: Ruth Heldt, (wife), Riverside Avenue, Merrill, Wisconsin.

Private First Class (then Private) MARVEN W. HITT, (39570032), Company L, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Amos A. Hughes, (uncle), 7623 Vineland Avenue, Roscoe, California.

Staff Sergeant (then Private) DONALD R. JAMES, (38063859), Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 5 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Lois Roach, (sister), R. R. #5, Springdale, Arkansas.

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Second Lieutenant VERNON F. JONES, (01300337), Infantry, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Vernon F. Jones, (wife), 222 Longueville Road, Lane Cove, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Private First Class (then Private) KALLED V. KALLED, (20635713), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Sanananda, New Guinea, on 21 December 1942. Home address: Mr. Abdo R. Kalled, (father), 1641 Canterbury Street, Dearborn, Michigan.

Corporal (then Private First Class) DONALD E. MULLETT, (20633610), Anti-Tank Company, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 4 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Lena Mullett, (mother), 18 Indiana Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private HAROLD E. SPARKMAN, (35172412), Company A, 107th Medical Battalion (formerly Company C, 127th Infantry), United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 29 December 1942. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Smith, (mother), Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Private First Class ROBERT F. STRONG, (36112355), Company F, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 30 November 1942. Home address: Mr. Walter Strong, (father), 5935 North Avenue, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

V. REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

So much of General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 1 March 1944, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to the following named enlisted men, Headquarters Company, 32d Infantry Division, is revoked:

Pfc SYLVESTER D. MAXFIELD, 38255134
Pvt RICHARD H. McWILLIAMS, 36645637

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR I
AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART II

I. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officer and enlisted man are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Private First Class THOMAS M. BOAZ, (35251178), Company E, 126th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Yagomi, New Guinea, on 25 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ocie Boaz, (mother), R.F.D. #3, Princeton, Kentucky.

Captain EMMETT G. QUIRK, (0394611), Field Artillery, 120th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 14 February 1944. Home address: Jean T. Quirk, (wife), 940 Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN M. DRINKA, JR., (56209478), Company I, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Rose Drinka, (mother), 442 North 39th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class (then Private) ROBERT F. EWING, (36163693), Cannon Company, 128th Infantry (formerly Company I, 127th Infantry), United States Army. For wounds received in action near Buna, New Guinea, on 28 December 1942. Home address: Bilda Ewing, (mother), 1412 North Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan.

Private RAYMOND H. FORD, (33351487), Company I, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mary S. Ford, (mother), 425 Alvin Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD M. KAPPLER, (01302670), Infantry, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Mary C. Kappler, (mother), 304 East Second Street, Moulton, Iowa.

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Private First Class BRONISLUS S. PIOTROWICZ, (32281885), Company I, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 2 February 1944. Home address: Bernice Piotrowicz, (mother), 107 Goodyear Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Sergeant JAMES B. SIMPSON, (35487156), Company K, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Sereng, New Guinea, on 9 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Simpson, (mother), Route # 1, Centertown, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C. SMITH, JR., (32269616), Company I, 128th Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 15 February 1944. Home address: Vida F. Smith, (mother), 401 South 10th Street, Sabina, Kansas.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART II

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

NIF — Staff Sergeant MARIO P. COPPA, (3611442), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tein, New Guinea, between 21 February 1944 and 24 February 1944. Home address: Filomena Coppa, (mother), 85 Riverside Drive, Richwood, West Virginia.

NIF — Private FREDERICK E. COX, (36419177), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Yalau Plantation, New Guinea, between 21 February 1944 and 24 February 1944. Home address: Leorna Cox, (mother), 89 Blaine Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

NIF — Private JOHN R. OLSON, (36271947), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Yalau Plantation between 21 February 1944 and 24 February 1944. Home address: Lydia Olson, (mother), Route #1, Webster, Wisconsin.

Private First Class EDWIN G. SEALEY, (34936168), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tein, New Guinea, between 21 February 1944, and 24 February, 1944. Home address: Bertha G. Sealey, (mother), 1706 East 25th Street, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

II. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Private First Class CHARLES O. ALSTOT, (20912171), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Sereng, New Guinea, on 28 February 1944. Home address: Emma O. Alstot, (mother), Route # 1, Box 392, Santa Ana, California.

Technician Fifth Grade HECTOR W. GILMAN, (31132665), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received at Sereng, New Guinea, 20 February 1944. Home address: Jennie Gilman, (mother), Ferry Road, Salisbury, Massachusetts.

Private First Class DARWIN E. GRAY, (37314941), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Gabumi, New Guinea.

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20 February 1944. Home address: Fred Gray, (father), Longville, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES D. HUTCHINSON, (33142323), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received at Sereng, New Guinea, 28 January 1944. Home address: Margaret Hutchinson, (mother), 2202 Colcrado Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NIF
Corporal ARNOLD D. MAHON, (37102858), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Mot River, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Bobbie Mahon, (mother), Hickory Ridge, Arkansas.

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REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART	III

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the _____ of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officers and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Private First Class WILLIAM H. AUSTIN, (36458925), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 20 and 21 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna E. Austin, (mother), 1217 Church Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

First Lieutenant WALTER L. DAVIS, (0425994), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 22 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter L. Davis, (father), Box 5135, Sonora, Texas.

Technical Sergeant HURLES H. FOX, (17012088), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Henry W. Fox, (father), Merrill, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant PAUL C. FROYD, (01302634), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yamai, New Guinea, from 20 February 1944 to 22 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Froyd, (mother), 817 South Oak Street, Lake City, Minnesota.

Private First Class ALBERT GERNAAT, (36155006), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yamai, New Guinea, on 21 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Gernaat, (mother), 2703 Burdick Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Private First Class DONALD A. KING, (37097066), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Arthur King, (father), Route #3, Webster, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES S. KUCK, (37076381), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yamai, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Jacob Kuck, (father), Box 507, Snyder, Colorado.

Private First Class DON E. MOORE, (35251377), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Flossie Moore, (mother), Newberry, Indiana.

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Private First Class HAROLD G. SULLIVAN, (35251388), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Ora Sullivan, (brother), RR #1, Linton, Indiana.

II. AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, W.D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private MERRILL JOHNSON, (34177012), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at Saidor, New Guinea, on 3 January 1944. Home address: Nola D. Johnson, (mother), Norton, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) JOSEPH J. KUSCH, (36209032), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at Saidor, New Guinea, on 13 February 1944. Home address: Marge Kusch, (wife), 5829 West Dixon Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class SEISO R. MARROQUIN, (39544277), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Yamai, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Marroquin, (mother), Box 145, Indio, California.

Private First Class EDWARD E. SANDSTROM, (38062119), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Yamai, New Guinea, on 21 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Esther E. Sandstrom, (mother), Amorita, Oklahoma.

Private KENNETH TATE, (13086138), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at Saidor, New Guinea, on 3 January 1944. Home address: Mr. Clarence Tate, (father), Webster, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant SIDNEY A. UPCHURCH, (20461740), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Yamai, on 21 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Pauline E. Upchurch, (mother), 223 Issaquena Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

III. REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 26, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 22 March 1944, as awards the Purple Heart to Private First Class CHARLES O. ALSJOT, (20912171), Infantry, is revoked.

By command of Major General GILL:

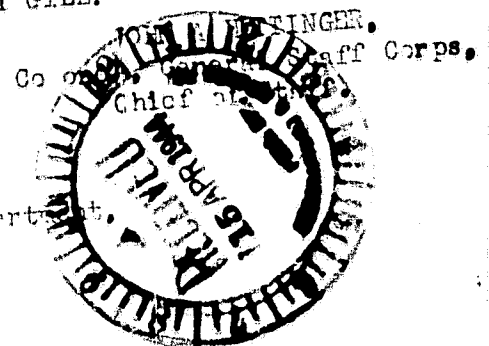
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officer and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Sergeant JOHN Q ADAMS, (16093884), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: George E. Adams, (father), R.F.D. #2, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Private First Class WILLIAM T ALEXANDER, (34374090), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: William T. Alexander, Sr., (father), Beacon, Tennessee.

Private LOUIS J BELSON, (39091879), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Orpha Belson, (mother), 515 10th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Private First Class WARREN J BOES, (20634041), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Florence Nelson, (mother), 1376 North Hudson Street, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private First Class BUFORD C BREWER, (34338564), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Birdie Brewer, (mother), 205 Sweetwater Avenue, Florence, Alabama.

Private First Class AUBREY L HALL, (36302999), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lona L. Hall, (mother), 3801 Potomac Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Sergeant ALBERT T KELLER, (16051713), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 21 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lia Keller, (mother), RR #3, Felloville, Indiana.

Sergeant RUFUS W MC GLOTHLIN, (35251001), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Stella McGlothlin, (mother), Harrodsburg, Indiana.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officer and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Sergeant JOHN Q ADAMS, (16093804), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: George B. Adams, (father), R.F.D. #2, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Private First Class WILLIAM T ALEXANDER, (34374090), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: William T. Alexander, Sr., (father), Beacon, Tennessee.

Private LOUIS J BELSON, (59091879), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Orpha Belson, (mother), 515 10th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Private First Class WARREN J BOES, (20631041), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Florence Nelson, (mother), 1376 North Hudson Street, Coldwater, Michigan.

Private First Class BUFORD C BREWER, (34338564), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Birdie Brewer, (mother), 205 Sweetwater Avenue, Florence, Alabama.

Private First Class AUBREY L HALL, (36302999), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lena L. Hall, (mother), 3801 Potomac Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Sergeant ALBERT T KELLER, (16051713), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 21 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ida Keller, (mother), RR #3, Polleville, Indiana.

Sergeant RUFUS W MC GLOTHLIN, (35251001), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Stella McGlothlin, (mother), Harrodsburg, Indiana.

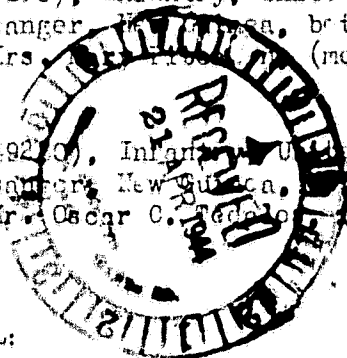
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Second Lieutenant FRANCIS J MORTEK, (02035261), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Yalau Plantation, New Guinea, between 21 February 1944 and 24 February 1944. Home address: Anna Morteck, (mother), 1918 D Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Private First Class JOHN C FITCAIRN, (36309156), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. [redacted] (mother), 1604 South 13th Street, Maywood, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT W TEEPLES, (20649270), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Kumisanger, New Guinea, between 3 March 1944 and 7 March 1944. Home address: Mr. Oscar C. Tedalo, (father), E.F.D. #4, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.



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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL II

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officers and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Private First Class WILLIAM J. BALLARD, (36402382), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Rogedjim, New Guinea~~, between 16 March 1944 and 22 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ballard, (mother), Route #1, Ravenna, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant CLAUDE E. BRYANT, (34573963), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Rogedjim, New Guinea~~, between 16 March 1944 and 22 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. L.R. Bryant, (mother), General Delivery, Henderson, Tennessee.

Private First Class WILLARD BUCHAN, (31349030), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Cape Iria, New Guinea~~, on 19 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Buchan, (mother), Route #6, Lexington, Mississippi.

Captain JOHN O. CLEVES, (0606613), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Cape Iria, New Guinea~~, on 19 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Abby L. Cleves, (wife), 2012 North West 30th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class GEORGE W. KEPT, (32130012), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Bauklunbasan, New Guinea~~, on 16 March 1944. Home address: Mr. James H. Kept, (uncle), 923 York Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant LEWIS E. MCNEELY, (33311301), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Rogedjim, New Guinea~~, between 16 March 1944 and 22 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Florence McNeely, (mother), 475 North 4th Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAMES H. FRIGGS, (30070009), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Bauklunbasan, New Guinea~~, on 16 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Friggs, (mother), 2300 Plainfield Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Second Lieutenant CLIFFORD H. REYNOLDS, (02035145), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Boeadjim, New Guinea~~, between 16 March 1944 and 22 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Antha B. Reynolds, (mother), Harlowton, Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade WALLACE W. SAAGE, (38063716), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Boeadjim, New Guinea~~, between 16 March 1944 and 22 March 1944. Home address: Wanda J. Saage, (mother), Route #2, Box 177, Slaton, Texas.

II. AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, W.D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 52d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant ELDEN L. ANDERSEN, (37096421), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at ~~Yalau Plantation, New Guinea~~, on 29 March 1944. Home address: Mr. Morris Andersen, (father), Hotland, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIE LANGFORD, (33862663), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroism near ~~Saidor, New Guinea~~, on 29 February 1944. Home address: Minnie Langford, (mother), Livingston, Kentucky.

Private ORLANDO F. SUAZO, (37351006), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at ~~Yalau Plantation, New Guinea~~, on 29 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eliza Suazo, (mother), Box 317, La Jara, Colorado.

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officers and enlisted men are posthumously cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to the Silver Star decoration,

Private First Class HOWARD L. ABLES, (35440962), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Salamoa~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Allie Ables, (mother), McComas, West Virginia.

Captain ROGER KEAST, (0315798), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Salamoa Point~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 30 November 1942 and 1 December 1942. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Keast, (wife), Diamondale, Michigan.

Captain JOHN D. SHIRLEY, (0402642), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Salamoa Point~~, ~~New Guinea~~, between 30 November 1942 and 2 December 1942. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty J. Shirley, (wife), 314 Fuller Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private A. G. SMITH, (34337312), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Salamoa~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 9 February 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. May Dollihite Smith, (mother), Route #1, Castleberry, Alabama.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR TO PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named enlisted men, missing in action, are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to the Silver Star decoration:

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Private First Class CECIL P. GOODMAN, (34501034), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Next of kin: Carmon L. Goodman, (wife), RFD #1, Hoadley, Tennessee.

Private First Class HILTON HARRIS, (34316374), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara R. Harris, (mother), Route #1, Box 407, Plymouth, North Carolina.

Private WALTER A. KERKER, (36258974), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 29 January 1944. Next of kin: Elizabeth Peterson, (mother), RFD #1, Sobieski, Wisconsin.

III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the following named officers and enlisted men are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star decoration:

Private First Class RENE O. BOLDENS, (16108428), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Germaine Boldens, (mother), 13074 Maiden, Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant JOHN E. CHRIS, (20649206), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna D. Christy, (mother), 2811 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH J. HARTIGAN, (01304722), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Florence M. Hartigan, (mother), 2327 Andrews Avenue, New York, New York.

Second Lieutenant EMMETT W. JENKINS, (02035109), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 19 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anne Jenkins, (mother), 225 Third Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class RICHARD A. KNISELY, (33141729), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Edith M. Knisely, (mother), 26 West Main Street, Windsor, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BERNARD E. SCOVELL, (20647963), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Saidor~~, ~~New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Anna Scovell, (mother), RFD #1, Colfax, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class CLARE E. SKINNER, (36402276), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near ~~Sutter, New Guinea~~, on 28 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Myra Skinner, (wife), 1310 Paris Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

IV. AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, W.D., 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade STANLEY ANTONOVICH, (31059749), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism near ~~Yorba, New Guinea~~, on 8 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Antonovich, (mother), 764 East Third Street, South Boston, Massachusetts.

Captain WILLIAM HOLLOWAY, (0281313), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at ~~Yorba, New Guinea~~, on 20 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mildred D. Holloway, (wife), 1421 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private J. Y. HUFFSTICKLER, (341 0093), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at ~~Yorba, New Guinea~~, on 25 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Huffstickler, (mother), 112 Railroad Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

Private WILLIAM R. LA BADIE, (20653100), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at ~~Yorba, New Guinea~~, on 25 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Irene La Badie, (mother), 346 East Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel LAWRENCE F. CAREW, (0334272), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For wounds received in action at ~~Wab, New Guinea~~, on 6 April 1944. Home address: Helen M. Carew, (wife), 100 Chandler Road, Medford, Massachusetts.

VI. REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

So much of General Orders Number 21, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 16 March 1944, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to the following named enlisted man, Company B, 107th Medical Battalion, is revoked:

Technician Fourth Grade	<u>SAMUEL W. BURNLEY, JR</u>	36111551
Private First Class	<u>JOHN J. BAUNOCH</u>	20638907
Private First Class	<u>RAYMOND C. EMMERT</u>	20638910

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Private First Class	CHARLES G. FRANK	20638911
Private First Class	GEORGE J. HOPPER	36110065
Private First Class	ANTHONY J. KARATH, JR	36110913
Private First Class	NICHOLAS P. LAPING	36110991
Private First Class	GEORGE H. NEUBACHER	36110901

VII. REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

So much of General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 12 April 1944, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD J. GUERCZAK, 36304657, Headquarters Company, 127th Infantry, is revoked.

VIII. REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

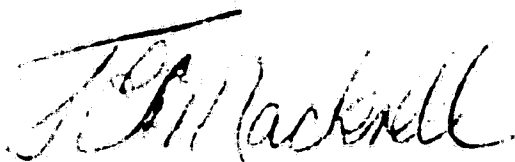
So much of General Orders Number 36, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, dated 19 April 1944, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to the following named enlisted men, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, 128th Infantry, is revoked:

Private First Class	EMERAL H. WENNE	37139154
Private First Class	HOWARD E. WHITNEY	39015606

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR	II
AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL	III
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL	IV

I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal ORAL HAKE, (20648822), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Corporal Hake was a member of a patrol which encountered a superior enemy force and was forced to withdraw after an intense fire fight. The patrol split into three groups; the group of which Corporal Hake was a member included three wounded. Corporal Hake alternated in carrying the wounded and forming protection for the main body. Upon reaching the bank of a river, the group was cut off by a body of enemy. They then set up a perimeter defense. Although he might have escaped by swimming the river, Corporal Hake voluntarily remained at his post to protect his wounded comrades. He held his position, firing at the advancing enemy, until he was killed. Next of kin: Ira Hake, (father), R.T.D. #3, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant LYLE F. SCHANE, (20647160), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Ali Island, New Guinea, on 25 April 1944. The platoon of which Staff Sergeant Schane was second in command, after making a successful landing, proceeded through dense jungle along the eastern end of Ali Island. After dark, the platoon was surprised and disorganized by heavy enemy rifle and mortar fire. Staff Sergeant Schane quickly gained control of the disorganized element, moving from man to man while exposed to enemy fire. In an attempt to learn the enemy's position, Staff Sergeant Schane moved ahead of the main body, deliberately exposing himself to enemy fire. This attempt unsuccessful, he again moved forward, fully exposed to the enemy, until he was five yards from the enemy position, where he was shot by a sniper. He died shortly thereafter. His death so enraged the remainder of the platoon that it launched a vigorous, determined attack, routing the enemy and inflicting many casualties. Next of kin: Mrs. Harvey Killiker, (sister), Box 341, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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Corporal ROBERT F. BOZART, (20645358), Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Abau, New Guinea, on 16 March 1944 and 17 March 1944. Corporal Bozart and another enlisted man volunteered to land, from a rubber boat, twenty miles behind the enemy lines, in order to gain information of intelligence value. During the night, the two men landed at three different points, observing enemy concentrations of various strengths. Before daylight, in order to escape detection, they launched their rubber boat and paddled out to sea, where they were picked up by a PT boat and returned to our lines. Throughout the mission Corporal Bozart displayed unusual coolness and courage. The information gained by Corporal Bozart and the other enlisted man was of value in the planning of future operations. Home address: Mrs. Eva L. Bozart, (mother), 832 Caledonia Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Private JOHN F. DANZ, (36294051), Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Abau, New Guinea, on 16 March 1944 and 17 March 1944. Private Danz and another enlisted man volunteered to land, from a rubber boat, twenty miles behind the enemy lines in order to gain information of intelligence value. During the night, the two men landed at three different points, observing enemy concentrations of various strengths. Before daylight, in order to escape detection, they launched their rubber boat and paddled out to sea, where they were picked up by a PT boat and returned to our lines. Throughout the mission Private Danz displayed unusual coolness and courage. The information gained by Private Danz and the other enlisted man was of value in the planning of future operations. Home address: Culver Danz, (brother), Route # 2, Ashland, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) FRANK D. DUKET, (20645868), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Harubian, New Guinea, on 14 May 1944. While on a wire-checking patrol, Staff Sergeant Duket encountered three soldiers who had escaped from an enemy ambush. They informed him that a fourth man, wounded in the legs, was lying within range of enemy machine guns, unable to move. Staff Sergeant Duket ascertained the position of the wounded man and crawled a distance of one hundred yards, under machine gun and sniper fire, to reach him. Again under fire, he crawled back to our lines, carrying the wounded man on his back. Staff Sergeant Duket's gallant action undoubtedly saved the life of his fellow soldier. Home address: Frank D. Duket, Sr., (father), 2008 Tenth Street, Marinette, Wisconsin.

Sergeant (then Corporal) IRVINE H. GLAMPE, (20648817), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Sergeant Glampe was a member of a patrol which encountered a superior enemy force and was forced to withdraw after an intense fire fight. The patrol split into three groups; the group of which Sergeant Glampe was a member included three wounded. Sergeant Glampe alternated in carrying the wounded and forming protection for the main body. Upon reaching the bank of the river, the group was cut off by a body of enemy. They then set up a perimeter defense. Although he might have escaped by swimming the river, Sergeant Glampe elected to remain to help protect the wounded. In the ensuing action he was himself wounded, but he remained at his post, killing two of the enemy. When he was informed that the wounded had been killed, and since all his ammunition had been expended, Sergeant Glampe escaped to safety by swimming the river under cover of darkness. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Glampe, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

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Staff Sergeant ELLSWORTH V. GRANT, (20647522), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Aitape, New Guinea, on 27 April 1944. The patrol of which Staff Sergeant Grant was a member encountered the advance element of an enemy force of undetermined strength. The patrol was deployed and organized for an attack. The enemy was well hidden in the thick undergrowth. Staff Sergeant Grant, on his own initiative, moved forward in a deliberate effort to draw fire and cause the enemy to expose its position. A grenade was thrown at him; he dropped to the ground, and, immediately after the explosion, he moved forward and killed one of the enemy. He then returned to give information of the enemy's position to his patrol leader. A second time Staff Sergeant Grant rushed forward, drew fire, and killed one of the enemy. His gallantry and aggressiveness instilled confidence in the other members of the patrol, many of whom were under fire for the first time, with the result that the patrol advanced, killed three more of the enemy, and routed the remainder. Home address: Mrs. Viola Grant, (mother), 243 Ahnape Street, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD J. SCHMIDT, (0159420), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Tarakena Village, New Guinea, on 8 January 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Schmidt, a battalion commander, joined the leading elements of his troops to conduct personally the attack on Tarakena Village. His men were weary from the intense fighting during the preceding week, and the enemy position was strong. Lieutenant Colonel Schmidt remained in the forward positions, under enemy fire, directing the attack, until the mission was successfully accomplished. His coolness, courage, aggressiveness, and leadership set an inspiring example for the officers and men under his command and contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Home address: Viola T. Schmidt, (daughter), 1609 South 13th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Sergeant JACOB M. VALENTINE, JR., (36208760), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yamai, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. A rope had been secured across the Mot River to serve as an aid for evacuating wounded from the west bank of the river to safety. When the rope was cut by artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Valentine, with an officer, voluntarily secured it at a point further downstream. A rope sling was improvised as a means of returning the wounded along the rope. Each time a man was brought back it was necessary for the empty sling to be returned to the west bank of the river. Sergeant Valentine and the officer alternated in performing this task. The crossing was exposed to sporadic rifle and machine gun fire from an enemy position on a ridge overlooking the river. Sergeant Valentine risked his life repeatedly, and his courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded. Home address: Mr. Jacob M. Valentine, Sr., (father), 1100 Milwaukee Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel MILTON F. ZIEBELL, (0246219), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 14 February 1944. When a company was pinned down by machine gun and rifle crossfire, Lieutenant Colonel Ziebell made a personal reconnaissance of the front elements, braving enemy fire in the process. He then ordered the company to withdraw, except for one squad, which was ordered to dig in and hold its position. Lieutenant Colonel Ziebell called for artillery fire, drawing the barrage in until it was fifty yards from his own position. Lieutenant Colonel Ziebell's calmness and courage served as an inspiration to his troops, and they overtook the enemy positions as soon as the artillery firing ceased. Home address: Mrs. Milton F. Ziebell, (wife), 38 Walnut Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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III. AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, W.D., 1926), the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private WALTER R. ELEAZOR, JR., (14201737), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Aitape, New Guinea, on 3 May 1944. Private Eleazor dove into a swift-flowing river in an attempt to rescue an officer who had been thrown into the river when a rubber boat capsized. He reached the officer and attempted to bring him to shore, but the extreme rapidity of the current forced him to loose his grasp and washed him out to sea. Completely exhausted, he himself was rescued. Home address: Mr. Walter R. Eleazor, (father), Route #3, Columbia, South Carolina.

Private First Class ANTHONY J. KARATH, JR., (36110913), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroism at Aitape, New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. When a landing craft hit a deep hole as it came in to shore, it jarred violently and a soldier was thrown overboard into the hole. The soldier, a small man, was weighted down with full field equipment and sank at once. Private First Class Karath immediately jumped into the water, grasped the soldier, and after considerable struggle, succeeded in bringing him to shore. His courageous action and quick thinking undoubtedly saved the soldier's life. Home address: Anthony J. Karath, Sr., (father), 736 Solvay Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant VICTOR L. KLITZKE, (20654535), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism near Tadjil Plantation, New Guinea, on 8 May 1944. While swimming in the ocean, Staff Sergeant Klitzke heard a call for help from an officer who was in danger of drowning. The officer had suffered a cramp and was being carried away from the shore by an undertow. Staff Sergeant Klitzke and another soldier answered the call for help, braved the undertow and a heavy surf, and, with great difficulty, succeeded in bringing the officer safely to shore. Home address: Dolores Klitzke, (sister), 404 1/2 Division Street, Shawano, Wisconsin.

Corporal HENRY I. NEWBROUGH, (36163556), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Aitape, New Guinea, on 3 May 1944. Corporal Newbrough dove into a swift-flowing river in an attempt to rescue a soldier who had been thrown into the river when a rubber boat capsized. He reached the soldier, struggled against the current, and managed to bring him to the bank of the river at a point some distance downstream. Corporal Newbrough then applied artificial respiration and succeeded in reviving the soldier. Home address: Mrs. Floried Newbrough, (wife), 2521 Riverside Drive, Trenton, New Jersey.

Corporal HAROLD A. RUSCH, (20654550), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism near Tadjil Plantation, New Guinea, on 8 May 1944. While swimming in the ocean, Corporal Rusch heard a call for help from an officer who was in danger of drowning. The officer had suffered a cramp and was being carried away from the shore by an undertow. Corporal Rusch and another soldier answered the call for help, braved the undertow and a heavy surf, and, with great difficulty, succeeded in bringing the officer safely to shore. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Rusch, (mother), 807 South Smalley Street, Shawano, Wisconsin.

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IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, W.D., 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Third Grade (then Private) WILLIAM E. CLEMENTS, (37384230), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. When informed that his battalion commander was seriously wounded, Technician Third Grade Clements, together with two other aid men, volunteered to join an officer and another enlisted man in removing him to safety. It was necessary to crawl under enemy machine gun, rifle, and grenade fire in order to reach the wounded officer. Technician Third Grade Clements and the other aid men administered first aid, improvised a litter, and, still under heavy enemy fire, dragged their battalion commander to safety. Home address: Mr. Marion Clements, (father), Route #1, Slater, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) THOMAS C. HENNINGS, (39085287), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. When informed that his battalion commander was seriously wounded, Technician Fourth Grade Hennings, together with two other aid men, volunteered to join an officer and another enlisted man in removing him to safety. It was necessary to crawl under enemy machine gun, rifle, and grenade fire in order to reach the wounded officer. Technician Fourth Grade Hennings and the other two aid men administered first aid, improvised a litter, and, still under heavy enemy fire, dragged their battalion commander to safety. Home address: Thelma Hennings, (mother), 2260, 38th Avenue, Oakland, California.

Private First Class CHARLES A. LAMBRECHT, (37130140), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cape Iris, New Guinea, on 20 February 1944. The company of which Private First Class Lambrecht is a member was subjected to heavy counter-attacks which inflicted several casualties. Enemy machine guns and mortars could not be located since they were concealed in high kumal grass. The only suitable site for an observation post was covered by heavy machine gun fire. Private First Class Lambrecht voluntarily moved to that point, while under continuous enemy observation and subject to enemy fire. He reached the point, located the weapons, returned to give the necessary fire data, and returned to the observation post to observe the resulting mortar fire. He continued to direct mortar fire by this means until telephone communications were established. Private First Class Lambrecht's coolness and courageous action were contributing factors in the dislodging of the enemy from their position and to the resultant advance of his company. Home address: Mr. George H. Lambrecht, (father), Johnstown, Nebraska.

Private JOHN H. NICHOLS, (38130545), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against

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the enemy near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. When informed that his battalion commander was seriously wounded, Private Nichols, together with two other aid men, volunteered to join an officer and another enlisted man in removing him to safety. It was necessary to crawl under enemy machine gun, rifle, and grenade fire in order to reach the wounded officer. Private Nichols and the other aid men administered first aid, improvised a litter, and, still under heavy enemy fire, dragged their battalion commander to safety. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Nichols, (wife), 2318 South Nogales, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

By command of Major General GILL:

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D., 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class EDWARD A. FRICKER, (33142482), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Saidor, New Guinea, on 28 January 1944. Private First Class Fricker was a member of a patrol which encountered a superior enemy force and was forced to withdraw after an intense fire fight. The patrol split into three groups; the group of which Private First Class Fricker was a member included three wounded. Private First Class Fricker alternated in carrying the wounded and forming protection for the main body. Upon reaching the bank of a river, the group was cut off by a body of the enemy. They then set up a perimeter defense. Although he might have escaped by swimming the river, Private First Class Fricker voluntarily remained at his post to protect his wounded comrades. When he was informed that the wounded had died or been killed, and since all his ammunition had been expended, Private First Class Fricker escaped to safety by swimming the river. Home address: Marie Fricker, (mother), 3519 Rand Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant James R. McCune by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, as published on page 4, section III, General Orders No. 24, dated 3 April 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant JAMES R. McCune, (20635374), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sowan Village, New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. Following previous dangerous and unsuccessful attempts to effect the landing of patrols in the same area, Staff Sergeant McCune volunteered as a member of an amphibious patrol, with the mission of landing thirty miles behind the enemy lines for the purpose of obtaining enemy information and to capture prisoners. Our information indicated that the enemy was present in considerable strength and that the landing party faced danger of death or capture. The patrol landed from the sea by means of two rubber boats, after successfully by-passing a large enemy concentration. Shortly after landing in enemy territory, the patrol engaged a group of fifteen armed Japanese. In order to prevent attracting other enemy troops in the vicinity by rifle fire, only knives and rifle butts were used by our patrol in the ensuing fight. The enemy troops were defeated and a prisoner taken. Their mission having been accomplished, the patrol launched their rubber boats and returned with their prisoner to a PT boat standing out to sea, and were returned to our own lines. The information gained by the patrol disclosed enemy troop concentrations and strengths, which was invaluable in the planning of future successful operations. Home address: Mrs. Agnes McCune, (mother), Box 63, Dorr, Michigan.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men. For gallantry in action near Sowan Village, New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. Following previous dangerous and unsuccessful attempts to effect the landing of patrols in the same area, this officer and enlisted men volunteered to form an amphibious patrol, with the mission of landing thirty miles behind the enemy lines for the purpose of obtaining

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enemy information and to capture prisoners. Our information indicated that the enemy was present in considerable strength and that the landing party faced danger of death or capture. The patrol landed from the sea by means of two rubber boats, after successfully by-passing a large enemy concentration. Shortly after landing in enemy territory, the patrol engaged a group of fifteen armed Japanese. In order to prevent attracting other enemy troops in the vicinity by rifle fire, only knives and rifle butts were used by our patrol in the ensuing fight. The enemy troops were defeated and a prisoner taken. Their mission having been accomplished, the patrol launched their rubber boats and returned with their prisoner to a PT boat standing out to sea, and were returned to our own lines. The information gained by the patrol disclosed enemy troop concentrations and strengths, which was invaluable in the planning of future successful operations.

Staff Sergeant LAWREN A. PROFF, (36152686), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mattie E. Brown (mother), R.F.D. #1, Bailey, Michigan.

Private JOSEPH J. FIGUEROA, (39047127), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Laddeline Catano, (mother), 1510 East 14th Street, Oakland, California.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) FRANCIS K. COOD, (14073298), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen Coode, (wife), Route #1, Swannona, North Carolina.

Private First Class CHELSE E. HAMILTON, (39574451), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis E. Hamilton, (mother), 25821 Cavuga, Lodi, California.

Private First Class EDWARD H. WENSON, (31375813), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Cora M. Carroll, (sister), 2145 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS E. LISOVITCH, (33274353), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Clara Lisovitch, (mother), 309 Kalkable Street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant ALBERT F. POLLICK, (01302876), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Sarah E. Pollick, (wife), Conchocken, Pennsylvania.

Private LEONARD F. BRUNTT, (31372087), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mae Christian, (mother), Blue Field, West Virginia.

Private HOWARD F. REED, (13048624), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Iron Reed, (mother), Pine Grove Hills, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant BESLEY L. SMITH, (6563295), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Yarbrough, (mother), 1133 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class ROBERT E. STOKLER, (32620657), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy A. Stokler, (mother), 1230 Northwest Ocean Drive, Portland, Oregon.

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Private First Class EARL H. VANNETTEN, (20635207), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Anna Vannetten, (mother), 912 Reynolds Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

Private WALTER A. WOLFF, (36852735), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Wolff, (mother), 411 South Heidt Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private FREDRICK G. WRIGHT, (20646330), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Marie Andre, (mother), R.R. #2, Box #14, Oconto, Wisconsin.

III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) MICHAEL R. CONROY, (36291237), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. When a superior enemy force attacked a company perimeter, First Sergeant Conroy prevented a rout by controlling disorganized elements and leading them into the battalion perimeter. There he supervised the assignment of men to positions where they could bolster the defense. Throughout the night, during several heavy enemy attacks, First Sergeant Conroy went from position to position, constantly exposed to enemy fire, checking lines of defense, directing removal of the wounded, and rerouping his men as the situation changed. His coolness, quick thinking, excellent judgment, and disregard for danger instilled confidence in his men and contributed materially to the fact that our forces withstood several violent enemy attacks until the battalion was evacuated the following morning. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Conroy, (mother), 811 Oak Street, Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

Corporal GERSTEN G. FETTER, (36207068), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. A wire-checking crew of which Corporal Fetter was a member was ambushed by the enemy and subjected to machine gun and rifle fire. While the remainder of the crew took cover, Corporal Fetter manned a heavy machine gun mounted on a vehicle, his entire body exposed to enemy fire. When his supply of ammunition was expended, Corporal Fetter dropped to the floor of the vehicle and continued to fire with his carbine. The ambush failed and the enemy was routed, abandoning a machine gun, due to Corporal Fetter's prompt, heroic action. Home address: Mr. Carl Fetter, (father), 2774 North 24th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant RANDALL R. GOLDENSON, (0495708), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 31 May 1944. When a patrol led by First Lieutenant Goldenson attacked an enemy force, an enlisted man was wounded in the head and fell in a position subject to raking machine gun fire. The soldier was unable to help himself since his wounds had blinded him. First Lieutenant Goldenson crawled a distance of twenty-five yards in the face of persistent machine gun fire, reached the wounded man, and carried him back to a protected position. First Lieutenant Goldenson's heroic action, at the risk of his life, undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded soldier. Home address: Irma C. Goldenson, (mother), 8631 Fairview Lane, Hayward, California.

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Private BUFORD HIGGS, (34359300), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 31 May 1944. When a soldier fell wounded in a position exposed to enemy fire, Private Higgs crawled a distance of about twenty-five yards, in the face of enemy machine gun fire, reached the wounded man, and dragged him to safety. Private Higgs saved the life of a wounded comrade by his courageous action, performed at the risk of his life. Home address: Mrs. Mary S. Higgs, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Collins, Georgia.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES W. NELSON, (20343715), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Makamul, New Guinea, on 3 June 1944. Technical Sergeant Nelson was second in command of a patrol assigned the mission of eradicating snipers who had been harassing a company perimeter. After having killed three of the enemy, the patrol found itself in the midst of heavy small arms fire from the front and both sides. One of the patrol's scouts had fallen seriously wounded twenty five yards to the front. Technical Sergeant Nelson ran through a continuing hail of small arms fire, picked up the wounded man, and carried him to a defiled position. Technical Sergeant Nelson's bravery in saving the life of a comrade at the risk of his own life is the highest credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Viola E. Nelson, (mother), 1715 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

IV. AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade RENT S. DUBRY, (39540884), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Tadjil Plantation, New Guinea, on 21 May 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Dubry and another enlisted man answered a call for help from a soldier who, while swimming in the ocean, had been caught in an undertow and washed two hundred yards out to sea. After reaching the soldier, the two men experienced great difficulty because of the waves and the strong undertow. With the aid of a human chain formed from the shore, Technician Fifth Grade Dubry and the other enlisted man, who by this time were almost completely exhausted, brought the drowning man safely to shore. Home address: Mrs. Kate Dubry, (mother), 704 South Fir Street, Inglewood, California.

Private First Class DONALD C. HUBACHER, (37111198), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Sierra, New Guinea, on 22 May 1944. On the night of 22 May 1944 Private First Class Hubacher and another enlisted man volunteered to patrol a rubber boat containing a seriously wounded man to a PT boat which was backing off shore. The task was extremely dangerous because of the rough sea and the high, rolling surf. The two men completed their mission and returned to shore. The injured evacuation, made possible by the heroic service of Private First Class Hubacher and his companion, is creditably saved to the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Glad Hubacher, (mother), 1614 South 14th Avenue, Des Moines City, Iowa.

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Technical Sergeant ALLEN F. KERSTEN, (36207327), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroism at Aitape, New Guinea, on 29 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Kersten, while swimming in the ocean, noticed another swimmer in distress and went to his assistance. The drowning man became frantic and began struggling. Technical Sergeant Kersten calmed him and succeeded in bringing him to shore. Home address: Mrs. Anna C. Kersten, (mother), Wittenberg, Wisconsin.

Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) JOSEPH H. KING, (36155906), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Tadjil Plantation, New Guinea, on 21 May 1944. Sergeant King and another enlisted man answered a call for help from a soldier who, while swimming in the ocean, had been caught in an undertow and washed two hundred yards out to sea. After reaching the soldier, the two men experienced great difficulty because of the waves and the strong undertow. Sergeant King called to men on the beach to form a human chain. With this added assistance Sergeant King and the other enlisted man, who by this time were almost completely exhausted, brought the drowning man safely to shore. Home address: Mrs. Anna Parker, (sister), R.F.D. #3, Texarkana, Texas.

Sergeant GORDON L. SAYRE, (35599118), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Serra, New Guinea, on 22 May 1944. On the night of 22 May 1944 Sergeant Sayre and another enlisted man volunteered to propel a rubber boat containing a seriously wounded man to a PT boat which was waiting off shore. The task was extremely dangerous because of the darkness and the high, rolling surf. The two men completed their mission and swam back to shore. The hurried evacuation, made possible by the heroic action of Sergeant Sayre and his companion, undoubtedly saved the wounded soldier's life. Home address: Mrs. Goldie M. Sayre, (mother), South Zanesville, Ohio.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant LEO M. BOYD, (20634853), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dimam Village, New Guinea, from 23 March 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Fat Bowen, (mother), Eganston, Michigan.

Private First Class WAYNE L. BOYDEN, (20631869), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dimam Village, New Guinea, from 23 March 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Frank Boyden, (mother), Box #93, Remus, Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant VINCENT D. BURTNESS, (36207293), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 23 April 1944 to 15 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alta Burtness, (mother), Route #1, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY A. DERRER, (20855939), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kani Village, New Guinea, from 30 April 1944 to 10 May 1944. Home address: W. Albert P. Darrer, (father), 1103 West Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant ROBERT J. GILLETTE, (0452885), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Diman Village, New Guinea, from 23 March 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ren E. Gillette, (wife), 1141 Hickory Street, Phillips, Wisconsin.

Sergeant EVERETT F. KNUTSON, (20651132), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea and Australia from December 1942 to April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lulu E. Knutson, (mother), Neufort, Wisconsin.

Private First Class DANIEL B. PARRISH, JR., (6926150), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Diman Village, New Guinea, from 23 March 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Daniel B. Parrish, Jr., (wife), P.O. Box #173, Waiialua, Oahu, Hawaii.

Private JACK PEARLSTEIN, (33135923), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, from 31 May 1944 to 5 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Hanna Hirshman, (sister), 5316 Wedderburn Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PAUL B. REYNOLDS, (34053800), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Diman Village, New Guinea, from 23 March 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Fela Reynolds, (mother), Troy, North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant KURT F. SCHULTZ, (20334605), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Diman Village, New Guinea, from 23 March 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Schulte, (mother), 108 Division Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Captain JOHN J. SULLIVAN, JR., (0289136), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Serra, New Guinea, from 7 May 1944 to 23 May 1944. Home address: Mr. John J. Sullivan, Sr., (father), 212 Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN C. WILSON, (20655790), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 31 May 1944 and 5 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Wilson, (mother), 2474 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Private VERNON WOODS, (38174675), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kamti Village, New Guinea, from 30 April 1944 to 10 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Florence Woods, (mother), Box 282, Oak Grove, Louisiana.

VI. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Orders No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class WALTER ARCHEMBAULT, (36154694), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kul #1, New Guinea, on 6 March 1944. Private First Class Archambault and the other lead scout of a reconnaissance party, as they rounded a bend in the trail, noticed an enemy machine gun and three Japanese sitting several feet from it. The two scouts raced for the gun, firing as they ran, killed two of the enemy, routed the other, and took over the gun. The action of Private First Class Archambault and the other scout enabled their company to move to its objective without casualties. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Archambault, (mother), 705 Howden Street, Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

Private First Class STEPHEN R. BAUMGARDNER, (33091814), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 1 June 1944 and 4 June 1944. Private First Class Baumgardner and the two other members of a three-man wire crew were ambushed on 1 June 1944 while repairing a break in the line. They immediately attacked, dispersing the enemy, and finished repairing the line. On 4 June 1944 the three-man crew was again ambushed; again they attacked, dispersed the enemy, and repaired the break in the line. The action of Private First Class Baumgardner and his companions kept communication intact, thus enabling our artillery to give close support to the infantry at all times. Home address: Mrs. Bessie J. Baumgardner, (mother), Cedar Springs, Virginia.

Private First Class ROBERT B. HAZEBROOK, (36185537), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bau Plantation, New Guinea, on 10 March 1944. While Private First Class Hazebrook's company was digging in, preparing a perimeter defense, enemy mortars, machine guns, and small arms fired into the perimeter, causing several casualties. Because of the high kundi grass the enemy positions could not be located. Private First Class Hazebrook deliberately moved forward in an upright position and drew fire, thus causing the enemy to expose its positions. His brave action enabled our troops to place sufficient fire on the enemy weapons to silence them and cause the enemy to withdraw. Home address: Mr. Roy Hazebrook, (father), R.R. #6, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Private First Class DWIGHT S. NIBLOCK, (37111458), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kul #1, New Guinea, on 6 March 1944. Private First Class Niblock and the other lead scout of a reconnaissance party, as they rounded a bend in the trail, noticed an enemy machine gun and three Japanese sitting several feet from it. The two scouts raced for the gun, firing as they ran, killed two of the enemy, routed the other, and took over the gun. The action of Private First Class Niblock and the other scout enabled their company to move to its objective without casualties. Home address: Mrs. Mary Niblock, (mother), Box 135, Andrew, Iowa.

Private PETER N. RICH, (19080416), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 1 June 1944 and 4 June 1944. Private Rich and the two other members of a three-man wire crew were ambushed on 1 June 1944 while repairing a break in the line. They immediately attacked, dispersing the enemy, and finished repairing the line. On 4 June 1944 the three-man crew was again ambushed; again they attacked, dispersed the enemy, and repaired the break in the line. The action of Private Rich and his companions kept communication intact, thus enabling our artillery to give close support to the infantry at all times. Home address: Mrs. Mary Alice Rich, (mother), R.R. #2, Brighton, Iowa.

Private JOHN E. SPADAFORA, (36055181), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 1 June 1944 and 4 June 1944. Private Spadafora and the two other members of a three-man wire crew were ambushed on 1 June 1944 while repairing a break in the line. They immediately attacked, dispersing the enemy, and finished repairing the line. On 4 June 1944 the three-man crew was again ambushed; again they attacked, dispersed the enemy, and repaired the break in the line. The action of Private Spadafora and his companions kept communication intact, thus enabling our artillery to give close support to the infantry at all times. Home address: Mrs. Flora Spadafora, (mother), Route #2, Box 192, Shinnston, West Virginia.

VII. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class HUGO J. ARNO, (20647487), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Funs, New Guinea, on 28 December 1943. Home address: Hugo C. Arno, (father), 297 Nesson Street, Menasha, Wisconsin.

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Private JOHN V. BRESCIA, (32517934), Signal Corps, United States Army.
For wounds received in action at Wab, New Guinea, on 6 April 1944. Home
address: Mrs. Margaret Brescia, (mother), 172 Spring Street, New York, 13,
New York.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man.

Technical Sergeant MARION P. MICHALAK, (20635469), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yamai, New Guinea, on 21 February 1944. Approximately three hundred of our troops who were situated on the west bank of the Mot River were in danger of being encircled by the enemy. The rock-studded Mot River was at this time in flood stage with a very swift and treacherous current. Technical Sergeant Michalak volunteered to take a rope across the Mot River which was under sporadic machine gun and sniper fire. He succeeded in crossing, after one unsuccessful attempt, while under enemy fire. This act of heroism enabled troops and supplies to be taken across the Mot River, frustrating the enemy's attempt to encircle our troops on the west bank. Technical Sergeant Michalak's act of heroism contributed materially to routing the Japanese forces, who were in prepared positions. Home address: Mrs Mary Michalak, (mother), 948 Park Street, S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By command of Major General GILL:

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AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL II

I. AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men. For heroism at Aitape, New Guinea, on 7 June 1944. When a liaison plane crashed nearby, this officer and eight enlisted men rushed to the scene in an effort to rescue the pilot. In spite of the fact that the plane, which had landed upside down, was in flames and saturated with leaking gasoline, the men risked it. They discovered that the pilot was dead. At this point the gasoline tank exploded, and all of the men suffered burns of varying degrees. The heroism displayed by these men, performed at the possible risk of life, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service:

Private First Class ROCCO BATTAGLIA, (38329248), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Jack Battaglia, (father), 2600 Louisville Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana.

Sergeant JOHN J. BOGUNIL, (36518218), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address Mrs. Frances E Bogunil, (mother), 909 West 31st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE R DAY, (36707324), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Joyce M Day, (wife), 7310 Dante Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class STUART L HALL, (33516761), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Winnie L Hall, (mother), R.F.D. #4, Beaver Dam, Virginia.

First Lieutenant MILLARD J HAYNER, (01105503), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Marion S Hayner, (wife), 2217 William Street, Schenectady, New York.

Private DAVID SCHWARTZ, (36100218), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Schwartz, (wife), 1023 Ford Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Private ROBERT L SPIRES, (36571459), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Laura Spires, (mother), 602 South Washington Street, Carbonale, Illinois.

Private DORIS WAGNER, (33575377), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary Wagner, (mother), Elnora Post Office, Bakerton, Pennsylvania.

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Private BYRON J YORK, (34589620), Corps of Engineers, United States Army.
Home address: Mrs. Martha O York, (mother), General Delivery, Sumiton, Alabama.

II. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant PAUL B MOFFKE, (36250502), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. (For heroism at Kurako Beach, New Guinea, on 6 June 1944. When a "D" boat caught fire and exploded, throwing the occupants into the water, one of the men, helpless because of severe burns, sank, and was in danger of drowning. Technical Sergeant Moffke immediately went to his rescue and brought him safely to shore. Home address: Mrs. Louise Hoffke, (mother), Ontario, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL II

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) GEORGE A BOND, JR., (O225771), General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the South West Pacific Area from 27 December 1943 to 17 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alice Marie Bond, (wife), 1506 East Fanning Street, Marshall, Texas.

II. REVOCATION OF AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

So much of General Orders Number 36, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, 19 April 1944, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to Corporal JOHN A COX, 39016161, Company I, 126th Infantry, is revoked.

By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. BRATZ, (36208303), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 17 June 1944. When the patrol of which he was a member was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire Technician Fifth Grade Bratz, with another soldier, charged an enemy machine gun emplacement, killed two of the enemy, and took over the position. Later, when the patrol was forced to take cover in a defiladed position, and their radio had been damaged by enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Bratz volunteered to return to a position in the rear in order to determine whether or not it was safe to evacuate wounded to that point. Although he knew that messengers had been fired upon while traveling the necessary route, he readily volunteered for the mission. While traversing the route, he was killed by enemy automatic fire. Technician Fifth Grade Bratz's courage and fearlessness reflect the highest credit upon the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Bratz, (mother), R. F.D. #1, Cato, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOHN JELOUCHAN, (37453924), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. When the perimeter occupied by Private First Class Jelouchan's platoon was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, the main thrust was directed at the heavy machine gun served by the crew of which he was a member. After his squad leader was seriously wounded and the first gunner had been killed, Private First Class Jelouchan took charge of the gun. Even after the riflemen supporting the flanks of his gun position had been forced from their positions, he remained at his post, killing many of the enemy, as he withstood one attack after another. He was killed at his post. Private First Class Jelouchan's extraordinary display of courage saved the lives of many of his comrades and contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy. Next of kin: Mr. Alex Jelouchan, (father), 1205 Clark Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Private First Class HENRY S. KOSLOWSKI, (31210010), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gabumi, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. Private First Class Koslowski volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and another enlisted man on a dangerous reconnaissance mission. The small group moved forward under intermittent enemy automatic fire to locate the enemy machine gun

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positions which had halted their Company's advance. When the group was about ten yards from their objective, enemy machine guns and riflemen opened fire, killing Private First Class Koslowski and seriously wounding the other two men. The information obtained by the volunteer group, in the accomplishing of which Private First Class Koslowski gave his life, made possible the neutralization of the enemy's prepared positions and the subsequent advance of the Company. Next of kin: Alice Kostiszak, (mother), 10 Arch Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Private JAMES D. LOYNES, (34374065), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Wivai, New Guinea, on 9 February 1944. Private Loynes was a member of a patrol which was ambushed. In the initial burst of fire almost half the patrol was either killed or wounded. Although he was unharmed, Private Loynes, an assistant automatic rifleman, expressed his determination to rescue the automatic rifleman, who had been wounded, and put the weapon in action against the enemy, covering the withdrawal of his comrades at the same time. He failed to reach the automatic rifle, but he had expended all the ammunition from the weapon with which he was armed before he was killed. His gallant action enabled the remainder of the patrol to withdraw to safety, and was instrumental in saving their lives. Next of kin: Mrs. Sula Walters Loynes, (mother), Route #6, Harbaldt, Texas.

Private First Class FRANKLIN SCALES, (14123376), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. When the perimeter secured by Private First Class Scales' platoon was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, the main thrust was directed at the heavy machine gun served by the crew of which he was a member. When his squad leader was seriously wounded, Private First Class Scales took charge of the gun. Even after the riflemen supporting the flanks of his gun position had been forced from their position, he remained at his post, killing many of the enemy, as he withstood one attack after another. He was killed at his gun. Private First Class Scales' extraordinary display of courage saved the lives of many of his comrades and contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy. Next of kin: Mr. Elmer F. Scales, (father), Route #1, Roanoke, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant HAROLD R. WEBSTER, (20633895), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 5 June 1944. Technical Sergeant Webster, in charge of a battalion supply base, delivered supplies by amphibious vehicle to an American force which was desperately defending its perimeter against repeated attack by a numerically superior enemy force. He at once volunteered his services and went forward to the most vulnerable point of the perimeter where he fought bravely and with distinction, until he was killed in action. In his courageous action he contributed materially in the repulse of the repeated tactical enemy assaults. The gallantry of Sergeant Webster, performed voluntarily and with the knowledge that he placed himself in a position of extreme danger, reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Olive K. Webster, (mother), 385 Mulzer Avenue, Adrian, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of an act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, Vol. 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men: For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944.

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Americally superior enemy force, supported by artillery and mortar fire, stormed an isolated company defensive perimeter, over-ran one flank of the perimeter, and cut off the remaining occupants of the perimeter. The only route of withdrawal for the remaining occupants of this perimeter to the battalion command post area, where a perimeter defense was being established by the few men available, lay across the open mouth of a stream, which was swept by enemy machine gun fire. In the battalion command post area, an officer and First Sergeant hastily appraised the situation and called for volunteers to charge the enemy machine gun position which was sweeping the open stream mouth. Captain Nelson, Staff Sergeant Kloptosky, Technician Fourth Grade Loeb, and Technician Fifth Grade Hanlon volunteered, and accompanied the officer and the First Sergeant in their charge. When the group reached a point about twenty-five yards from the enemy machine gun, it turned its fire on them, killing the officer and seriously wounding the First Sergeant. While two of the four volunteers covered them, the other two went forward, under fire, and brought back the wounded man and the officer's body. During the time the machine gun's fire was diverted, approximately fifty men crossed the stream into the battalion command post area. The gallant action of this officer and three enlisted men not only was instrumental in the saving of the lives of approximately fifty men, but by so doing strengthened the battalion command post perimeter sufficiently to make possible the repulsing of repeated enemy attacks:

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD HANLON, (19149049), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Della Brown, (sunt), 124 Norman Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH M. KLOPTOSKY, (32371463), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Helen Kloptosky, (mother), 719 School Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade PAUL FRED LOEB, (32122748), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Johnnie Joseph, (sunt), 1175 Falcon Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) MARVIN G. NELSON, (01300370), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Geneva E. Nelson, (mother), Pilot Grove, Missouri.

III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1118), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant RICHARD DWIGHT, (32044133), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gabuni, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. Sergeant Dwight volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and another enlisted man on a dangerous reconnaissance mission. The small group moved forward under intermittent enemy automatic fire to locate and, if possible, to destroy enemy machine gun positions which had halted their company's advance. When the group was about ten yards from its objective, an enemy machine gun and riflemen opened fire, seriously wounding Sergeant Dwight and the platoon leader, and killing the other

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enlisted man. The information obtained by the volunteer group made possible the neutralization of the enemy's prepared positions by artillery and mortar fire, and resulted in an advance by the company. Home address: Mrs. Ella Dwight, (mother), 108th St. Lawrence Street, Ogdensburg, New York.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) ROBERT L. PIERMAN, (01178471), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. Lieutenant Pierman, an artillery forward observer, conducted fire from a perimeter established by elements of an infantry battalion. A numerically superior enemy force attacked, causing a withdrawal. Since all communications were disrupted, Lieutenant Pierman volunteered to return to a rear position to obtain reinforcements. The perimeter was cut off from the rear position by enemy forces, making it necessary for Lieutenant Pierman to swim a long distance in the moonlit ocean while under continuous enemy observation and subject to enemy fire. He reached his objective, and the information he gave resulted in the successful execution of the beleaguered troops. Home address: Mr. Sydney Pierman, (father), 500 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

First Lieutenant ROY A. GLISSON, (01299730), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gubuni, New Guinea, on 19 February 1944. Lieutenant Glisson asked for volunteers to accompany him on a dangerous reconnaissance mission, and two enlisted men responded. The small group moved forward under intermittent enemy automatic fire to locate and, if possible, to destroy enemy machine gun positions which had halted their company's advance. When the group was about ten yards from its objective, enemy machine guns and riflemen opened fire, seriously wounding Lieutenant Glisson and one of the enlisted men, and killing the other. The information obtained by the volunteer group made possible the neutralization of the enemy's prepared positions by artillery and mortar fire, and resulted in an advance by the company. Home address: H. L. Morris, (friend), 1714 North Capitol Street, Washington, District of Columbia.

Private First Class HARVEY A. LEPPER, (33412928), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 14 July 1944. Private First Class Lepper, an automatic rifleman, was with the point of a large force advancing along a trail. When the point was fired on by the enemy, Private First Class Lepper, of his own volition, rushed forward and fired on the enemy, killing two and dispersing the remainder. Later, when the point was again fired on, Private First Class Lepper changed the enemy, inflicting an undetermined number of casualties and damaging an enemy radio. A third time, under similar circumstances, Private First Class Lepper assisted materially in routing the enemy. His aggressiveness, alertness, and courage ensured the continued and uninterrupted advance of the main column. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lepper, (mother), 530 11th Street, Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAMES E. MILLER, (37398062), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Gubuni, on 18 February 1944. Private First Class Miller's company was held up by enemy machine gun fire from dug in, concealed positions. An automatic rifle squad was ordered to dig in and maintain continuous fire while the remainder of the company withdrew and an artillery barrage was placed on the enemy positions. Early in the ensuing operation Private First Class Miller was seriously wounded, but he held his position and continued to fire his automatic weapon in spite of enemy machine gun fire and the

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from our artillery fire, which was, of necessity, drawn very close to his position. He remained at his post until his company advanced beyond his position in a successful attack, and only then did he return to the rear for medical attention. Home address: Jesse F. Miller, (brother), Jewett, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant HOWARD L. FELZ, (37097191), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. A company perimeter was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, necessitating a withdrawal into a battalion command post perimeter, defended by the few men available. Because of the overwhelming power of the enemy attack which had overrun one flank of the perimeter, the withdrawal was disorganized. Sergeant Felz gained control over the disorganized element, calmed the men, and rapidly placed them in firing positions in the new perimeter. Throughout the enemy attacks that followed, Sergeant Felz moved from man to man, regrouping them to strengthen weak points in the line, and removing wounded to points of relative safety. Largely through Sergeant Felz's efforts, the small force in the perimeter repulsed all enemy attacks. Sergeant Felz's action was an inspiration to all and his conduct reflects the highest credit on the Military Service. Home address: Mr. Don Felz, (father), East Elm Street, Rosewood Falls, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant FRED J. ZEITNER, (01301548), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 17 June 1944. When his patrol was trapped in a cross fire from two enemy groups, Lieutenant Zeiter ordered his men to fall back across a stream to the protection of a sand bank. One of the men was seriously wounded and fell directly in the line of fire. Under constant machine gun and sniper fire, Lieutenant Zeiter ran to the wounded man and carried him on his back to the protection of the sand bank, a distance of approximately fifty yards. Lieutenant Zeiter's courageous act undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded soldier. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Jan Zeiter, (mother), 1741 Conkling Avenue, Utica, New York.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect II, Bulletin 3, WB, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant WAYNE E. OWEN, (07035139), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 15 May 1944 to 15 June 1944. Home address: Glenn W. Owen, (father), Republic, Missouri.

Major GERALD A. PALUMBO, (0397066), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tadjil, New Guinea, from 3 May 1944 to 30 June 1944. Home address: Charlotte M. Palumbo, (wife), 75 Evans Street, Medford, Massachusetts.

Captain JOHN J. ROBINSON, (0228203), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 17 July 1944 to 31 July 1944. Home address: Marion Ann Robinson, (wife), 13 Washington Street, Medford, Massachusetts.

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Captain ORIAN L. WALLIS, (0367924), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saidor, New Guinea, on 4 January 1944. Home address: Teresa M. Wallis, (wife), Warren Road, Cockeysville, Maryland.

Major MALVIN P. WANG, (0226855), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea from 21 December 1943 to 17 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sophie Wang, (wife), 29 East Marshall Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

R. A. PORTS
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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 324 Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class LAWRENCE E. MONNICH, (30381034), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Aua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. A reconnaissance patrol of which Private First Class Monnich was a member was attacked and disorganized by a numerically superior enemy force. Although he could have withdrawn safely, Private First Class Monnich elected to assault an enemy machine gun position. He crawled forward under heavy enemy fire and threw his only grenade, temporarily silencing the gun. He was wounded while doing so. While making his way back to our lines, he was killed. Private First Class Monnich courageously and gallantly gave his life to protect those of his comrades. Next of kin: Bridget Monnich, (wife), 2538 Southport Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM P. WILLIAMS, (01301576), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Aua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. Lieutenant Williams' company was engaged in an approach march through jungle infested with the enemy. When enemy rifle fire threatened to cause gaps in the column, Lieutenant Williams traveled up and down the column, urging the men forward. Part of the company had traversed a clearing in the jungle when enemy rifle fire halted the remainder of the column. Lieutenant Williams, who had already crossed the clearing, ran back, through enemy fire, across the clearing, urging his men forward. While so doing, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. Lieutenant Williams' leadership and bravery in the face of enemy fire so inspired his men that they pushed forward and prevented the enemy from separating his forces. Next of kin: Margaret Williams, (mother), Post Office Box 91, West Sand Lake, New York.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 324 Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

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Lieutenant Colonel BRUCE I. BASLER, (0859380), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 24 July 1944 and 25 July 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Basler, during an enemy attack on his battalion on 24 July 1944, was within a few yards of the front lines, moving from position to position, directing the defense. When his battalion attacked on 25 July 1944, he directed the attack from positions within ten to twenty yards of the enemy lines, where he skillfully maneuvered his troops so that he might direct artillery and mortar fire in very close support. Lieutenant Colonel Basler's leadership was largely responsible for the success of the attack. Home address: Mrs. Rachel M. Basler, (wife), 656 Carney Boulevard, Marinette, Wisconsin.

Private First Class GEORGE C BUDAI, (36192081), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Chakila, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. An enemy artillery shell struck near the light machine gun served by the squad of which Private First Class Budai was a member, destroying the gun, killing one man, and wounding five, including Private First Class Budai. Notwithstanding his painful wound, Private First Class Budai assisted in removing the other wounded men of his squad to safety. He then secured a rifle and joined the advancing riflemen in an attack. A short time later he was called to replace a wounded man in another light machine gun squad. Private First Class Budai remained with that squad until all opposition to the attack had passed, and only then did he return to an aid station where he was treated and evacuated to a hospital. Home address: Theresa Budai, (mother), Route #1, Ravenna, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant LEHART KLEIN, (37514273), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 30 June 1944. A squad leader on a combat patrol, Sergeant Klein was seriously wounded. Unable to walk because of his injury, he crawled from man to man, giving instructions and urging the men to attack vigorously. In doing so, he repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire. Inspired by his leadership and courage, his men launched an aggressive attack; killing three of the enemy, wounding two, and forcing the remainder to withdraw. It was only when the enemy was completely routed that Sergeant Klein permitted himself, and even then unwillingly, to be taken to the rear for medical attention. Home address: Mrs. Rosina Klein, (mother), Route #2, Fisher, Minnesota.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant MARVIN M. PETERSON, (20846320), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Briniumor River, New Guinea, on 18 June 1944. When his eight man outpost was cut off by a force of approximately fifty enemy, Sergeant Peterson exercised complete fire control over his men and withheld fire. When one of the enemy moved to within five yards of the outpost, Sergeant Peterson shot and killed him. A fire fight followed, and when his men had expended their supply of hand grenades, Sergeant Peterson withdrew the group to a river bank, exposing himself to enemy fire in order to direct the withdrawal. He then dispatched a messenger

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to his company command post, and the strong patrol sent out dispersed the enemy and caused it to withdraw. Sergeant Peterson's coolness, courage, and sound judgement extricated his men from an exceedingly precarious position. He was killed in action 27 July 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Magnus Peterson, (mother), Wisconsin Street, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.

IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men: For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aua, New Guinea, 21 July 1944. When the officer in charge of a forward artillery observation party was wounded, four enlisted men, members of the party, undertook to continue the directing of artillery fire. When the line of communication was severed, they moved forward under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, checked the line, and repaired it. Still under heavy enemy fire, they continued to direct the fire of our artillery:

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD ANDERSON, (59387075), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Ahlman, (sister), 5742 North Drake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade VAILARD W. KEATHE, (50387392), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Wm. S. Krause, (mother), Sweet Home, Oregon.

Corporal ALAIN RENOIR, (39108398), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Jean Renoir, (father), 1815 North Martel Avenue, Hollywood, California.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT L. THOMPSON, (20851985), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Martin Thorsen, (father), Route #2, West LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944) the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class ROLAND F. BENESS, (20847511), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Private First Class Beness and another enlisted man guided a litter squad to a position where a soldier lay seriously wounded. They traveled two thousand yards in darkness over terrain covered by enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to reach the wounded man. They then successfully guided the party back to the aid station. Private First Class Beness' action undoubtedly helped save the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mr. Herman Beness, (father), 311 Parroy Street, Neenah, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class MERVIN C. BREDRICK, (35190307), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Chakila, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. When he saw that his section leader was seriously wounded, Private First Class Bredrick moved to him in the face of enemy fire and dragged him to a partially protected position. He then returned to the rear for a litter, and, with the assistance of another soldier, carried the wounded man to a waiting litter squad. He then secured three boxes of light machine gun ammunition, and, with one box strapped to his belt, crawled, under heavy enemy fire, to his machine gun, which was out of ammunition. Private First Class Bredrick's courageous action made possible the safe evacuation of a wounded comrade and ensured the continued operation of his gun. Home address: Janie Bredrick, (mother), Route #1, Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant JOHN W. BURRIS, (01301757), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Chakila, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. When an attack was temporarily halted, Lieutenant Burris urged his men forward and personally led the charge across a stream in the face of enemy automatic and sniper fire. Inspired by his example, the men followed, and a line was strongly established on the far bank of the stream. Lieutenant Burris' courage and leadership served as an inspiration to his men, and made possible the ensuing large scale attack, which was completely successful. Home address: Delphia Burris, (mother), Route #6, Box 158, Hood River, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant DOUGLAS S. CULLIN, (02035079), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. When his company commander was seriously wounded and lay in a clearing which was under direct enemy observation and was covered by heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Cullin, accompanied by an enlisted man, ran into the clearing to offer what aid he could. While the enlisted man went to the rear to summon a medical officer, Lieutenant Cullin administered first aid. When the medical officer arrived, Lieutenant Cullin remained to assist him, regardless of the danger from enemy fire. Home address: Harold Cullin, (father), Charles Street, Bellevue, Michigan.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) JAMES H. DOWD, (0411577), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 19 July 1944. When the unit to which he was attached as forward artillery observer was forced back by a numerically superior enemy force, Captain Dowd remained at his post, under heavy enemy fire, until the artillery was firing for effect. After he had withdrawn to the newly formed perimeter, he returned several times to the zone of fire to guide our troops into the perimeter. Captain Dowd's courage and eagerness under fire reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Catherine M. Dowd, (mother), 1508th 13th Street, Superior Wisconsin.

Captain GEORGE E. GLEASON, (0410240), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. Captain Gleason was summoned to give medical aid to a seriously wounded officer who lay in a clearing which was under direct observation of the enemy and was covered by heavy enemy fire. He ran into the clearing and treated the officer, regardless of the danger involved. He then supervised the evacuation of the wounded officer from the clearing. Captain

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Gleason's bravery in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Gus M. Gleason, (mother), 200 Luzerne Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DALE K. HAKE, (20641080), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. When his company commander was seriously wounded and lay in a clearing which was under direct enemy observation and was covered by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Hake, accompanied by an officer, ran into the clearing to offer what aid he could. He then hurried to the rear, summoned a medical officer, and guided him to the scene. While the wounded officer was being treated, Sergeant Hake stood guard, regardless of the danger from enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Vera Hake, (mother), Magazine Street, Platteville, Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) JOSEPH J. PIWOK, (34110312), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Takumul, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. When he learned that two casualties, one of whom appeared to be alive, lay beyond our lines in a zone of enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Piwok crawled out to administer first aid. He crawled under heavy enemy fire to reach the first casualty and discovered that he was dead. He crossed an enemy machine gun fire line to reach the second man and discovered that he also was dead. He then returned, under fire, to our lines. Technician Fourth Grade Piwok's courage and devotion to duty in the face of danger reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Grzyb, (mother), 2141 South Woodlawn Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class LEWIS THOMAS, (36188195), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Private First Class Thomas and another enlisted man guided a litter squad to a position where a soldier lay seriously wounded. They traveled two thousand yards in darkness over terrain covered by enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to reach the wounded man. They then successfully guided the party back to the aid station. Private First Class Thomas' courage undoubtedly helped save the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Vera Thomas, (mother), Route 2, Vanistee, Michigan.

VI. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

In the direction of the President, under the Provisions of Executive Order No. 9411, 22 January 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, 1, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal ARTHUR W. HIRSCHY, (0448879), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, from 23 July 1944 to 26 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lenora C. Hirschy, (wife), R.F.D. #1, Kenmouth, Illinois.

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Master Sergeant (then Sergeant) JACK F. HOWIE, (36110639), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea, from 1 October 1942 to 23 January 1943. Home address: Chester Howie, (father), 1212 Lakewood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

By command of Major General GILL:

ROBERT A. PORTS,
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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/s/ E. W. HOFFMAN,
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 13, W.D., 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men. For gallantry in action near Wewak, New Guinea, from 3 June 1944 to 17 June 1944. This officer and three enlisted men volunteered to land, from a rubber boat, at a point thirty yards behind the enemy's main line, in order to observe enemy movements and obtain information of enemy strengths. They made observations, hiding when necessary, while groups of the enemy passed very near them. After two attempts to disembark to a waiting PT boat were unsuccessful because of enemy activity on the beach, the members of the patrol proceeded overland towards our lines. They made their way with difficulty, since it was necessary to avoid the use of trails because of the constant presence of the enemy. With the aid of friendly natives they ultimately returned safely to our lines. The information obtained by the patrol was of great value in the planning of future operations.

Private GEORGE R. BURRER, (35220836), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Dora A. Barber, (wife), Box 252, Greenfield, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JAMES W. DE LOACH, (01286255), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Winifred R. De Loach, (mother), R.R. #1, Varnville, South Carolina.

Private First Class ROBERT M. MILLER, (30687504), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Cordy Miller, (mother), General Delivery, Reddy, California.

Private First Class HOWARD L. ROLAND, (37111431), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. George A. Roland, (father), S.W. 35th, Evergreen, Iowa.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, W.D., 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. Members of a forward artillery observation party, these two enlisted men volunteered to repair a communications line which had been severed by enemy fire. They moved forward under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, repaired the line,

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and returned to resume their normal duties. Their courageous action, performed at great hazard, made possible the placing of artillery fire on enemy strong points with telling effect.

Sergeant WILLIAM F. FRAPPICR, (20651891), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Frappicr, (mother), 603 North Park Street, Streator, Illinois.

Private First Class KENNETH WALDROP, (14108242), Field Artillery, United States Army. Home address: Mrs R. Loavy Waldrop, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Baileyton, Alabama.

By command of Major General GILL:

R. A. PORTS,
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

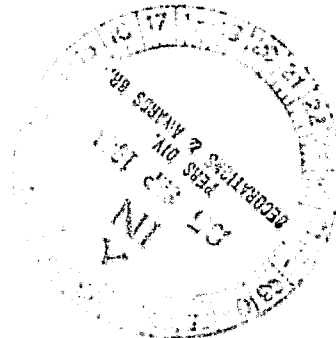
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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class EDWARD J. YOUNG, (31174741), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 26 July 1944. Private First Class Young moved forward under fire to give aid to a wounded man who was lying in a position exposed to enemy fire. When a second man was wounded nearby, Private First Class Young aided him also, and he removed both men to a position of safety. Later the same day, he again moved forward under fire to a wounded soldier who lay in a position exposed to enemy machine gun fire. While he was attending the wounded soldier, a second man was wounded. While he was proceeding to his aid, Private First Class Young was killed by a burst from an enemy machine gun. Private First Class Young's courage and devotion to duty in the face of known danger is a source of great credit to the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Margaret S. Young, (mother), Brady Avenue, Salem, New Hampshire.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class WALTER PEAKE, JR., (54382963), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yelamul, New Guinea, on 7 July 1944. When a member of his patrol was wounded, Private First Class Peake moved forward under heavy enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, reached the wounded man, and returned him to a position of safety. Later, when his patrol was forced to withdraw by numerically superior enemy forces, Private First Class Peake voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal, and he was one of the last men to draw back into the newly formed perimeter. His courageous actions saved the life of a wounded comrade and ensured the orderly withdrawal of his patrol. Home address: Geartie Peake, (Mother), Route #1, Blaney, South Carolina.

Private First Class NORMAN H. PODDAN, (54382963), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 26 July 1944. Private First Class Poddan noticed a wounded man lying exposed to enemy fire. He crawled forward, under intense enemy automatic weapon and grenade fire, and succeeded in dragging the wounded soldier out of the line of fire. He then, while subject to sniper fire,

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carried him across an exposed stream to a place of safety. Private First Class Poddam's courageous action undoubtedly saved the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs Norman H. Poddam, (wife), 2960 Evaline Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan.

III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) LORN FORD, (37210283), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marubian, New Guinea, on 13 May 1944 and 14 May 1944. While serving as leader of a six man combat, Sergeant Ford saw small enemy groups moving toward the defense perimeter. He withheld his fire and reported the information to the command post. Although handicapped by lack of mortar training, Sergeant Ford volunteered to expose himself to enemy fire and act as mortar observer. Through his efforts an effective screen of mortar fire was laid down. During the night the enemy launched three attacks. Sergeant Ford remained at his post and directed mortar fire, thus making possible the repulse of all attacks without casualty to our own troops. Home address: Louis Ford, Route #1, Isabel, Kansas.

Private First Class ROBERT E GARBER, (35414829), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Drinumer River, New Guinea, on 18 June 1944. Private First Class Garber was a member of an eight man outpost which was cut off by a force of approximately fifty enemy. After a fire fight, the small group withdrew to a river bank. Since all communications were severed, Private First Class Garber volunteered to go to the company command post for assistance. He moved eight hundred yards through an area in which there was great likelihood of meeting the enemy. He reached the command post safely, and the strong patrol sent out dispersed the enemy and caused it to withdraw. Home address: Mr Harold Garber, (father), Box 272, Belleville, Ohio.

Captain GEORGE J. HESS, (0889261), Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Chokila, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. In the face of enemy fire Captain Hess organized his men for an attack on fixed enemy positions. He moved from one forward element to another, encouraging his men and urging them forward. In so doing, he exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire time and time again. His aggressive and inspiring leadership instilled confidence in his men and was largely responsible for the success of the ensuing attack. Home address: Mrs. George J. Hess, (wife), West Fulton Street, Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Sergeant MERRILL K. HUNT, (36104505), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anmo, New Guinea, on 15 July 1944. Sergeant Hunt was leader of a volunteer wire construction team. When his team was surprised by an enemy patrol, Sergeant Hunt led his men in a successful attack which routed the enemy. Sergeant Hunt killed one of the enemy and wounded another, then led his men in vigorous pursuit of the

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remainder. His aggressiveness and coolness under fire instilled confidence in his men and contributed materially to the success of the attack. Home address: Mrs. Cecil Hunt, (mother), Martville, New York.

Private CLAYTON F. LOURIA, (36110173), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anamo, New Guinea, on 15 July 1944. Private Louria acted as advance guard for a volunteer wire construction team. When the team was surprised by an enemy patrol, Private Louria attacked aggressively, killing at least one of the enemy and wounding another. He then participated in a vigorous pursuit of the remainder. It was largely through Private Louria's aggressive action that the team completed its mission successfully. Home address: Mrs. Della Louria, (mother), 115 Burke Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan.

IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant WILLIAM E. JONES, (20654518), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saidor, New Guinea, from 2 January 1944 to 30 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Thomas R. Jones, (father), 106 East Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) FRANCIS C. KENEFICK, (0415589), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Buna, New Guinea, from 27 November 1942 to 29 November 1942. Home address: Ruth F. Kenefick, (wife), 27 Austin Road, Medford, Massachusetts.

Captain JOHN L. MURPHY, (0401692), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Buna, New Guinea, from 23 December 1942 to 24 March 1943. Home address: Grace M. Murphy, (wife), 8 Carter Terrace, Somerville, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. POLIQUIN, (31018595), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea, from 18 February 1944 to 12 July 1944. Home address: Angelina Poliquin, (mother), 52 Chestnut Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

Captain (then Second Lieutenant) GEORGE H. ROGERS, (0886207), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Buna, New Guinea, from 28 November 1942 to 16 December 1942. Home address: Theresa Rogers, (mother), 10 Oak Crest Street, Saugus, Massachusetts.

Sergeant ROBERT H. TODD, (36019515), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Britain and New Guinea, from 15 December 1943 to 12 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rosina H. Todd, (mother), Box 34, Camden, Arkansas.

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Technical Sergeant MASAO YAMAMOTO, (39008170), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 4 May 1944 to 16 August 1944. Home address: Mr. Shinji Yamamoto, (brother), 402 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARDS OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE:

Under the provisions of Circular No. 186, War Department, 11 May 1944, the following named officers are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy:

Colonel ERNEST A. BARLOW, (016116), General Staff Corps (then Infantry), United States Army. At Saidor, New Guinea, 1 May 1944.

Colonel JOSEPH S. BRADLEY, (012428), Infantry, United States Army. At Buna, New Guinea, 1 January 1943.

Colonel MERLE H. HOWE, (0131962), Infantry, United States Army. At Buna, New Guinea, 1 January 1943.

Colonel ALEXANDER J. MAC NAB, (08275), Infantry, United States Army. At Buna, New Guinea, 1 January 1943.

Brigadier General (then Colonel, Infantry) CLARENCE A. MARTIN, (07007), United States Army. At Buna, New Guinea, 1 January 1943.

Lieutenant Colonel HERBERT A. SMITH, (0189961), Infantry, United States Army. At Buna, New Guinea, 1 January 1943.

II. AWARDS OF STREAMER, COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT:

Having qualified under the provisions of paragraph 6, Circular No. 186, War Department, 11 May 1944, the following Infantry Regiments are designated as Combat Infantry Regiments and are entitled to attach the "Combat Infantry Regiment" streamer to the pike of the Regimental Colors:

127th Infantry
128th Infantry

III. AWARD OF STREAMER, EXPERT INFANTRY REGIMENT:

Having qualified under the provisions of paragraph 6, Circular No. 186, War Department, 11 May 1944, the 126th Infantry is designated as an Expert Infantry Regiment and is entitled to attach the "Expert Infantry Regiment" streamer to the pike of the Regimental Colors.

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By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Second Lieutenant DALE C. BILLUPS, (02035288), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 22 July 1944. When his patrol was halted by a numerically superior enemy force in fixed positions, Lieutenant Billups sloped an automatic rifle, ran forward in the face of enemy fire, and killed two and wounded one of the enemy. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the left flank of the patrol, he moved to a new position and fired on the machine gun position. Then, because of the enemy's overwhelming strength, he ordered a withdrawal, remaining behind to cover his men. Lieutenant Billups moved to his patrol's new position only after all his men had reached a point of safety. Home address: Mr. Charles E. Billups, (father), 6946 North Wilbur Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Captain) MAXWELL EMERSON (0364636), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Oro Bay, New Guinea, on 27 November 1942. Lieutenant Colonel Emerson noticed that one of his supply ships was anchored in the bay beyond the protection of anti-aircraft installations, and in a position where it would block the harbor to other shipping if it were sunk. Accompanied by another officer and two natives, he set out towards the ship in a dinghy. When the dinghy was thirty yards from the ship, three enemy planes attacked. Lieutenant Colonel Emerson might have returned safely to shore, but he chose to remain, and ordered the officer and natives to swim to shore. Throughout the ensuing strafing attack, he kept the crew of the ship at their posts, and ordered the lifting of anchor and the movement of the ship towards the beach. The ship was sunk, but because of Lieutenant Colonel Emerson's gallant action, it sank in very shallow water, and the much-needed cargo was salvaged. Home address: Howard Emerson, (father), 99 Broad Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. It was necessary for a company commander to establish communication with an isolated company, and to determine that company's position. Three enlisted men volunteered to attempt the task. In darkness, they traversed a route which was known to be occupied by the

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enemy. In spite of the constant threat of enemy ambush, they accomplished their mission successfully, and returned to impart the much needed information to their company commander.

Private LOUIS J. ALMACY, (33603208), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Susan Almac, (mother), 132 33d Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private JESSE J. BANKS, (35876170), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Jesse J. Banks, (mother), 36 Walnut Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class ELI W. EUDY, (36066332), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Clara Eudy, (mother), Route #1, McClure, Illinois.

III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant WOODROW T. DUVALL, (35062811), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Driniumor River area, New Guinea, on 12 July 1944. As a platoon prepared to evacuate an area by barge, a large enemy force attacked. Sergeant Duvall's squad acted as rearguard to cover the rest of the platoon as they boarded the barges. Without cover, Sergeant Duvall moved among his men, under heavy machine gun, grenade, and rifle fire, encouraging them and directing their fire. His courage and leadership made possible the repulsing of the enemy attack, and enabled the entire platoon to board the barges successfully, without a casualty being suffered. Home address: Sophie Duvall, (mother), Hitchita, Oklahoma.

Private First Class DUANE M. FUNKHOUSER, (33300425), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 28 July 1944. During an attack by his company, Private First Class Funkhouser was seriously wounded. He refused evacuation since no replacement was immediately available. In spite of the intense pain his wounds caused him, he remained at his post. Only when another soldier was secured to replace him, two hours later, did Private First Class Funkhouser consent to removal to the rear for medical attention. Home address: Mary Funkhouser, (mother), Route #4, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) LOUIS I. JESSE, (20648832), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 17 June 1944. Sergeant Jesse's platoon was sent to the rescue of a patrol trapped by the enemy. As the platoon reached the position, it was subject to heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant Jesse, a rifle grenadier, moved forward to an exposed position. He immediately drew enemy machine gun and rifle fire. He held his position long enough to fire several rifle grenades. Sergeant Jesse's courage in the face of known danger is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mr. Frank Jesse, (father), Route #5, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

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Second Lieutenant JOSEPH A. KESSLER, (01303470), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 28 July 1944. During an enemy counter-attack, Lieutenant Kessler was seriously wounded in the leg and thigh. He refused evacuation and continued to organize his men and place them in advantageous defensive positions, controlling the situation from his position in the most vulnerable sector of the perimeter. His courage inspired his men and contributed materially to the successful repulse of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Kessler, (wife), 932 Hansen Street, Millvale, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) WALTER E. MONICAL, (39617565), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 19 July 1944. When, during an attack, Sergeant Monical's squad leader was killed and the squad became disorganized, he immediately took command. Under intense enemy machine gun, mortar, grenade, and rifle fire, he moved from man to man, reorganizing them and directing their fire. Sergeant Monical's bravery and leadership instilled confidence in his men, and they continued their advance. The objective was attained, many of the enemy were killed, and a quantity of materiel was captured. Home address: Louise Monical, (mother), 118 North 6th Street, Livingston, Montana.

IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) LAWRENCE F. CAREW, (0234272), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Papua, from 25 December 1942 to 24 March 1943. Home address: Helen M. Carew, (wife), 100 Chandler Road, West Medford, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant PHILLIP J. DOYLE, (20662127), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 1 June 1944 to 31 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Doyle, (mother), Florence, Wisconsin.

Major ROBERT P. SCHULZ, (0330078), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Schulz, (wife), 277 North 23d Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Master Sergeant HOWARD D. TAYLOR, (20651399), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Driniumor River area, New Guinea, from 12 July 1944 to 15 August 1944. Home address: George Taylor, (father), 2123 West Hopkins Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN B. TAYLOR, (0197248), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 12 July 1944 to 9 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. John B. Taylor, (wife), 309 Boston Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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V. REVOCATION OF AWARDS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 65, Headquarters 32d Infantry Division, 24 August 1944, as awards the Good Conduct Medal to the following named enlisted men, 126th Infantry, is revoked:

Sergeant MERVIN H. OLTHOFF, 37111503, Company G.

Technician Fourth Grade JESSE J. YOUNG, 20634887, Headquarters Company Second Battalion.

By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men, for gallantry in action on Tarawai Island, New Guinea, on 4 July 1944. An officer and three enlisted men, accompanied by an Australian officer and two natives, volunteered for the dangerous mission of landing at night by rubber boat on an island in enemy territory to determine whether or not this island was occupied by enemy troops, and to appraise its suitability for certain installations. The patrol landed in a rubber boat under cover of darkness. It was later discovered by the enemy, was forced to engage in a fire fight, but was successful in withdrawing from the island by rubber boat with valuable information of great value for future planning.

Sergeant DONALD H. ANEY, (20645320), Cavalry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Aney, (mother), R.F.D. # 2, Norwalk, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade DAVID BINDMAN, (32203343), Cavalry, United States Army. Home address: Joseph Bindman, (father), 1758 Eastburn Avenue, Bronx, New York.

First Lieutenant EDWARD W LONDRIGAN, (01031001), Cavalry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Estelle Londrigan, (wife), 1716 Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Sergeant DARRELL J SINGLETON, (20648122), Cavalry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Marie Singleton, (mother), 155 West Johnson Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men, for gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 16 July 1944. When a combat patrol was fired on by the enemy, and the other members of the patrol were forced to take cover by the enemy fire, the officer leading the patrol and two enlisted men, without regard to their own safety, continued the advance in the face of enemy machine gun, rifle, and grenade fire, stormed the enemy position, killed three enemy, dispersed the remainder, and captured several enemy weapons. Their heroic conduct is a credit to the military service.

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Private First Class (then Private) ROSCOE C O'HARRAH, (35507554), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Elza O'Harrah, (father), Route # 2, Otway Ohio.

Corporal ELDON J STEELE, (39304946), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Edith H Steele, (mother), Route #9, Box 2195, Sacramento, California.

Captain CORNELIUS WILEY, (0450338), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Katherine B. Wiley, (wife), 2841 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California.

III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant CARROLL C. BOOTH, (20648803), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Chakila, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. Sergeant Booth led his platoon across a creek, and there, under heavy enemy machine gun fire, reformed his men in a skirmish line. He then led his platoon in a series of rushes against fixed enemy positions in the face of heavy fire. He himself killed three of the enemy with his submachine gun. Sergeant Booth's courageous and inspiring leadership contributed materially to the success of the attack. Home address: Mrs. Clarence Booth, (mother), Route # 4, Stanley Wisconsin.

First Sergeant REX K. JOHN, (36208235), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Chakila, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. When he learned that one of the platoons of his company was faltering and lagging behind the other attacking platoons, after the platoon leader and platoon Sergeant had been wounded, Sergeant John, of his own volition, turned over his First Sergeant duties to a subordinate and assumed command of the platoon. In the face of heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, grenade, and mortar fire, he led the platoon in a successful attack. Sergeant John's assumption of leadership at a critical time and his heroic conduct were important contributing factors to the successful completion of his battalion's mission. Home address: Mrs. Pearl John, (mother), 858 North 9th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Corporal HENRY G. JORDAN, JR., (34630745), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Driniumer River area, New Guinea, on 7 July 1944. Corporal Jordan was an aid man attached to a combat patrol. When the patrol was attacked, several casualties were suffered. Corporal Jordan, under intense enemy machine gun, mortar, grenade, and rifle fire, moved to the wounded and administered first aid. Then, still under heavy fire, he moved two of the wounded to a position affording protection. Corporal Jordan's gallant action undoubtedly saved the lives of several men. Home address: Ola Hall Jordan, (mother), Box 15, Perkinston, Mississippi.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) RAYMOND J. KLEPPICK, (33150996), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakerul, New Guinea, on 17 June 1944: Sergeant Kleppick was lead scout for a platoon which was going to the rescue of a patrol which had been ambushed and trapped by the enemy. When eight enemy moved onto the trail and opened fire, Sergeant Kleppick, in the face

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of machine gun and rifle fire, charged forward with his submachine gun, killed three of the enemy, and routed the remainder. Throughout the ensuing attack he carried the fight to the enemy aggressively and courageously. Sergeant Klennick's inspiring bravery helped make possible the successful completion of his platoon's mission. Home address: Joseph F. Kleppick, (father), 3940 Coleman Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Captain GUST E. OLSON, (0410788), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Drinimor River area, New Guinea, on 7 July 1944. When the patrol to which Captain Olson was attached as artillery observer was halted by a numerically superior enemy force, he moved forward, under fire, to call for artillery fire by radio. He then moved to within fifteen yards of the enemy, under machine gun, mortar, grenade, and rifle fire, and threw hand grenades and fired a submachine gun to cover the withdrawal of the patrol. When he withdrew to the patrol's new position, Captain Olson aided in removing a wounded officer to safety. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Mae Olson, (wife), 206 South 2nd Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) ORVILLE F. RHOADES, (37102873), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. When the automatic rifleman of his squad was wounded, and no qualified replacement was available, Sergeant Rhoades took over the weapon himself. In the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, he moved forward, well in advance of his squad. He exposed himself to enemy fire in order to fire his weapon repeatedly at the enemy. Sergeant Rhoades' gallant and courageous leadership was an instrumental factor in the driving of the enemy from their prepared positions. Home address: George Rhoades, (father), 716 3rd Street, Conway, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) JOHN J. SIMBORSKI, (20270701), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Anamo, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. Sergeant Simborski's platoon was halted by heavy enemy machine gun fire. In the face of that fire, he led three other soldiers in a charge on the enemy positions. As the four men approached the enemy, many grenades were thrown at them, causing them to disperse and take cover. Immediately after the grenades had exploded, the small group resumed its charge on the enemy, Sergeant Simborski again leading the way. The assault was successful, resulting in three of the enemy being killed, the rout of the remainder, and the capture of several enemy weapons. The brave action of the small group, inspired by Sergeant Simborski's leadership, made possible the platoon's resultant advance. Home address: Lucy Simborski, (mother), R.F.D. # 2, Ilion, New York.

IV. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private ALFRED AVALOS, (39125485), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Saidor, New Guinea, on 29 January 1944. When intense enemy mortar fire threatened a line of communication, Private Avalos, a lineman on a forward observation party, braved the enemy fire in order to examine the line for breaks, although he could have withdrawn to a place of safety. While in the performance of this heroic

act, he was killed. Private Avalos' courageous devotion to duty in the face of known danger is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Celestina Avalos, (mother), 1207 Flora Street, Crockett, California.

Private HARRY T. GIFFORD, (37390446), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. Private Gifford's company was halted by heavy enemy automatic weapons and sniper fire. In the face of that fire, Private Gifford, a light machine gunner, moved his weapon to the most forward position his company held, sprayed the tree tops, silenced the snipers, and enabled his company to advance. Later, when the attack was again halted by heavy enemy fire, Private Gifford again moved his weapon forward. He was killed as he was putting his gun into action. Private Gifford's bravery inspired his comrades, and they continued their attack, successfully accomplishing the company's mission. Next of kin: Lola Davis, (sister), 617 West Chestnut Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Sergeant COMRAD THOMPSON, (37111694), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. When a perimeter defended by an inadequate number of men was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, Sergeant Thompson placed men in advantageous positions. He moved from man to man while under heavy enemy fire, encouraging them and directing their fire. He went to the most forward machine gun, and, when the gunner was killed, took over the gun. He was killed at his weapon. Sergeant Thompson's courage and leadership helped make possible the repulsing of the enemy attack. Next of kin: Mr. Carl Thompson, (father), 210 South 5th Street, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. XI, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Adua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Four enlisted men volunteered to form a litter squad to rescue a wounded soldier who lay in a position exposed to enemy fire. They travelled a distance of two thousand yards, through darkness, over an area covered by the enemy's guns. They reached the wounded man and returned him safely to the aid station. The courageous action of the four soldiers undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man:

Private First Class CLINTON E. DRAHEIM, (20638896), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Emil R. Draheim, (father), 756 Cherry Street, Granddette, Michigan.

Private JAMES E. FAIN, (33126578), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Elige E. Fain, (father), Route # 4, Box 51, Stuart, Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN L. FROH, (36204982), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Mr. August H. Froh, (father), Route # 3, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Private HOWARD WEAVER, (38190007), Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: Mr. Thomas Weaver, (father), Route # 2, Cushing Oklahoma.

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VI. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anamo, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. When their platoon was halted by heavy enemy machine gun fire, three enlisted men followed their platoon Sergeant in a charge on the enemy position. As they approached the enemy, many grenades were thrown at them, causing them to disperse and take cover. Immediately after the grenades had exploded, the small group resumed its charge on the enemy. The assault was successful, resulting in three of the enemy being killed, the rout of the remainder, and the capture of several enemy weapons. The brave action of the small group made possible the platoon's resultant advance:

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) EDWARD J. BENTON, (34129303), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Shellie Benton, (mother), Route # 2, Ruffin, South Carolina.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) JAMES D. HUTCHINSON, (83142823), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Margaret Hutchinson, (mother), 2262 North Colorado Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN J. TELEVICH, (33354180), Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Helen Televich, (mother), 431 Washington Street, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

VII. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ROBERT C. DICKERSON, (01302614), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. When a company perimeter was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, a withdrawal was necessary. Because of the overwhelming force of the enemy attack, our troops became disorganized. Lieutenant Dickerson immediately gained control over the disorganized elements. He calmed the regrouped men, then assigned them definite missions, exposing himself to enemy machine gun fire as he moved amongst them. Lieutenant Dickerson's courage, coolness under fire, and leadership made possible the eventual repulse of the determined enemy attacks. Home address: Mrs. Minta Dickerson, (mother), Apartment 17, 206 Werns Court, Charleston, West Virginia.

Private WILLIS J. DICKERSON, (34678806), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Private Dickerson's company was pinned down by a powerful enemy attack. In the face of intense machine gun and rifl. fire, he exposed himself to full view of the enemy, located and silenced an enemy machine gun which was inflicting great damage to his platoon. Private Dickerson's heroic action momentarily confused the enemy and enabled our troops to lay down intense fire, causing the enemy to withdraw. Home address: Mrs. Emma M. Dickerson, (wife), 203 Laura Avenue, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

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Private First Class LEON E. ERSKINE, (11053773), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 17 June 1944. Private First Class Erskine's platoon was sent to the rescue of a patrol trapped by the enemy. As the platoon neared the position, it drew heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. In the face of that fire, without regard to his personal safety, Private First Class Erskine crawled forward to an exposed position and silenced the enemy machine gun with his fire. His courageous action helped make possible the escape of the trapped patrol. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Erskine, (mother), 30 Waban Street, Natick, Massachusetts.

Private First Class EDWARD J. KEIG, (35284106), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 27 June 1944. Private First Class Keig was lead scout of a reconnaissance patrol which was fired on by enemy machine guns and grenades and forced to withdraw. When the patrol resumed its advance, Private First Class Keig volunteered to again act as lead scout. When the enemy was again contacted in strength, Private First Class Keig gallantly attacked the enemy position with rifle fire and grenades. His action was an inspiration to his comrades. Home address: Elizabeth Keig, (mother), 371 East 43rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WELDON G. LEE, (34128565), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. When his company's advance was halted by enemy machine gun and sniper fire from prepared positions, Sergeant Lee was ordered to move his light machine gun section forward to support further attack. While so doing, his section was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun. Sergeant Lee, who was in the most forward position, ordered hand grenades to be passed to him. Exposing himself to enemy fire, he attacked the enemy position with grenades and silenced the enemy gun. Sergeant Lee's courageous action enabled his company to continue its advance and rout the enemy. Home address: Later Allen Lee, (mother), Route # 2, Scranton, South Carolina.

Major OYD W. PICKETT, (0402209), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 15 July 1944. Major Pickett accompanied a patrol aboard a barge which was to proceed to the rescue of medical personnel who had been stranded deep in enemy territory, and to recover their ambulance. Upon arrival at the destination, Major Pickett learned that the stranded men had boarded a gun boat. He directed that the barge move towards the beach so that the ambulance might be destroyed by gun fire. As it neared the beach, the enemy opened heavy fire with rifles, machine guns, mortars, and an artillery piece. The guns on the barge and the gun boat opened fire immediately. When one of the machine guns on the barge ceased to function properly, Major Pickett made the necessary adjustment and manned the gun himself, although the gun mount was such that no protection was offered. In spite of heavy enemy fire and his exposed position, he continued to fire the weapon until the enemy positions were silenced and the barge had moved out of range. He then assisted in administering aid to the men who had been wounded by enemy fire. Major Pickett's courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Lois C. Pickett, (wife), 2005 13th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class PEDRO L. VALDEZ, (37350871), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Private First Class Valdez was acting as rearguard while his platoon prepared for a withdrawal, when the enemy attacked from the rear. In the face of machine gun and grenade fire, he doggedly held his position, directing such accurate fire at the enemy that they were forced to retire and reorganize. Private First Class Valdez's bravery in the face of enemy fire enabled his platoon to withdraw safely. Home address: Pedro L. Valdez, (father), R.F.D., Box 34, Manassa, Colorado.

Technical Sergeant BLAINE W. WILDING, (36113023), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. When his platoon was attacked by an enemy force, Sergeant Wilding directed the defensive fire of his men so successfully that the attack was repulsed and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Later, Sergeant Wilding was ordered to withdraw his platoon. As he prepared to do so, the enemy again attacked. In the face of intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Wilding moved amongst his men, controlling and organizing them for the withdrawal. By his coolness, courage, and sound judgment, Sergeant Wilding withdrew his men safely, without suffering a single casualty in the platoon. Home address: Mrs. Edna Collins, (sister), 238 South Heber Street, Beckley, West Virginia.

By command of Major General GILL:

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers.

Second Lieutenant JOHN N BREWER, (01312059), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 29 July 1944. During a powerful enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Brewer, a battalion communications officer, moved from position to position in the battalion perimeter, placing men to fill gaps in the line, and moving others to more strategic positions. In order to accomplish this, he braved enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire, and he often traversed areas fully exposed to the view of the enemy. Lieutenant Brewer's courageous action strengthened the line, and the counter-attack was repulsed. Later the same day Lieutenant Brewer voluntarily went beyond the perimeter to recover several reels of wire which were badly needed, although he knew that the area was swept by enemy sniper fire. He was killed while he was returning to the perimeter. Next of kin: Lester P Brewer, (father), 3730 Moral View Avenue, North Hollywood, California.

Second Lieutenant NELSON STORY, IV, (02035160), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. Lieutenant Story's platoon acted as advance guard for his company. When an enemy position was sighted, he organized a squad and, in the face of enemy fire, led it in an assault on the position. The assault was successful and the enemy position was destroyed. Lieutenant Story was killed by enemy machine gun fire. Lieutenant Story's courage, coolness, and aggressive action in the face of heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit on the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Major Nelson Story III, (father), 127 West Main Street, Bozeman, Montana.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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Captain (then First Lieutenant) WILLIAM F BARNES, (0387910), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Korusanper, New Guinea, from 3 March 1944 to 7 March 1944. Captain Barnes volunteered for a hazardous reconnaissance mission deep into enemy held territory. He led five enlisted men on an amphibious patrol which landed by rubber boat at a point twenty miles behind the enemy lines. An enemy patrol was encountered, and three of the crew were killed. After his patrol had been discovered by the enemy, Captain Barnes separated it into two groups, the groups remaining in the area behind the enemy lines for four days, observing enemy movements and strength. They met at a rendezvous point and safely debarked by rubber boat to a PT boat waiting off-shore. The information obtained by the patrol was of great value in the planning of future operations. Home address: Mrs. Bert Bislinghoff, (mother), 333 North Avalon Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) LOUIS A CAPPABIANCA, (32864939); Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 6 August 1944. When a soldier was seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position, Sergeant Cappabianca crawled forward to him, in the face of enemy machine gun, rifle, mortar, and grenade fire, and carried him to the rear. Sergeant Cappabianca then learned that his squad leader had been seriously wounded and had fallen in a position exposed to enemy fire. He moved forward, but, before he reached the wounded man, he became a casualty and was evacuated. Sergeant Cappabianca's courageous action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Lena Genovese, (mother), 1610 3d Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Corporal ROBERT J SLOOP, (39019398) Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 2 August 1944. Corporal Sloop, when he heard a call for help from a seriously wounded soldier, left the protection of his foxhole, and, in darkness, and in the face of heavy fire, moved to his assistance. He administered prompt first aid, then took the wounded man to an aid station one hundred yards away, over an area covered by intense small arms and mortar fire. Corporal Sloop's courageous action, in the face of known danger, saved the wounded man's life. Home address: Mrs. Retta I. Sloop, (mother), 2535 Palm Place, Huntington Park, California.

III. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1942 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1942), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal ALVIN H JACOBSON, (20651583), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 18 July 1944. Wire communications were severed by enemy action at a critical time. Corporal Jacobson led a patrol into territory known to be frequented by the enemy and covered by snipers. The crew ultimately reestablished communications, but, before this was accomplished, Corporal Jacobson was killed by sniper fire. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of known danger are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Alma Jacobson, (mother), Victory, Wisconsin.

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IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain HOWARD A ANHALT, (01104710), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 23 July 1944. Captain Anhalt's company was halted by heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, grenade, and mortar fire. He moved amongst his men, exposing himself without regard for his personal safety, encouraging them, and directing their fire. He braved heavy enemy fire in order to move to his mortars and direct fire which was so effective that an enemy machine gun position was neutralized and the enemy were forced to withdraw. Captain Anhalt's courageous leadership made possible the success of his company's ensuing attack. Home address: Mrs. Wilhelmina K Anhalt, (mother), 48 Loring Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

Private JOSEPH R BAY, (36207193), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 18 July 1944. When wire communications were severed by enemy artillery fire, Private Bay volunteered to reestablish them. Under enemy fire, he installed one line to a forward point. He then volunteered to lay a second wire to another point. He accomplished this in darkness, while under heavy enemy fire. Private Bay's heroic action in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Marie Bay, (mother), 1404 21st Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Sergeant GEORGE E DOEMEL, (20647310), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 28 July 1944. While a defensive perimeter was being formed, the enemy launched an attack. Sergeant Doemel, the assistant battalion operations Sergeant, braved heavy enemy fire and moved amongst the men, strengthening the perimeter wherever possible. He placed men in gaps in the line, encouraged them, and directed their fire. He carried ammunition to the machine guns, and on one occasion, when a machine gunner was killed, he carried the gun to a new position and placed another man at the weapon. Sergeant Doemel's brave conduct under fire was an important contributing factor in the repulse of the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Doemel, (mother), 532 North Menrec Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class CARL E DEAN, (34365905), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. During an enemy attack, Private First Class Dean was given the mission of delivering an important message to an outpost 150 yards distant. The route to be traversed was covered by heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire. Private First Class Dean had embarked on the mission and was nearing the outpost when he was mortally wounded. The message to be delivered uppermost in his mind, he summoned his last ounce of strength and managed to crawl the remaining distance to the trench which formed the outpost. He gasped out the message before he lost consciousness. He died several hours later. The courage, high sense of loyalty and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dean served as a great inspiration to the men of his company. Next of kin: Mrs. Joe Dean, (mother), Route #2, Pulaski, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT SHAW, (36164270), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 19 July 1944. Sergeant Shaw furnished covering fire for another soldier who was removing a wounded man to safety. It was necessary for the rescuer to carry the wounded soldier over an area exposed to enemy fire. Sergeant Shaw deliberately exposed himself to fire at an enemy machine gun, in an effort to divert the fire of the gun to himself and away from the wounded man and his rescuer. In the exchange of fire Sergeant Shaw was mortally wounded. He gave his life in order to protect his comrades. Next of kin: William Shaw, (father), 19356 Andover Street, Detroit Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

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Captain (then First Lieutenant) LEONARD LOWRY, (01302026), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Captain Lowry assumed command of a force of five hundred men at a time when its advance had been halted and its leading elements had been pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. He organized a small party and personally led it in an assault on the machine gun position, diverting its fire and permitting the remainder of the force to detour and continue its advance. Captain Lowry then rejoined the main body and led it to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Edna Lowry, (mother), 404 Weatherlow Street, Susanville, California.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER:

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private Joseph R. Bay by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section IV, General Orders No. 76, 16 September 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private JOSEPH R. BAY, (36207193), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 21 July 1944. Private Bay, a lineman with a forward observer party, volunteered to lay wire alone over terrain exposed to enemy fire to an outpost five hundred yards distant. Shortly after he had established communications, and while he was still at the outpost, a numerically superior enemy force attacked. When a withdrawal was decided upon, Private Bay, who was familiar with the terrain, volunteered to lead the way to safety. In the face of heavy enemy fire, he plunged into a river and made his way to the opposite bank. The remaining men of the outpost followed his example, and the withdrawal was safely accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Marie Bay, (mother), 1404 21st Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN E. HINTZ, (20652133), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Driniumor River area, New Guinea, on 1 August 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes Hintz, (mother), 663 Walker Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

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Private First Class VERN F. CATARACT, (36206203), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 25 July 1944. A medical aid man was wounded and lay in a position exposed to enemy fire. Several attempts were made to rescue him, all unsuccessful because of the extremely heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Cataract volunteered to attempt the rescue. In the face of intense fire, he crawled forward, reached the wounded man, and dragged him to safety. Private First Class Cataract's courageous action in the face of known danger saved the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Allie Cataract, (mother), Arkansas, Wisconsin.

Corporal HENRY H. DUDA, (20652126), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 29 July 1944 and on 1 August 1944. Corporal Duda, a member of an artillery liaison party, volunteered on 29 July 1944 to aid in bringing to safety several wounded men. He was subject to enemy rifle and machine gun fire while performing this act. On 1 August 1944 he volunteered to accompany a troop of Cavalry in a counterattack, and to establish and maintain communications between the troop and an adjacent Infantry unit. Corporal Duda's willingness to proceed on dangerous missions reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Anna Duda, (mother), Box 66, Route #4, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) KERMIT K. ENTSMINGER, (3711429), Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. Sergeant Entsminger was in charge of a pillbox when the enemy launched a powerful attack. Mortar and automatic weapons fire was heavy. Sergeant Entsminger left the protection of the pillbox and crawled to the top of it, in order to direct more effectively the fire of the machine gun emplaced within the pillbox. While so doing, he was subjected to intense enemy fire. Sergeant Entsminger's brave action resulted in the killing of many of the enemy and aided materially in the stemming of the attack. Home address: Vennia C. Entsminger, (mother), Maquoketa, Iowa.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel ERWIN P. BEYER, (0201544), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitapo, New Guinea, from 8 June 1944 to 12 July 1944. Home address: Eleanor Beyer, (wife), 2322 Rugby Row, Madison, Wisconsin.

VII. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942, (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), the Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

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First Lieutenant NATHANIEL W. ALEXANDER, (01178051), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Aitape, New Guinea, from 24 April 1944 to 5 August 1944. Flights on reconnaissance, observation, and air dropping missions were made, at low altitudes, often at night, in an unarmored liaison, L-4A, airplane, over territory where enemy fire was encountered. Home address: Mrs. Carl Genevieve Alexander, (wife), 1218 Ferndale Street, Dallas, Texas.

Second Lieutenant JAMES P. BALDWIN, (0888665), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Aitape, New Guinea, from 4 May 1944 to 15 August 1944. Flights on reconnaissance, observation, and air dropping missions were made, at low altitudes, often at night, in an unarmored liaison, L-4B, airplane, over territory where enemy fire was probable and expected. Home address: Mrs. Doris Ann Baldwin, (wife), Box 219, New-Hitchka, Florida.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), PAUL L. GRESSMAN, (01177416), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Aitape, New Guinea, from 4 July 1944 to 15 August 1944. Flights on reconnaissance, observation, and air dropping missions were made, at low altitudes, often at night, in an unarmored liaison, L-4B, airplane, over territory where enemy fire was encountered. Home address: Mrs. Bessie T. Gressman, (mother), 20 Center Street, Hamburg, New York.


Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) HENRY P. KORMAN, (01686309), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Aitape, New Guinea, from 10 July 1944 to 15 August 1944. Flights on reconnaissance, observation, and air dropping missions were made, at low altitudes, often at night, in an unarmored liaison, L-4B, airplane, over territory where enemy fire was encountered. Home address: Mrs. Katharine, Korman, (mother), RFD #1, Britt, Iowa.

First Lieutenant ALBERT I. WEISSKOPF, (01178665), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Aitape, New Guinea, from 25 April 1944 to 5 August 1944. Flights on reconnaissance, observation, and air dropping missions were made, at low altitudes, often at night, in an unarmored liaison, L-4A, airplane, over territory where enemy fire was encountered. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Weisskopf, (mother), 845 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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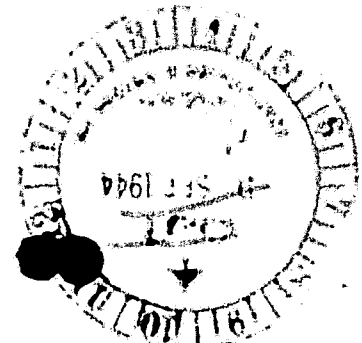

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JAMES L. COLLINS, (37207118), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Anamo, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. During a withdrawal, Private First Class Collins' squad was separated into two groups by the fire of an enemy machine gun. Private First Class Collins crawled towards the enemy gun, and, when he was within ten yards of it, he exposed himself to its fire and made an attempt to silence it, at the same time diverting its fire away from his comrades to himself. Private First Class Collins was killed in this action. His heroic conduct enabled the separated section of the squad to rejoin the main body and complete a safe withdrawal. Next of kin: Mr. Charles A. Collins, (father), R.F.D. #1, Galesburg, Kansas.

Sergeant ROLAND C. RICHARDS, (20646322), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 27 July 1944. When his squad leader was wounded during an enemy attack, Sergeant Richards assumed command. He ordered his squad to move to a new position to avoid the overwhelming power of the enemy attack. Sergeant Richards advanced towards the enemy to provide fire to cover the movement of the squad. At the same time he attempted to rescue his wounded squad leader. He was killed as he reached the wounded soldier. Sergeant Richards' courageous action, which cost him his life, enabled his squad to complete its movement without casualty. Next of kin: Mrs. Thoresa Richards, (mother), 231 Main Street, Oconto, Wisconsin.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class LLOYD EAST, (37350968), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 21 July 1944. Private First Class East voluntarily sought out and killed an enemy sniper who had killed several of our men. He then led a column which was moving to attack a numerically superior enemy force. He was far in advance of the main

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body of the column when he came upon a group of the enemy entrenched in a machine gun emplacement. He was wounded by their fire, but attacked and killed five of the enemy. Private First Class East's courageous action made possible the neutralizing of the enemy position. Home address: Mrs. Pearl East, (wife), 118 East Second Street, Trinidad, Colorado.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD T. ERICKSON, JR., (01302918), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Driniumor River area, New Guinea, on 11 and 12 July 1944. While Lieutenant Erickson was leading a reconnaissance patrol, the enemy attacked our positions. Realizing, from the sounds of battle, that his patrol was cut off from his unit, Lieutenant Erickson ordered a return to our lines. While proceeding, the patrol ambushed a group of twelve enemy, killing or wounding all of them. Later in the day, the patrol was ambushed by a large enemy force, and in the ensuing fire fight Lieutenant Erickson was seriously wounded. He successfully withdrew the patrol. He then continued to lead his men towards our lines, avoiding contact with the enemy. All enemy wire discovered was cut, and every opportunity to disrupt communications was taken advantage of. Lieutenant Erickson ultimately led his patrol to our lines, where he rejoined his company, and only then was his wound adequately treated. Home address: Mrs. Matilda M. Erickson, (mother), 660 Beacon Street, Oakland, California.

III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class FRANK A. FAZZIO, (11039681), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Driniumor River area, New Guinea, on 6 July 1944. Private First Class Fazzio was a member of a patrol which was surprised and halted by an enemy force. Private First Class Fazzio, an automatic rifleman, braved heavy enemy fire to run to a new position, from which he might deliver more effective fire on the enemy. He dispersed one enemy group, at the same time drawing fire on himself and enabling the remainder of the patrol to maneuver to the enemy's flank. Largely through Private First Class Fazzio's courageous action, the enemy force was completely routed. Home address: Mr. Charles Fazzio, (father), 7 Ward Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) THEODORE C. FLOREY, (0402983), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gerua, New Guinea, on 26 November 1942. Captain Florey received orders to remove a barbed wire entanglement which blocked the way to enemy prepared positions. Because of the hazards involved, Captain Florey personally led a small party on the mission. While the wire was being cut, enemy machine guns and snipers opened fire, killing one man and wounding Captain Florey and three other men. After the mission had been accomplished, Captain Florey, still under fire, led his party, including the wounded, safely to our lines. Home address: Mrs. M. L. Florey, (mother), 748 Parker Avenue, Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Staff Sergeant MARVIN E. HOOVER, (38016228), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anamo, New Guinea, on 12 July 1944. Sergeant Hoover was painfully wounded in the back during a fire fight with a numerically superior enemy force. After returning to the rear for medical attention, he insisted on rejoining his squad and assumed command of it. Shortly thereafter he was again wounded, but he refused evacuation. He remained with his squad during the next day and a half, handling his men admirably, in spite of the intense pain his wounds caused him. When Sergeant Hoover did receive medical attention, he was immediately evacuated to a hospital. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Hoover, (mother), Route #2, Box 24-A, Rockyford, Colorado.

Private First Class RICHARD S. KROLL, (19060672), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Afua-Anamo Trail, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. It was essential that a captured enemy document, of very great intelligence value, be delivered to Task Force Headquarters without delay. Private First Class Kroll volunteered to accompany an officer on the hazardous five and a half mile journey. The trip was made in complete darkness, through territory known to have been infiltrated by enemy snipers, and there was the constant threat of being mistaken for enemy by our own outpost troops. Private First Class Kroll and the officer safely completed the journey. The hasty delivery of the document made possible action to disrupt a large-scale enemy attack. Home address: Mr. Charles Kroll, (father), East 911 11th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Staff Sergeant JAMES A. MILLER, (12086210), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anamo, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. During a powerful enemy attack, Sergeant Miller, a machine gun squad leader, kept his gun in position and delivered effective fire on the enemy. Even after he had learned that the assisting gun on his left flank had been destroyed and that the troops on his left flank had withdrawn, he insisted on holding his position. When he was ordered to withdraw, he refused to render his weapon ineffective, but carried it with him. During the withdrawal, Sergeant Miller assisted wounded men to an aid station. After he rejoined his company, the withdrawal was halted by an enemy force. Under heavy enemy mortar and rifle fire, Sergeant Miller set up his machine gun to furnish covering fire for a platoon, enabling it to evade the large enemy force. He led his squad until the withdrawal was successfully accomplished. Sergeant Miller's courageous conduct reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Adelaide Miller, (mother), 62 LaGrande Avenue, Tarrytown, New York.

Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), TOMMIE W. RIDDLE, (38062955), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tiver, New Guinea, on 12 July 1944. During an enemy attack, Sergeant Riddle's squad was subject to artillery, machine gun, grenade, and rifle fire. The squad became disorganized, and many of the men left the protection of their foxholes. Although painfully wounded in the leg, Sergeant Riddle braved the heavy enemy fire in order to crawl along the line of foxholes. He calmed his men, forced them to take cover, and directed their fire. Sergeant Riddle's courageous behavior inspired his men, and they fought fiercely until the enemy attack was repulsed when Sergeant Riddle was evacuated for medical attention. Home address: Ollie D. Riddle, (father), Route #2, Haskell, Oklahoma.

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First Lieutenant FRANCIS W. SMITH, (01299808), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Afua-Anamo Trail, New Guinea, on 10 July 1944. A captured enemy document, of very great intelligence value, was turned in to Lieutenant Smith, a battalion S-2. It was essential that the document be delivered to Task Force Headquarters without delay. Lieutenant Smith and an enlisted man volunteered to make the hazardous five and a half mile journey. The trip was made in complete darkness, through territory known to have been infiltrated by enemy snipers, and there was the constant threat of being mistaken for enemy by our own outpost troops. Lieutenant Smith and the enlisted man safely completed the journey. The hasty delivery of the document made possible action to disrupt a large-scale enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Marie T. Smith, (mother), Strathcara Hall, New Haven, Connecticut.

Private First Class JAMES P. STEIN, (33233257), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tiver, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. Private First Class Stein, a machine gunner, manned his weapon during a determined enemy attack. Although he was wounded in the face and hands by grenade fragments, he refused evacuation and stayed at his gun, delivering effective fire on the main attacking force, while he himself was subject to enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Only when his hands became numb and he was unable to man his weapon did he consent to being evacuated for medical attention. Private First Class Stein's courageous and determined action contributed greatly to the repulse of the enemy. Home address: Sarah Stein, (mother), 846 Wright Street, Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EUGENE TORBETT, (38062907), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tiver, New Guinea, on 13 July 1944. Private First Class Torbett, the lead scout of a patrol, suddenly came upon enemy fixed positions. In order to warn the remainder of the patrol and at the same time to draw fire so that the enemy might expose their concealed positions to the remainder of the patrol he opened fire. In the exchange of fire he was seriously wounded. He held his position and continued firing throughout the ensuing fire fight. Private First Class Torbett rejoined his patrol when it withdrew. His courageous action made possible the inflicting of heavy casualties on the enemy, while the patrol suffered no casualties other than himself. Home address: Fred O. Torbett, (father), Star Route, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant RAYMOND J. WOJCIECHOWSKI, (36209164), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anamo, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. During an attack by a numerically superior enemy force, Technical Sergeant Wojciechowski assumed command of his platoon in the absence of his platoon leader. After communications lines had been severed, he made repeated trips to the mortar section of an adjacent company in order to obtain information of targets for his mortars. The route he traversed was covered by enemy artillery fire and small arms fire. When several of his men were wounded by enemy artillery fire Sergeant Wojciechowski exposed himself to enemy fire to assist the platoon men in administering first aid. Sergeant Wojciechowski's leadership and coolness under fire instilled confidence in his men, and the enemy attack was halted long enough to permit an orderly withdrawal. Home address: Harry Wood, (brother), 3817 22d Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant LESTER V. CALBREATH, (01301254), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, from 17 July 1944 to 16 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Calbreath, (wife), Box 264, Gerber, California.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) ILIFF S. HIGGINBOTHAM, (0254440), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitape, New Guinea, from 6 May 1944 to 16 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. I. S. Higginbotham, (wife), 1544 South Delaware Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

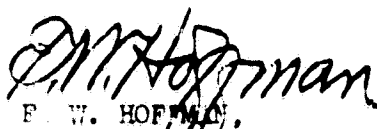
Major CLARENCE C. SCHNIPKE, (0359322), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in New Guinea from 21 December 1943 to 17 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bernice A. Schnipke, (wife), 641 Lambert Place, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lieutenant Colonel HERBERT A. SMITH, (0189961), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Driniumor River Area, New Guinea, from 18 June 1944 to 27 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn D. Smith, (wife), 857 Main Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General GILL:

R. A. PORTS,
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


E. W. HOFFMAN

Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS A. O'CLAIRE (20645896), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 28 July 1944. After two previous attempts had failed, Sergeant O'Claire led his squad against a strong, firmly entrenched enemy position. In the face of intense enemy fire, he charged the position, far in the lead of his men, urging them to follow him. Sergeant O'Claire was mortally wounded as he neared the enemy. His aggressive leadership and daring action so inspired the men of his squad that the ferocity of their attack expelled the enemy from their positions. Next of kin: Mr. Alex O'Claire, (father), Route #1, Box 22, Marinette, Wisconsin.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain THOMAS E. BELL, JR., (0383109), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the Drinimor River area, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. During an attack by a powerful enemy force, Captain Bell was very seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire. Even though he was so weak from loss of blood that he was unable to walk unaided, he continued to direct his company's fight against the enemy. When the enemy effected a break-through, Captain Bell, in spite of his weakened condition, set up a second company command post. Disregarding the severity of his wounds, he determinedly went about establishing radio contact with his battalion headquarters in an attempt to adjust artillery fire. Only when the enemy effected a second break-through, and he was so weakened by loss of blood that he feared he would lose consciousness, did Captain Bell consent to being evacuated. His courage and disregard for his own welfare served as a great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Mary Bell, (wife) 533 North Magnolia Street, Sumpter, South Carolina.

Technical Sergeant LLOYD R. GANNEGAN, (20645834), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afua, New Guinea, on 27 July 1944. Sergeant Gannegan's platoon was given the mission of taking a hill on which strong enemy

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positions had held up his company's advance. Previous attempts to dislodge the enemy had failed. After protective mortar fire had been laid down, Sergeant Gannegan moved towards the enemy and determinedly charged a machine gun position alone, destroying it. He then advanced further into the enemy positions, urging his men to follow. Sergeant Gannegan's courageous and daring assault so inspired the men of his platoon that they attacked vigorously and took over the enemy positions, killing twenty, taking three prisoners, and capturing two machine guns. Home address: Mr. Ernest Gannegan, (father), 1623 Fernin Street, Marinette, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant RUDOLPH F. MAHLER, (36208198), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Anamo, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. During a powerful enemy attack, Sergeant Mahler was wounded in the wrist and leg by artillery fire. In spite of his wounds, he moved from man to man, directing their fire. While so doing, he was again wounded, in the chest and shoulder. The platoon's position became untenable, and Sergeant Mahler ordered a withdrawal. He was weakened by his wounds to the extent that it was necessary for one of his men to support him. He asked his men to leave him, so that their withdrawal might not be delayed by his condition, but they refused. Supported by one of his comrades, Sergeant Mahler directed the withdrawal of his platoon, selected the route, and led his men safely to his company's position. Sergeant Mahler's extremely courageous conduct reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Frances Mahler, (mother), 927 Clara Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F. WHELAN, (20647174), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Afa, New Guinea, on 30 July 1944. During an attack on a ridge held by a large enemy force in strong positions, the leading elements were halted by automatic weapons and sniper fire. Sergeant Whelan crawled to the foremost man and located the source of the enemy fire. He then crawled towards an enemy machine gun position while under heavy fire, was wounded, but continued to advance. When he reached a point ten feet from the enemy gun, he threw grenades and fired his submachine gun, silencing the machine gun and killing several of the enemy. While advancing further, he was again wounded by sniper fire and was returned to the rear for medical attention. Sergeant Whelan's courageous action contributed greatly to the success of his company's attack. Home address: Mr. Phillip J. Whelan, (father), 327 West Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By action of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), the Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN H. HORN, (36112232), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism near Tadjji Plantation, New Guinea, on 22 September 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Horn went to the aid of a soldier who was in danger of drowning, two hundred yards from shore. He braved the heavy surf and strong undertow, reached the drowning man, and brought him safely to shore, where he administered artificial respiration. Technician Fifth Grade Horn's heroic action undoubtedly saved the soldier's life. Home address: Eliza Horn, (mother), 105 Gerald Street, Highland Park, Michigan.

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IV. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant WALLER H. BEIER, (36209279), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mame, New Guinea, on 15 December 1942. When Sergeant Beier's unit was receiving heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons, he volunteered to lead his machine gun section to a position from which fire might be placed on the enemy. Under intense machine gun and sniper fire, he crawled to a vantage point within twenty yards of the enemy weapons. As the remainder of his section advanced towards him, enemy snipers concentrated fire on his sector. Sergeant Beier unhesitatingly raised himself, warned his men to take cover, and pointed out the positions of the enemy snipers. As he did so, he was fatally wounded. Sergeant Beier gave his life to protect those of his comrades. Next of kin: Anna Beier, (mother), 6711 Vista Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ADAM ROWINSKI, (33353362), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 26 July 1944. Private First Class Rowinski, a medical aid man, braved enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire to go to the assistance of a wounded soldier who lay fifty yards beyond the perimeter, in an area still covered by sniper fire. Private First Class Rowinski reached the wounded man, and, while administering first aid, was himself fatally wounded. Private First Class Rowinski's valiant action in going to the aid of a comrade in the face of known danger is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs. Minnie Rowinski, (mother), 2507 Cedar Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 32d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant DERALD A. ALLEN, (37111342), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yakumul, New Guinea, on 4 June 1944. When a company perimeter was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, one machine gun of Sergeant Allen's section was disabled. He removed his second gun to an alternate position, ordered his men to evacuate the wounded, and manned the weapon himself. He withstood repeated enemy attacks, and only when all the wounded were removed did he himself withdraw, after rendering his machine gun useless. Sergeant Allen's courageous stand in the face of overwhelming odds made possible the safe withdrawal of his men. Home address: Mrs. Iva Allen (mother), Ayrshire, Iowa.

Private First Class AYMAR BONIN, (38261163), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Afua, New Guinea, on 21 July 1944. A strong enemy counterattack forced a platoon to withdraw to a new position. Private First Class Bonin, an automatic rifleman, had been wounded in the initial action. In spite of his wounds, he acted as rearguard during the platoon maneuver, firing his weapon from a position exposed to heavy enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire. Not until all men of the

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patrol had reached the new position did he withdraw to rejoin them. Private First Class Bonin's courageous conduct in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Clovis Bonin, (father), Route #2, Iberia, Louisiana.

Private First Class LESTER F. BOWDEN, (39901675), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, on 16 July 1944. Private First Class Bowden's attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers failed when enemy machine gun fire shot his cleath knife from his belt. A few minutes later, a second attempt was frustrated when an enemy bullet went through his helmet, **grasing** his skull. He then proceeded to place fire on the enemy, covering the wounded. He drove off two of the enemy and remained at his position until his company had advanced far enough to rescue the wounded men. Private First Class Bowden's courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Annis L. Bowden, (mother), Route #1, Roosevelt, Utah.

Private HUGH F. FINNEGAN, (32451212), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, on 29 July 1944. Private Finnegan, a litter bearer, assumed the duties of a medical aid man during an engagement with the enemy. Frequently exposed to enemy machine gun and rifle fire, he administered aid to seventeen wounded, crawling from man to man in order to do so. After treating all the wounded, he organized a litter squad, and, still under fire, proceeded to evacuate them. Private Finnegan's disregard for personal safety in the interest of his comrades reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Catherine Finnegan, (mother), 232 Franklin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN H. GAYEMEIER, (37262556), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, on 11 July 1944. Private First Class Gayemeier, a company aid man, went to the aid of a wounded soldier who lay in an open and exposed area, twenty yards outside a perimeter. Although he was warned of the danger and advised against making the attempt, he unhesitatingly moved forward in the face of enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, reached the wounded man, brought him back to the perimeter, administered first aid, and organized a litter squad for his evacuation. Private First Class Gayemeier's disregard for personal safety in order to save the life of a fellow soldier reflects great credit on him and on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. John H. Gayemeier, (wife), 134 North 18th Street, Apartment 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private JOHN J. LORINSKY, JR., (30692452), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aitua, New Guinea, on 27 July 1944. A patrol was surprised by the enemy, and the scout was seriously wounded by the first burst of fire. While three men of his patrol furnished covering fire, Private Lorinsky moved forward to where the wounded man lay in an open area sixty yards ahead of the remainder of the patrol. In the face of intense machine gun fire, he reached the scout, picked him up, carried him to a position of safety, and administered first aid. Private Lorinsky braved known danger to save the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Anna P. Lorinsky, (wife), R.R. #1, Marion Illinois.